



Annual Report For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Annual Report
Sir John Brunner – Barnton Memorial Hall.
Registered Charity Number 1174152
Annual Report Financial year 2022 – 2023

The Principal address of the charity is

Barnton Memorial Hall, 30A Townfield Lane, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire.
CW8 4LH

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The Charity's Governing Documents.

Scheme dated 4th August 2017 approved by the Charity Commission under the powers given in the Charities Act 1993.

The objectives and activities of the charity.

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Barnton and the neighbourhood without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including the use for;

Meetings, lectures and classes, and

Other forms or recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants

Achievement and performance in the year.

The trustees have hosted events of public interest for the village, and been available for meetings of interest to the community.

Operations.

The Hall has slowly recovered from the Covid 19 restrictions but is now being affected by the high rise in the cost of living crises

Building and environment.

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We held a car boot sale, which was well received and it is hoped to organise others in the future.

We are still waiting for the land Registry Office to transfer our land documentation from the old Charity (52009).

Relations with our neighbours, Barnton F.C. and Northwich 1874 F.C, have continued on a friendly footing and we are hopeful that this will continue during 2023/2024.

The Trustees still support the view that they will offer, where possible, rooms free of charge for local public meetings, where there is no charge to the public.

Financial Review.

The charity is in a reasonable financial position at the yearend although it made a loss of approx. £6000; the Trustees continue to review the financial position from two aspects, the capital spend and the revenue spend for this year.

The Trustees were also able to claim grants through Cheshire West and Cheshire Council for

As previously stated we must maintain a reasonable reserve to cover future possible Health restrictions, continued maintenance and cost of major capital expenditure items.

Capital money.

The Trustees decided that they would continue to put a hold on most capital projects as they were concerned about the total income the Hall would receive against the high increase in food and energy prices – partly the result of the conflict in Ukraine.

Despite the rise in interest rates the base rates on bank deposits is still very low. The Trustees continue to keep an overview on the financial markets so that the best interest rates can be obtained for our funds

Revenue money.

As already stated we returned a loss of approx £6K. Our total reserves, including that ring-fenced to cover 6 months operating expenditure and 10 year funds to cover major refurbishment and capital expenditure items (such as re-surfacing the remainder of the car park, re-roofing, renewing the Hall main doors), the total redecoration and replacement of fixtures and fittings, amounts to £79,734

Names and address of relevant organisation and advisors to the charity.

Bankers.

NatWest Bank plc. The Bull Ring, Northwich, Cheshire.CW9 5BN

Lloyds Bank plc. The Bull Ring, Northwich, Cheshire

Solicitors

CFP. Winnington Street, Northwich, Cheshire. CW8 1AF

Butcher & Barlow LLP, 3 Royal Mews, Northwich, CW9 7UD

Surveyors.

Frank Marshall, 4 The Bull Ring, Northwich, Cheshire.CW9 4BS

Auditor

Bennett Brookes, St Georges Court, Winnington Avenue, Northwich, Cheshire. CW8 4EE

Appointment of trustees.

The trustees are appointed annually and under the constitution they are as follows.

- **Nine** representatives elected at the AGM, and Two co-opted members. (As the Trustees see fit).

Each of the following organisations can appoint one representative from their number to serve on the committee.

- The Machine Knitting club,
- U3A
- Barnton Bouncy Castles

The Sir John Brunner Trustees – Barnton Memorial Hall Committee Members as of March 2023

Jeffrey Gray (Chairman)

Rebecca Brierley

Gregg Bartlett

Mathew Griffiths

Robyn Jones

Alan Moores

Kelly Watkin

Secretary to the Trustees

Amanda Nolan (Left June 2022)

Lauren Pendlebury (Started June 2022)

The Following policies govern:

The level of reserves.

Investment Reserves and Grants Policy Document

The selection of investments for the charity.

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The selection of individuals and institutions that are to receive grants the charity assets.

These are detailed in the Investment Reserves and Grants Policy Document

Specific investment powers of the trustees and their authority.

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Other related charities and parties with whom we co-operate with in pursuit of our charitable objects.

U3A

Age Concern

Major Risks to which the charity is exposed.

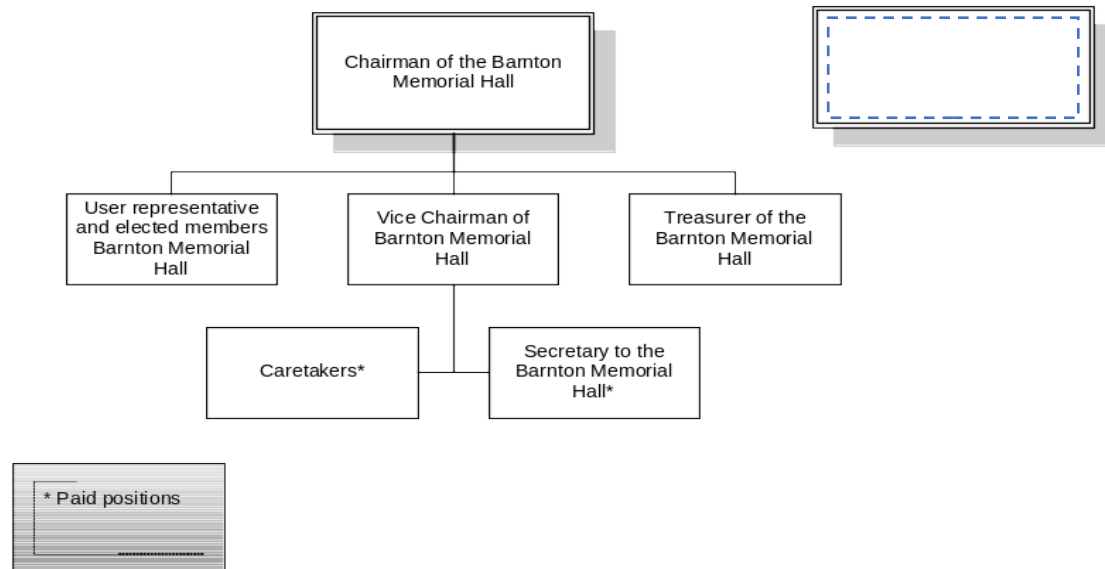
None

Systems designed to mitigate the above risks.

Not required

The organisational structure of the charity.

Barnton Memorial Hall Management Organisation



The charity's major assets

The following is currently being moved from Charity 52009 to Charity 117774152

Land with the building thereon known as Barnton Memorial Hall registered at HM Land Registry under title no CH540461 and CH584933 being Half an acre of land or thereabout situated at 30A Townfield Lane, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 4LH with the Memorial Hall comprising 320 sq m traditionally built.

Signed

J Gray

Chairman

Dated June 2023

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial**

Bennett Brooks & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

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for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

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Operations.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The trust is in a good financial position at the year end and the Trustees continue to review the financial position from two aspects, the capital spend and the revenue spend for this year.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of trustees is governed by the constitution, with six representatives elected at the AGM.

Organisational structure

The trustees delegate the day to day responsibilities of running the charity to the staff.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1174152

Principal address

30A Townfield Lane
Barnton
Northwich
Cheshire
CW8 4LH

Trustees

A Moores (appointed 18.7.22)
J Gray
M Griffiths
J G Bartlett
K Watkin (appointed 18.7.22)
R Jones
M Geoghegan

Independent Examiner

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Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Gray - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Y A Wood FCA

Bennett Brooks & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
St George's Court
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24 July 2023

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		75,725	10,000
Charitable activities			
Hall activities		991	-
Other trading activities	2	43,114	-
Investment income	3	562	-
Total		<u>120,392</u>	<u>10,000</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Hall activities		50,658	-
NET INCOME		69,734	10,000
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		10,000	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>79,734</u></u>	<u><u>10,000</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	2,423	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	943	-
Cash at bank		76,997	10,000
		<u>77,940</u>	<u>10,000</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(629)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>77,311</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		79,734	10,000
NET ASSETS		<u>79,734</u>	<u>10,000</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		79,734	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>79,734</u>	<u>10,000</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Gray - Trustee

M Geoghegan - Trustee

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hall hire	26,948	-
Insurance refunds	16,166	-
	<u>43,114</u>	<u>-</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	562	-
	<u>562</u>	<u>-</u>

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	10,000
NET INCOME	10,000
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10,000
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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
Additions	3,011
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DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	588
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	2,423
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At 31 March 2022	-
	<hr/> <hr/>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	943	-
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	629	-
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,000	69,734	79,734
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TOTAL FUNDS	10,000	69,734	79,734
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Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	120,392	(50,658)	69,734
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,392</u>	<u>(50,658)</u>	<u>69,734</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	10,000	10,000
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,000	-	10,000
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	79,734	79,734
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>-</u>	<u>79,734</u>	<u>79,734</u>

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	130,392	(50,658)	79,734
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>130,392</u>	<u>(50,658)</u>	<u>79,734</u>

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Sir John Brunner Barnton Memorial
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	336	10,000
Exceptional items	75,389	-
	<u>75,725</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Other trading activities		
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Grants	991	-
	<u>120,392</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total incoming resources		
	120,392	10,000
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	15,588	-
Rates and water	1,217	-
Insurance	1,069	-
Light and heat	4,208	-
Telephone	443	-
Postage and stationery	622	-
Sundries	972	-
Gardening	806	-
Maintenance	3,448	-
Cleaning	424	-
Floor	19,973	-
Building improvements	670	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	588	-
	<u>50,028</u>	<u>-</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Sundries	630	-
	<u>50,658</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		
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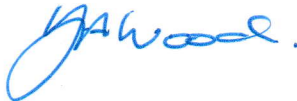
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