

MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2022



**Trustees' Annual Report
& Financial Statement**
For the year ending December 31st 2022



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration (Organised by MiCE)

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and their independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ending December 31st 2022.

The Association's formal constitution was adopted at a public meeting convened at Mickleton Church Institute on 13th May 1992. Charitable status was sought and this was conferred on the Association on 29/7/ 1992 Number 1011422.

At the 1994 Annual General Meeting the constitution was amended to enable various groups to become sections of MVHA with representatives on the management committee, further minor changes were made in 2015 and 2020 to clause 13d.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council that includes the sale of Alcohol.

Organisations affiliated to the MVHA during the year were: Teesdale Village Halls Consortium, Durham County Council, Mickleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs.

The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, represented by their agent Mr William Salvin
John Carrington
David Philbrick

The Management Officers and Trustees for 2022 were:

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Keith Roberts	Treasurer
Marion Hutchinson MBE	Secretary
Sue Brown	Administration Officer / Secretary
Jane Roberts	Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	
Terry Wilson	
Barbara Wilson	
Lezley Aldrich	
Anne Routledge	
Angie Gillings	
Sue Kelly	
Libby Thompson	
Simon Froom	
Chris Gillings	

The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:

Carnival Committee	Terry Wilson
Ceilidh	Angie Gillings
Cinema Club	David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE	Steve Brown
Table Tennis	Chris Gillings
Gardening Club	Simon Froom
PerformMickleton	Libby Thompson
The Little Choir	Sue Kelly
MiCE (Mickleton Community Events)	Terry Wilson

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Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:

Durham County Council		Richard Bell
Mickleton Parish Council		Marion Hutchinson MBE
Parochial Church Council	:	Jane Roberts
Teesdale Village Halls Consortium	:	David Hutchinson
The Association of Teesdale Day Club	:	David Bailey

The principal address of the Association is:

The Secretary:

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Mr I Shuttleworth
Hodgson & Angus
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Stanhope
Bishop Auckland

Bankers:

Barclays Bank, Middleton in Teesdale

Independent Examiner:

Mrs Pat Asquith

Caretaker / Cleaner:

Stephine Lee Sheild

Gardener/Grounds man:

Sally Stevenson

Field grass cutting

Colin Hutchinson

The main objective of the Association is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, to advance education with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. Additionally to acquire such land as necessary, vested in the name of the Holding Trustees, and to provide a Village Hall and to manage and maintain such buildings and land so acquired and to raise and hold money in furtherance of the above objectives.

In 2007 the hall registered with the Inland Revenue to be able to claim Gift Aid. HMRC. No. XN87766.

The Management Committee have the following policies: Financial Policy, Hygiene Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Child Protection Policy, Vulnerable Adult Policy, Data Protection Policy (GDPR)

All deeds and leases are held in safe keeping by the Association's solicitors.

The Association is run by a management committee of four elected officers and at least six elected committee members together with a representative from each of the Sections, (all sections are covered by the hall's insurance), and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

Mickleton Village Hall is well known both locally and further afield as an excellent venue for meetings and private parties through word of mouth and the Hall's web site www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/

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Volunteers 2022 Activities

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

After over 30 years of being a main part of the association, Marion Hutchinson MBE, my Mum, has sadly stepped down from the committee due to ill health. Prior to her Village Hall involvement, Marion was involved with Mickleton Carnival, and it was this group who not only showed interest in, but agreed to take on the Old Institute Building from the church, and then to go on to discuss, and be proactive in building the village hall we now have and are proud of. Marion has always been a big part of the village hall and will be very much missed. I and the committee would like to thank Marion for the many hours she gave her input to the village hall as secretary.

I would also like to thank Sue Brown for taking over the role of secretary at very short notice.

The two thousand mini daffodils that were planted in The Village Field gave a blanket of colour and interest for people to see where they had planted theirs. To commemorate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II's, reign we planted a Bird Cherry tree, which is native to the UK, this was in partnership with the Parish Council.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011 raised £1,519.65 in 2022 these funds go towards the hall's running costs and maintenance.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June, the carnival was as usual well supported.

We had four live music evenings with Albert Lee, Limehouse Lizzy, Voodoo Room, Bryan Adams Experience in December.

We decided in October to trail an Online Booking Calendar, this has proved to be a success as anyone can go online and see which dates are available to be booked, this is controlled by myself and the Booking Clerk Jane Roberts.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

The Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Stephine Lee Sheild and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises and field looking immaculate.

Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report. The Management Committee continue to look at new programmes of interest for the benefit of the Association's members.

Other regular groups who use the hall are:

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall, 3rd Monday 7.00pm.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings, Thursday 11.30 till 2pm.
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to use the upstairs office space.

Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events in 2022.

Jan 22nd	Castle Players "Pygmalion"
Feb 26th	MiCE Club Curry & Quiz night
April 16th	MiCE Club Easter even
May 7th	Mickleton Live "Albert Lee"
May 13th	PerformMickleton "6 feet 3 Shoes"
May 14th	Mickleton Live "Limehouse Lizzy"



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May 21 st	Private Party
June 2 nd	Queens Jubilee Beacon lighting 9.15pm up Bail Hill
June 4 th	Carnival Queen's Jubilee weekend
July 2 nd	Wedding
July 29 th	Wedding
Aug 7 th	Christening Celebration
Sept 11 th	Gardening club show
Sept 25 th	Private Party
Nov 4 th	60 th Birthday party Voodoo Room
Nov 5 th	Mickleton Live 'Voodoo Room'
Nov 19 th	Coffee Morning
Nov 25 th	Highlights 'Reivers'
Dec 4 th	'Barnard Castle Brass Band' concert in aid of Lathkirk Church
Dec 10 th	Mickleton Live 'Bryan Adams Experience'
Dec 17 th	Xmas community coffee morning, (organized by MiCE new section)

Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

David Hutchinson

Chairman and Trustee

Keith Roberts

Treasurer and Trustee

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<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	
Grants:		Fundraising	0.00
Durham County Council - Grant	2,667.00	Lottery	20.00
		<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>	
		Bar purchases	6,091.78
		Rent	30.00
		Insurance	896.62
		Heat, light & water	4,871.99
<i>Donations:</i>		Repairs & maintenance	1,475.16
General donations	295.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	2,200.07
		Advertising	0.00
		Licenses	919.40
<i>Other Income</i>		Subscriptions	50.00
Gift Aid	0.00	Projects	421.92
		Other	160.69
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>			
Miscellaneous(Advance Ticket Sales)	1,065.97	<i>Section Expenditure</i>	
Fundraising	0.00	Cinema Club	317.00
Lottery	0.00	Mickleton Live	8,039.52
Book Sales	18.40	Table Tennis Club	0.00
Solar panel Income	1,519.65	MiCE	955.37
		Carnival	1,215.35
<i>Investment Income</i>		Gardening Club	0.00
Bank interest receivable	49.22	Perform Mickleton	2,675.56
		Mickleton Music	487.33
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>		Teesdale Ladies Choir	86.51
Section Subs	1,011.00	Ceilidh	384.73
Hall Hire	3,497.00		
Bar	9,619.28	<i>Governance Costs</i>	
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	Accountancy fees	50.00
		Postage & stationery	0.00
		Telephone	487.43
<i>Other Income</i>	0.00		
			£31,836.43
		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
<i>Section Incomes</i>			0.00
Cinema Club	924.00		0.00
Mickleton Live	8,285.00		
Table Tennis Club	37.00		£0.00
Ceilidh	484.43		
Carnival	1,908.46	Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year	£3,962.25
Gardening Club	10.50		
MiCE	1,168.78		
Perform Mickleton	2,393.25		
Teesdale Ladies Choir	308.00		
Mickleton Music	536.74		
	£35,798.68		

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Sections & Balances @ 31st Dec 2022

Cinema Club	£1,881.72
Mickleton Live	£2,251.83
Perform Mickleton	£1,199.03
Mickleton Carnival	£1,002.83
The Little Choir	£ 403.67
MiCE	£ 709.61
Mickleton Music	£ 49.41
Table Tennis	£ 378.70
Ceilidh	£ 714.11
Gardening Club	£ 50.00

Mickleton Village Hall Association

Independent Examiner's Report

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Mickleton Village Hall Association as presented without carrying out an audit, but having been given all the information and explanations necessary, in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of Mickleton Village Hall Association for the twelve month period ending 31st December 2022

Funds available to the Association as at 31st Dec 2022

In Barclays Bank account no: 20331066	£ 1,820.77
In Barclays Bank account no: 60954330	£ 52,913.98
 Float kept in safe	 £ 500.00
 Total funds available	 £55,234.75

Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

Signed: *Patricia Asquith*

Date: 04/10/2023

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SECTION REPORTS

The Village Halls Consortium



The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2022 we had 3 meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC

Cinema Club

In 2022 we have got back to some form of normality for the Cinema Club with our 2 Films per month on the First and Third Friday of the month at 7pm

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall. We had a total of 445 members though the door over the year. We continue to produce the Cinema Newsletter which also promotes other events in the hall.

The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

Steve Brown & David Hutchinson

Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club

We had 4 events in 2022, 'Albert Lee' on the 7th May and a week later 'Limehouse Lizzy' then later in the year 'Voodoo Room' on the 5th Nov followed by 'Bryan Adams Experience' on 10th Dec. All the 3 events were well supported. It was great to have music back in the village hall, there was a real buzz in the room, and it was nice to catch up with our guests.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ www.mickletonlive.uk. We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson

MiCE - Mickleton Community Events 2022 Report

The year began with the Christmas tree lights shining brightly at the top of the village hall car park. Our group has continued to go from strength to strength, delivering popular community events and expanding the number of our impressive, willing volunteers. Covid continued to be a concerning factor but we allowed for this in our planning and managed to run all our events.

Our first event of the year was a Curry and Quiz fundraising night on Saturday 26th February. This was so popular we sold out of tickets well before the night! Terry composed a fun quiz using the big screen for the first half and Angie added more conventional general knowledge questions to finish off. Inbetween everyone could enjoy as much curry as they could eat. Choices included chicken tikka masala, biryani, Jamaican lamb, beef madras, Thai red, mild vegetarian etc plus all the trimmings. Everyone went home very happy.

The bulbs all reappeared in March providing a colourful display and reminding us of how MiCE came about. We hope to add to them in future.

Funds raised from the Curry and Quiz night were ear-marked for our next event – an Easter Coffee morning on Saturday 16th April. Our team produced enough soup, sandwiches and cakes to feed all the Mickletonians who attended. A bunny hole was created in the cupboard in the bar area, where children could receive an Easter egg, and lots of craft activities were provided to keep them all busy. There were competitions for the best Easter bonnet and decorated egg, plus the ever popular raffle with a large number of donated prizes.

MiCE members were very involved in the organisation, and running, of the Carnival/Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 4th June, another very popular community event.

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We ended 2022 by holding our Christmas Cracker Coffee morning on Saturday 17th December. We followed a similar format to the Easter event but this time constructed Santa's grotto in a pergola in the bar area. The children's activity table was busy once again and prizes were awarded for the best decorated Christmas trees and a decoration made entirely from natural materials. The planned Christmas tree festival had to be shelved to leave the room clear enough for a ceilidh the same evening! We plan to make up for this during Christmas 2023. We already have 23 trees stored ready for ourselves and families from Mickleton to decorate, and many more should materialise from various sources. We hope to transform the hall into a magical kingdom for the entire Christmas period.

None of this would be possible without the help, enthusiasm and ideas of all the people who form the MiCE group. They give their time for the good of the village and I can't thank them enough. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous village hall and a very supportive community = all we need to encourage us to organise more events in 2023.

Angela Gillings

The Little Choir

The choir maintains a core of ten members singing in three sections: Lead, Baritone and Bass. We have rebranded as The Little Choir from Teesdale and have adopted the Teesdale gentian as our emblem.

During the year we have expanded our repertoire to cover different styles of song. Our 'sing outs' in the past year have included a variety of fundraising events for Darlington and Barnard Castle Rotary Clubs; Eggleston community luncheon and the lighting of the Christmas tree in Cotherstone. We had the pleasure of taking part in The Stainmore Railway Company's Christmas fair at Kirkby Stephen East railway station and sang carols for guests at The High Force Hotel.

The highlight of the year for us was the opportunity to sing with other choirs at a concert for Ukraine in Central Hall, Darlington.

Sue Kelly

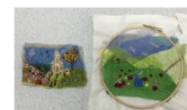
PerformMickleton

The Perform Mickleton section was set up in 2018, to bring more live performances, especially theatre, to Mickleton Village Hall. We work in association with Highlights Rural Touring, who select top-class acts from around the world, to come and perform in rural village halls across the north of England. In addition, we are very happy to host other performing groups, such as The Castle Players, in line with our aims. We are currently preparing for our 21st show.



We began a busy 2022 season with the return of The Castle Players in *Pygmalion*.

In March, we hosted Kate Slaughter from Katie's Textile Landscapes workshop. Several beautiful were produced and everybody had a lovely day.



Kloths for a Mini pieces of embroidery



May saw us welcome Slanjayvah Danza who brought us their blend of Scottish and Spanish dance to a sold-out audience. "Fantastic, so much energy and smiles. Please come back" was one of the many positive reactions.

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In the autumn, we collaborated with Music at the Heart of Teesdale and their *Light In The Dark* project. First up was the Grace Smith Trio, accompanied by local musicians from Cream Tees, followed by The Monster Ceilidh Band, bringing their unique take to a traditional ceilidh.



And finally, we had another sell-out show, playing to the largest audience yet for PerformMickleton.

Elysiyum Theatre

Reiver – Tales from the Borders, by The Elysiumin Northern Britain. Theatre comprised three moving tales from a time of lawlessness



We have more great shows and workshops coming up; you can find more information about these by emailing MickletonVH@gmail.com and requesting that you be added to the mailing list. Follow us on Twitter @MickletonVH, on Instagram [mickletonvillagehall](https://www.instagram.com/mickletonvillagehall), on Facebook at [MickletonVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/MickletonVillageHall); or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

Libby Thompson

Gardening Club

Mickleton Gardening Club meets on the evening of the second Tuesday of most months and provides an opportunity for those who share a common interest in gardens and horticulture to meet in a sociable environment. Evening meetings are held in the hall but usually conclude in the Blacksmith's Arms. In 2022 we had a packed programme of talks, shows, socials, competitions, garden visits and open gardens.



If you'd like to join our friendly group, please contact Martin Ingall on 01833 640980

Simon Froom