



Allendale Village Hall

Trustees Annual Report 2023

Our Hall has been an integral part of the Allen Valleys Community for over 100 years. It began as a Temperance Hall, locally funded and supported by the women of Allendale as a place for families to meet without the temptations of alcohol.

In the middle of the 20th Century, it was licensed for drinking and dancing – God knows both were needed after 2 world wars!

Enlarged in the 1990s, and incorporating the Rec ground in 2002, Allendale Village Hall can now offer the space and facilities needed for most events and activities taking place in the lives of its community, not competing with but enhancing the cosier provision of the two smaller Halls, High Forest and Catton.

We are now well into the 21st century, and, once again, we have the opportunity to develop the Hall to meet the challenges facing us in the Allen Valleys today; a need for environmental responsibility and curatorship – we must look beyond the fossil fuels which have served us well, but can now be superseded by renewable energy, starting with solar panels, energy storage, new doors and improved insulation. We are in consultation with CAN, the Lottery and the Community Fund for the significant funding required. We need fast, consistent internet access in the Hall – we will be upgrading our coverage this year. Our facilities for performers need improving – we plan to restructure our storage areas and backstage ‘Green Room’. This year we became a ‘Warm Hub’, supported by CAN, and now provide a subsidised hot meal every Wednesday. We are committed to becoming an Emergency Centre, and have applied for generators to use when mains electricity is down. Our play area, quite new and exciting when our children were young, now needs to be updated for the 21st Century. We are grateful to our User groups, and to the wider community for their positive comments and suggestions supporting these plans.

It has been a pleasure to see the Hall come to life again, inside and outside, as Covid restrictions have been relaxed/removed over the past year (although important to remember it is still with us, and needs our sense and vigilance to manage it). Since the last AGM in September 2022, we have hosted events of all shapes and sizes, as you’ll see in some photos to follow! The AGM is earlier this year, as it had got out of synch during the pandemic, drifting to September, which we felt was too late in the year.

Many people and families in the area have helped to make the Hall what it is, from generous gifts of money, to garden design, to drainage improvements, to creative ideas, skilled planning and negotiation, to offers of help and volunteering, to the skills of local tradespeople, to sheer energy, commitment and hard graft.

I have been trusted to be part of the management of the Hall since 2016, and Chair since 2017. I could never have taken on, or sustained this role without the phenomenal support and hard work of so many people, in the past and in the present. I would like to thank my predecessors for carrying the torch, for sustaining and moving the Hall forward for all those years, particularly Larry, who took on every role available, and showed me the ropes, and Jane, who worked tirelessly to build and preserve our reserves and finances, which has meant we are viable today. Ray was also a huge support in my early years, with his knowledge of the building and its workings, and his ability often to fix what went wrong! I would like to thank those trustees who have stayed on the committee for many years, and have guided me in the workings of the place, as well as those who have joined the committee more recently, and very quickly became indispensable. In recent years I feel we have built together a strong team of trustees, with skills in putting on events, working together, attracting new users, attendees and volunteers, managing social media and technology, clearing and sorting to create space, and managing money. I'd like to thank John for stepping in when he did, and working tenaciously to keep the bank balance in order. Also thanks to Paul Glenholm who agreed to audit those accounts, and also to put our employees (Gordon and Jane) on a surer footing. Thank you to Liz who does so much of the invisible work, ordering and distributing essentials, and reorganising cupboard space. Also thanks to Jan who has made Highlights such a successful part of our entertainment schedule. An especial thank you goes to Chris, who stepped in with cooking, negotiating and administrative skills, and, most important, cake, when I needed it most.

I am stepping down as Chair after 6 years, and offer my full support to my successor who has the huge energy, ideas, enthusiasm and skills to carry AVH forward into a New Era!

Thank you All. It has been a challenge, a huge learning curve, a joy to work with you, and most of all to see the faces of those participating and enjoying the events we have facilitated and organised.

Here's to Allendale Village Hall and Recreation Ground!!!! Enjoy the slideshow!

Catherine Stirling Hill Chair of Trustees 2017-2023

ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st January 2023

RECEIPTS	<u>Y/E Jan 2023</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2022</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2021</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2020</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2019</u>	PAYMENTS	<u>Y/E Jan 2022</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2021</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2020</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2019</u>	
User Groups hall hire	4799.00	2998.50	1980.00	6,792.00	5,901.50	Water	310.00	675.00	512.00	667.00	748.26
Hall Hire	7546.85	2898.00	2392.50	8,455.00	8,074.00	Electricity	2273.54	1438.05	2106.00	3180.32	1,942.65
AVH Group Donations	1193.80	555.00	603.50	2,004.44	1,959.04	Heating Oil	3563.71	493.66	1062.54	2428.92	2,365.77
Fawside rent	2604.00	1519.00	2604.00	2,604.00	2,604.00	Calor Gas	0.00	0.00	72.50	72.50	135.00
AONB office rent	2000.00	2750.00	1000.00	0.00	6,050.00	Cleaning & caretaking	4027.60	3091.00	3250.00	4085.00	3,665.00
Bar takings	18206.30	1998.60	153.75	4,368.60	3,197.01	Cleaning materials	512.04	126.14	221.29	872.94	
Catering Income	1833.61	171.90	0.00	2,671.80		Servicing & Testing	1274.48	1217.94	960.44	1339.66	419.10
Interest	21.04	2.08	6.40	9.69	6.26	Maintenance & Repairs	13598.72	562.79	5440.27	2577.96	1,418.16
Highlights Theatre	1271.43	427.20	13.00	570.95	1,110.00	Internet	341.12	359.88	121.32		
Opera North	0.00	299.05				Bar Expenses	9358.44	1908.76	187.14	1703.13	1,035.01
Sundry income	15.00	0.98	0.00	228.90	999.40	Catering Expenses	1240.34	288.76	24.04	1009.40	0.00
Refund of Overpaid Utilities	0.00		0.00	0.00	120.01	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.64	148.00
Donations	487.00	760.50	49.00	1,396.19	1,508.77	Insurance	2333.49	2048.89	2022.78	2037.46	2,133.03
Grants - AVH	3500.00	0.00	10000.00	2,000.00	2,445.00	Donations	100.00	220.00			
Grants - Youth Project		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Highlights Theatre	1033.40	263.80	695.00	442.84	1,088.40
Youth Club Income	835.00	217.50	375.00	765.00		Opera North	0.00	138.31	0.00	100.00	
Warm Hub	1958.00					HMRC & Accountant	291.20				
						Licences	922.20	480.02	845.60	731.52	562.66
						Sundry Expenses	583.02	348.48	110.00	298.97	819.62
						Equipment	9022.76	973.14	0.00	3172.97	1,430.80
						Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	2300.40	5,979.20
						Capex - Youth Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	846.22
						Warm Hub	0.00				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	46271.03	14598.31	19177.15	£31,866.57	£33,974.99	TOTAL PAYMENTS	50786.06	14634.62	17630.92	£27,106.63	£24,736.88
Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2022 to 31st Jan 2023				-£4,515.03		Total resources as at 31st January 2021				£37,326.70	
Excluding Warm Hub				-£6,473.03		Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2020 to 31st Jan 2021				£1,546.23	
Total resources as at 31st January 2023				###							
Excluding Warm Hub				###							
Comprising						Total resources as at 31st January 2020				£35,780.56	
Contingency Deposit Account				£7,114.26		Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2019 to 31 Jan 2020				£4,759.94	
Deposit Account				###							
Treasurer's Account				£9,977.30		Total resources as at 31st January 2019				£31,013.21	
Total resources as at 31st January 2023				###		Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2018 to 31st Jan 2019					
Treasurer's Account Excluding Warm Hub				£8,019.30							
Total resources as at 31st January 2023 less Warm Hub				###						£9,238.11	
Excess of Receipts over payments 1st February to 31 January 2022				-£36.31							
Total resources as at 31st January 2022				###							
Comprising											
Contingency Deposit Account				£5,907.82							
Deposit Account				###							
Treasurer's Account				###							
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Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground

**Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts
to Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground**

In accordance with your instructions we have independently examined, without carrying out an audit, the attached Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st January 2023 based upon the books and records and information and explanations supplied to us.

In connection with our examination no matters have come to our attention:

1. Which give reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) To keep reasonable accounting records have not been met
- b) To prepare annual accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met

2. To which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts, except for the engagement of workers (Caretaker & Cleaner) on a Self-Employed basis. We believe these should have been engaged as Employees and have sought written undertakings to the effect that Allendale Village Hall will not incur any liability of any sort as a result of engaging each individual in this way. We have relied upon this undertaking whilst carrying out our Independent Examination. The individuals concerned subsequently became Employees on 22nd August 2022.



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