



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 To 31 March 2023

Charity name: Grindon Parish Hall

Charity registration number: 1187353

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grindon Parish Hall
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1187353
Charity's principal address	Grindon Parish Hall Durham Road Thorpe Thewles Stockton-on-Tees TS21 3JN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
John Tait *	Chair		
Carole Sharkey			
Phillipa Cooper	Secretary		
Lynne Williams			
Claire Gibbs			The Parochial Church Council of the Church of England Stockton Rural

John Tait stepped down as Chair in September 2023.

Chris Chapman was appointed as Trustee on 3 July 2023 and was appointed as Chair on 18th September 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the foundation model.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	The users of the hall and local residents form a management committee (elected annually). Members of the committee, and especially new members, are offered the opportunity to put themselves forward as Trustees. The Chairman of the management committee is required to put themselves forward as a trustee. Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council can appoint a trustee. The Parochial Church Council of the Church of England Stockton Rural Parish can appoint a Trustee. Trustees take account of the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO in appointing new trustees.

Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	All new trustees are provided with a copy of the CIO constitution on appointment.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The trustees oversee the policy and strategy of the hall. They have approved a set of Standing Rules for the Management Committee which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Hall. The Hall is a member of the Tees Valley Village Hall Network, and Trustees attend meetings of the network, attend training events, and provide speakers on occasions.
Relationship with any related parties	As noted above, the Hall is a member of the Tees Valley Village Halls Network. Financial Transactions are confined to the payment by Grindon Parish Hall of its membership fee. The Network provides advertising for the hall on its web site, and advice and training to support the operation of the Hall.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>(i) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Thorpe Thewles and the surrounding district without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.</p> <p>(ii) to establish or secure the establishment of a community hall and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objects.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>The Hall is used by a number of community groups providing a range of activities of interest to the wider community the Hall services. These activities include circuit training, art classes, coffee mornings, soundbaths. The hall is used for private bookings by individuals and groups for events including parties and social gatherings. The Thorpe Thewles history Group utilise the hall for its meetings and to hold talks which attract several attendees. The National Childbirth Trust are a regular hall user. The Hall also hosts the Parish Council meetings, which include a public forum and chance for residents to voice views and concerns. The Parish Council additionally hold a number of well attended social gatherings for residents to attend. Hall hire fees have been maintained at prior levels to support groups in the post Covid period and in times of high inflation in order for groups to continue to operate and provide services and opportunity to attendees.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The trustees have taken account of the statement on public benefit during their decisions throughout the year. Where possible we have taken steps to support groups which generally serve the population of Thorpe Thewles and the surrounding area.</p>

Additional information

Contribution made by volunteers	<p>The Hall relies substantially on the efforts of volunteers for its operation. Amongst the contributions volunteers make to the operation of the hall are financial, booking and other administrative support, laying out the hall for specific events, minor maintenance, grant applications, and opening and closing of the hall. Although a fully defensible figure is difficult to produce, it is estimated volunteers contribute in excess of 2 staff FTE.</p>
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Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>During the reporting period the primary achievement of the charity has been the successful re-opening of facilities post Covid and the retention and attraction of a number of clientele providing a mix of activities for a wide range of resident users.</p> <p>Hall utilisation has gradually increased, with most activities being well attended. Hall revenue has increased and is now above 2019/20 levels indicating that the Hall and its users have recovered from the Covid period.</p> <p>The activities supported by the Hall, by nature, attract users reflecting Thorpe Thewles, and are inclusive in their nature. Anecdotally the Hall in some cases is the only regular interaction some individuals have with others.</p> <p>The Hall is the only truly public space in the village of Thorpe Thewles it provides a unique resource to allow the local population to socialise, and participate in a variety of educational, recreational activities as well as those promoting health and well-being. This is especially important for the many aging and often isolated residents of the village and surrounding area. (The village does have two public houses, but these are increasingly targeted at a relatively up market food trade for a broader geographical area and therefore limited in the support they give to our target beneficiaries).</p>
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Additional information

<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>The main objective has been to increase revenues to pre-Covid levels and to have the hall occupied by user groups on a regular basis. This has been achieved</p> <p>There were no objectives set for specific targeted fundraising during the period covered by this report.</p> <p>Future needs are being assessed and this may lead to future fundraising objectives and targets</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>The hall attempts to retain reserves to cover anticipated future maintenance and refurbishment costs and reasonably likely items of unforeseen expenditure (e.g uninsured roof damage).</p> <p>Reserves are also held against unanticipated drops in income so the hall can continue to be viable for one year without income. A formal reserves policy has now been drawn up and will be reviewed periodically.</p>
Amount of reserves held	£22,851
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	<p>At the time of writing (December 2023) there is little concern about the viability of the hall for the immediate future. Booking levels indicate the hall is day-to-day financially viable, whilst reserves are held to meet future costs.</p> <p>The nature of the historic hall (101 years old) and the fabric of the building itself is the main risk to its going concern. A recent major refurbishment of the hall has extended the expected asset life and regular maintenance is undertaken to protect the building fabric.</p> <p>Future planning is in place through the management committee and into the board of trustees to ensure the hall continues to be viable and appropriate investment, including funding submissions, is made.</p>

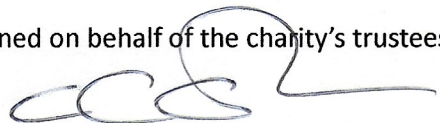
Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>Fees from hall bookings and users.</p> <p>Donations.</p> <p>No specific fundraising has been undertaken in the period covered by this report but will be considered as appropriate.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<p>The principal risk facing the hall is that outstanding issues with the physical infrastructure of the hall (most notably the roof) will require expenditure beyond our reserves, grants and other monies which can be raised. A second major risk is that the Hall will be unable to recruit a new cohort of volunteers to replace those who have led the operation of the hall during the last few years, several of whom have moved away from the village and/or suffered health problems. A third, reducing, risk is that increased heating costs will exceed the income from hiring out the hall.</p>

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Name Cyrus Adamov

Position Chair

Date 9.1.2024

Grindon Parish Hall

Charity Number 1187353

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grindon Parish Hall ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

2. Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

3. Professional Fee

The examination has been provided on a fee basis as detailed in the accounts.

Signed:

Joseph Deane FCA
61 Cleveland Avenue
Darlington
DL3 7HF



Date: 8th January 2024

Grindon Parish Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Receipts	£	£
Room Hire	7,818.50	3,477.25
Covid Support	-	10,000.00
Donations	200.00	170.00
Other	1,314.58	476.23
	9,333.08	14,123.48
Payments		
Water	96.00	120.50
Gas and Electric	3,872.30	570.72
Telephone	608.39	437.22
Insurance	866.05	798.03
PRS Licence	139.20	161.27
Repairs and Maintenance	691.48	1,475.98
Stationery and Consumables	1,281.83	1,679.32
Cleaning	1,090.00	550.00
Audit	70.00	75.00
	8,715.25	5,868.04
Surplus (Deficit) for the Period	617.83	8,255.44
Depreciation for the period	-	-
Surplus (Deficit) for the year to 31st March 2023	617.83	8,255.44

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Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023


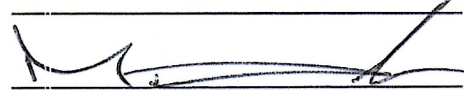
	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets		
Balance brought forward	154,630.98	151,516.94
Purchased in the year	-	3,114.04
Depreciation	-	-
	<u>154,630.98</u>	<u>154,630.98</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	432.00	-
Bank Current Account	22,851.70	22,745.87
	<u>23,283.70</u>	<u>22,745.87</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	70.00	150.00
	<u>70.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>23,213.70</u>	<u>22,595.87</u>
Net Assets	<u>177,844.68</u>	<u>177,226.85</u>
Which represents:		
Balance brought forward	177,226.85	168,971.41
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	617.83	8,255.44
Balance carried forward	<u>177,844.68</u>	<u>177,226.85</u>

Signed:

Chair:

Treasurer:

Date:



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