TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2017



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31st 2017



Mickleton Lunch Club 'where strangers become friends'

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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 2017.

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 29th July 1992 under registration 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.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council.

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

The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne

Mary Atkinson Christine Parkin

The Management Trustees and Officers for 2017 were:

David Hutchinson : Chairman

David Bailey : Vice-Chairman

Keith Roberts : Treasurer

Marion Hutchinson : Secretary/Booking Clerk

Steve BrownSue BrownAnne RoutledgeSusan KellyAngie GillingsChris GillingsLibby ThompsonSimon Froom

The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:

Carnival Committee : Sue Brown
Ceilidh : Angie Gillings
Cinema Club : David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE : Steve Brown
Table Tennis : Angie Gillings
Village Field : Sue Brown
Gardening Club : John Lonsdale

Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:

Durham County Council : Richard Bell
Durham Rural Community Council : Helen Brown

Mickleton Parish Council : Marion Hutchinson
Mid Tees Projects Partnership : Marion Hutchinson
Parochial Church Council : Keith Roberts
Teesdale Village Halls Consortium : David Hutchinson
The Association of Teesdale David Parilles

The Association of Teesdale Day Club : David Bailey

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The principal address of the Association is:

The Secretary & Booking Clerk,

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Bishop Auckland

Bankers: Barclays Bank,

Middleton in Teesdale

Independent Examiner: Mrs Pat Asquith

Caretaker / Cleaner: Carolyn Foster

Gardener/Grounds man: Chris Stamp

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. Reg. No. XN87766

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 and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

2017 Activities

The Management Committee met on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

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

We have worked closely with Mickleton Parish Council to produce a Community Newsletter with items of Village and Hall news. These are distributed to all parish households.

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The Committee continued to raise funds by organising various events at the Hall. In 2017 these included live music evenings, cinema club and music productions which were all successful, private hires for weddings etc. were up on the previous year, the revenue from the hires and bars make up most of our income.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival (we had a welcome sunny day for a change) and for the rest of the year is an open space for all to enjoy.

The field wall on the Lowside is now finished, a thank you letter was sent to the young dry stone wall builder who has done an excellent job.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011, funded with part of the monies set aside in the contingency fund, generated £1,501 in 2017, it was agreed that the income from the solar panels would be used to top up this fund.

Planning permission has been received for the much needed storage building and work will start when funds allow. Fundraising has been successful with TAP granting us £1,000, but an application to The Lottery for Awards for All was unfortunately unsuccessful.

As well as general repairs, we had the electrical system upgraded and we have replaced most of the light fittings with LED units, emergency light units have been installed both inside and out. We have installed a Deaf Aid Loop to help those who have hearing difficulties. (A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded, any problems found are sorted ASAP).

The Management Committee have put in place a Financial Governance Policy, The Policy was agreed at our meeting 8/1/2018 proposed by David Bailey, seconded by Angie Gillings.

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. (Reports from our sections are at the end of this report).

Other regular groups who use the hall are:

- The Post Office operated on two half days a week in the hall. Tuesday 1pm-4pm and Thursday 12.30pm-3pm
- The Parish Council held their monthly meeting in the hall.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs held their weekly meetings.
- The Church hosted an evening of Carols and Readings in December.
- The Mid Tees Projects Partnership again held their quarterly meetings in the hall.
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to hire upstairs office space.

The Management Committee continue to look at new programmes of interest, leisure activities and educational courses for the benefit of the Association's members.

A Hundred Mickleton Years

There are still some copies available of Stan Walinets interesting book outlining the life and times of Mickleton between 1890 and 1990. It is on sale at Mickleton Village Hall, the Village Bookshop in Middleton-in-Teesdale, the Teesdale Mercury shop and Curlew's Bookshop, both in Barnard Castle.

The book sales are managed by Angie Gillings.

Highlights North Pennines Touring Scheme

Highlights North Pennines Scheme', we were again unable to co-ordinate any dates for suitable shows.

We do have a musical evening from the Highlights list coming in April 2018.

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Shows, Plays, Concerts and other fund raising events

Feb 4th Winter Carnival

March 25th Mickleton Live 'Albert Lee'

May 6^{tht} Mickleton Live 'Lime House Lizzy'

June 3rd Summer Village Carnival

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BBQ & Disco, after the carnival

Sept 9th

Mickleton Live 'Marcus Malone'

Sept 24th Gardening Club Show

Oct 28th Mickleton Live 'Donna Oxford'

Nov 11th Ceilidh with 'The Compass Rose Band'

Dec 13th Christmas Carols in the Hall & Readings (Church event).

Dec 16th Mickleton Live 'Urban Voodoo Machine' Xmas Party

Recognition

The Committee would like to thank all volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year.

The Committee is also grateful to Carolyn Foster, Chris Stamp and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises, grounds and field looking immaculate. No easy task with so many users.

Comments from some of our Regular Hall Users

The Villge Halls Consortium



The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue hiring the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment.

The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC

Laithkirk Church

Laithkirk Church continues to enjoy the hospitality of Mickleton Village Hall, members are grateful to the Association for the use of all the extremely good facilities. The hall is a warm welcoming venue when we hold our annual Carol concert in mid-December with Readings and Carols accompanied by Middleton Brass Band. The pre-Christmas concert on December 13th, was enjoyed by many from the surrounding villages and visitors to the area.

Margaret Walton

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Mickleton Lunch Club

We have enjoyed another lovely year at Mickleton with member numbers rising throughout the year to 26.

Every month we keep busy with our raffles, quizzes, and kurling. We hold our community lunch at the end of every month with which is attended by those people who are unable to come along every week; it's a great way of others being able to join in too.

We have celebrated Burns Night, Chinese New Year, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas- with fantastic themed lunches made by Dawn, along with lots of lovely cakes for birthdays and anniversaries.

We have had a quiet year in terms of speakers, Age Concern came and told us about How to beat the Scammers, Steve and Liz from Barnard Castle Police, call in once a fortnight. I went to Romania,





to deliver humanitarian aid, and on my return I gave a slideshow to the members to show them how hard life was for the people out there.

Our trips out this year have been to Langdon Beck, we had a lovely homemade meal, then a few of the members went to look for the Blue Gentians of which there was quite a lot of. We also went to The Black Bull at Frosterley which was superb, it was a lovely day and the members thoroughly enjoyed the ride over the moors with the purple heather in abundance. Our last trip out was at Christmas and we went to Headlam Hall, we all had a thoroughly enjoyable time there, everything was excellent.

It has been another fantastic year at Mickleton lunch club; we have welcomed Mark Fromont as an

additional cook alongside Dawn and he has been a joy to work with. It is a pleasure to be part of such a lovely group of people, our volunteers work very hard each week, along with Dawn — many thanks to all of them. We are supported by the wonderful staff in the office and have received generous donations from others which completed a lovely year.

Gill Ball - Club Leader

Reports from our sections are at the end of our Trustee's Annual Report.

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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

Approved by the management trustees at their meeting on March 19th 2018

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Year ended 31 December 2017

Income	2017	Expenditure	
Voluntary Income	£	Costs of Generating Funds	
Grants:		Fundraising	0.00
Durham County Council	0.00	Lottery	194.75
Mickleton Parish Council	500.00	,	
County Durham Community Foundation	0.00	Costs of Charitable Activities	
Durham County Council Buildings Grant	0.00	Bar purchases	8,916.32
TVHC	500.00	Rent	30.00
		Insurance	643.62
Donations		Heat, light & water	2,480.41
General donations	556.00	Repairs & maintenance	5,834.92
Plaque income	0.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	2,671.85
Gift Aid	0.00	Advertising	32.11
		Licenses	510.28
Activities for generating Funds		Subscriptions	0.00
Miscellaneous	35.00	Projects	865.75
Fundraising	0.00	Other	212.99
Lottery	350.00		
Book Sales	38.00		
Solar panel Income	1,501.03		
·		Section Expenditure	
Investment Income		Cinema Club	1,216.55
Bank interest receivable	4.18	Mickleton Live	13,966.29
		Table Tennis Club	28.00
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		Ceilidh	332.00
Cinema Club Subs	310.50	Carnival	723.54
Mickleton Live Subs	460.75	Gardening Club	272.00
Ceilidh Subs	31.25		
Table Tennis Subs	52.50	Governance Costs	
Gardening Club Subs	72.00	Accountancy fees	50.00
Hall Hire	5,925.00	Postage & stationery	0.00
Bar	15,373.63	Telephone	491.63
Defibrillator		Bank charges	0.00
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00		
			£39,473.01
Section Incomes			
Cinema Club	1,618.00	Evenes of Income for the year	£4,422.55
Mickleton Live	13,958.20	Excess of Income for the year	24,422.00
Table Tennis Club	80.50	Capital Expenditure	
Ceilidh	527.75	<i>Сарнаі Ехренини</i> е	
	1,664.27	Loop System	865.75
Cardoning Club	337.00	Loop System	003.73
Gardening Club	337.00		0007.77
			£865.75
	£43,895.56		

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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 2017.

Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

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Date. 23 4 18

Funds available to the Association at 31st December 2017

In bank account No. 20331066 - £5,492.60 No. 60954330 - £28,845.01

Total in bank accounts £34,337.61

Float kept in safe £500.00

Total available £34,837.61

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In 2017 it was decided that we would make some significant changes to our accounting and reporting policies which will bring MVHA in to line with the expectations of the latest Charity Commission guidance note. These changes impact the way the charity reported our income and expenditure and as a result the reported numbers for 2017 are larger than previous years. For this year only the annual report will include a brief summary of the accounts for 2017 i.e., as the old policies.

Year ended 31st December 2017:

	Previous Accounting Policy	New Accounting Policy
Income	£16,794	£43,896
Expenditure	£13,282	£39,392
Excess of income over expenditure	£3,511	£4,503

Capital expenditure was £865 for the new loop system.

Highlights:

- Hall hire was up £700 on 2016
- Bar takings were up £5,000 on 2016 with margin up to 42%
- Repairs & Maintenance is up £2,993
- Caretaking & Cleaning is up £985
- General donations up £500

The Halls cash position improved by £4,899 to £33,908

Project Fund

The Project Fund currently stands at £16,500 and it is agreed that the monies will be used to build a new Carnival storage barn with toilet and shower for use by occasional campers using the village field.

Section Data & Balances

Section	Income (2017)	Expenditure (2017)	Balance at Year End 2017	Increase from Previous Year
Ceilidh	£527.75	£332.00	£617.01	£195.75
Mickleton Live	£17,139.20	£16,268.21	£1,586.24	£870.98
Cinema	£1,706.25	£1,381.10	£1,837.42	£325.15
Table Tennis	£105.00	£52.50	£345.00	£52.50
Gardening Club			£744.50	£137.00
Carnival	£1,589.27	£703.54	£1,758.36	£885.73
		Total	£6,888.53	

Financial Governance

The Committee has defined and set up a new financial governance framework that aims to ensure transparency in the Halls spending. A new financial sub-committee has been formed to enforce the policies set out in the Framework

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SECTION REPORTS

Ceilidh Club





Mickleton Village Hall - Ceilidh Section 2017

This year's ceilidh was held on Saturday 11th November and followed our tried and tested formula. Music was once again provided by popular Darlington-based band, Compass Rose, with dancing from 7.45pm till late. The turnout was the best we have ever seen, despite worringly slow pre-event ticket sales. Attendance was boosted by good advertising and a timely article in the Teesdale Mercury. A total of 82 adults and children enjoyed this lively evening, which included a substantial supper, the bar and raffle. The dance floor was crowded all night, with Pauline and Terry selecting the dances and guiding us through the steps. The band enjoyed the event as much as we did and are looking forward to returning in 2018.

My thanks go to all my friends and family who helped in so many ways to prepare the hall and the food, man the door and bar, sell raffle tickets, serve the food, wash up, look after the band, find time to join in the dancing, and then clear up and clean the hall next day. The family ceilidh has now become a popular village hall tradition.

Angela Gillings

Table Tennis Club report

The table tennis club ticks along (or should I say pings along) quietly every Sunday from 6pm attracting from 2 to 10 players per session. I know that there are not that many active members, which does surprise me, but the people who do play, enjoy it very much. We continue to advertise for new players every week in the Teesdale Mercury.

Chris Gillings

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Cinema Club

The Cinema Club, which has been running for nineteen years, continues to meet on the first and third Friday of every month, we have a very enthusiastic team of volunteers who help at every club night. Club members enjoy watching two films at each meeting, the first being for children and the second for older members. We try to choose films which we hope our members will enjoy. A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall.

Totals for 2017 were:-

Films 48
Adults to see films 442
Children to see films 364

The Hall and the cinema facilities and films have been used for meetings, children's parties and other groups, providing extra revenue for the Hall.

Steve Brown & David Hutchinson

Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club



The Club entertained enthusiastic audiences at six events in 2017.

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

Gigs this year were as follows:-

Jan 26th Phantom Voices

March 23rd Albert Lee

May 6th Lime house Lizzy

Sept 9th Marcus Malone

Oct 28th Donna Oxford

Dec 16th Urban Voodoo Machine

All our headline acts are supported by up and coming local artists who appreciate the opportunity to be seen and heard. All musicians enjoy the intimate and informal atmosphere created in our hall, which has a reputation as a friendly, yet professional, venue in which to see and hear live music, bringing entertainment to Teesdale, which attracts audiences from near and far.

As we now have a wider mix of music, not just RnB, it was decided to relaunch the club as Mickleton Live which we believe better represents the aims of the club and more accurately reflects the broader appeal of the music. To support this we have relaunched the website @ www.mickletonlive.uk and also set up online payment through PayPal. Both measure have shown a marked improvement in ticket sales. We are looking forward to another successful year and we already have many great bands booked for 2017.

Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson

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Gardening Club

The year began in January with the AGM, The recently elected committee group were re-elected unanimously by those attending.

For February's meeting we had a gardening quiz put together by Christine Hartas and introduced the idea of a seed share, organized by Anne Routledge.

In March we were very lucky to have a talk by Brigid Press from the Lionmouth Rural Centre which is concerned with using gardening as a therapy for people with learning and or emotional problems. (This was followed up in May by a visit from the MGC group to the garden centre, to buy plants, have lunch and for some to stay on in a voluntary capacity to help with weeding before the main visiting summer trade began.)

We also had a day trip in March to Thorpe Perrow and Kiplin Hall with car sharing. Lovely to see the spring flowers and have the place nearly to ourselves!

April was concerned with a retrospective showing of photos we had not seen from the past and recent trips, collected together. A weather eye was given to planting for the Mickleton Carnival Plant sale.

In June members went in car share groups to look around Thornton Hall, the weather was very unpredictable so people went as and when there was a break in the clouds.

A few took the opportunity this month to go to Chatsworth with Kyles travel.

July was busy with a trip to Wynyard to see the wonderful roses there, also



August was spent organising for the Annual Show in September and the proposed trip to the north of England to see various gardens on the north east coast. The show went well as did the trip and everybody had a good time.

In October we were lucky enough to have had an excellent talk by Dr Phil Gates on the links between the microscopic elements of the garden and then on up the food chain making links to the larger animals commonly found .

In November we dealt with the feedback from the show and had the surprisingly tricky task of where to go for the Christmas Meal. All in all a good year helped by a great committee and loyal members.

Audrey Townsend

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Carnival

We had two successful carnivals in 2017. The Winter Carnival, this has become an annual event, was held inside the hall on the February 6th. We had our usual mix of indoor games competition's, fund raising stalls and refreshments.

The Summer Carnival was held on June 3rd, unlike the last few cold and wet carnival days, the weather was kinder, enabling us all to enjoy the fun and games in the Village Field. As well as our usual games, we were entertained this year by the dog agility team 'Fly Ball' display team. The children were again entertained by Steve Ashcroft our resident magician and Punch and Judy man.



The carnival committee are very grateful for the generous donations of prizes and goods and a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way at both carnivals.

As the Parish Council are helping with costs for the maintenance of the field and grounds, any surplus funds from both the carnivals will now go towards the project fund.

Steve & Sue Brown

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