

MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2023



Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31st 2023



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 2023.

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 2023 were:

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Amanda Thomas	Treasurer
Sue Brown	Secretary
Jane Roberts	Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	
Terry 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		
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:	Sue Brown School House Mickleton, Barnard Castle Co Durham. DL12 0LQ Email: sue@mickletonrnb.co.uk
Booking Clerk	Jane Roberts West Pasture Farm Kelton Middleton in Teesdale DL12 0PW Tel:01833 641575 Mobile: 07800 987522 Email: mickletonhall@hotmail.com
Solicitor:	Mr I Shuttleworth Hodgson & Angus 62 Front Street Stanhope Bishop Auckland
Bankers:	Barclays Bank, Bishop Auckland
Independent Examiner:	Mrs Jane Holmes
Caretaker / Cleaner:	Stephine Lee Sheild
Gardener/Grounds man:	
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 2023 Activities

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

The solar panels, installed in August 2011 raised £1,708.09 in 2023 these funds go towards the hall's running costs and maintenance. It was decided to update the solar panel with the purchase of replacement panels.

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 five live music evenings with The Malone Sibun Band, Albert Lee, Limehouse Lizzy, Ainsley Lister, Voodoo Room, in November.

This year for the first time a 3 day Folk Festival took place called the John Martyn Gathering. It is hoped that this will become an annual event. The 3 day event was well attended with campers camping on our adjoining field good weather made for the whole event a great success

We continued with the 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 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.

Recognition

I on behalf of the committee would like to thank Kieth Roberts for been our treasurer for many years but unfortunately retired from the post at last year's AGM due to ill health. Thanks again to Amanda Thomas for taking on this role.

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.
- Evelyn Walton with her keep fit classes
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to use the upstairs office space.

Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events that took place in 2023.

Jan 28 th	Perform With Castle Players performing Treasure Island
April 8 th	MiCE Easter Coffee Morning
April 22 nd	Mickleton Live 'Marcus Malone'
May 6 th	MiCE Coronation Event
May 20 th	Plants on the Edge Project Event
May 27 th	Mickleton Live 'Albert Lee'

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May 21 st	Private Party
June 3 rd	Mickleton Carnival
June 16 th –18 th	John Martin Folk Weekend
July 1 st	Private Party
Aug 12 th	Birthday Party
Sept 9 th	Mickleton Live ‘Ainsley Lister’
Sept 10 th	Gardening club show
Sept 30 th	Mickleton Live ‘Limehouse Lizzy’
Oct 14 th	MiCE Coffee Morning and Bulb Planting
Nov 5 th	Mickleton Live ‘Voodoo Room’
Nov 18 th	21 st Birthday Party
Dec 3 rd	‘Barnard Castle Brass Band’ concert in aid of Lathkirk Church
Dec 10 th	Perform with Highlights Believe in Magic Show
Dec 17 th	MiCE Xmas Coffee Morning

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

Amanda Thomas

Treasurer and Trustee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023

YEAR END ACCOUNTS			
Year ended 31 December 2023			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	
Grants:	500.00	Fundraising	0.00
Beadle R + HJ	0.00	Lottery	20.00
		<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>	
		Bar purchases	5,262.45
		Rent	30.00
		Insurance	924.90
		Heat, light & water	4,574.35
<i>Donations:</i>		Repairs & maintenance	3,477.99
General donations	105.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	2,259.02
		Advertising	0.00
		Licenses	336.34
<i>Other Income</i>		Subscriptions	170.00
Gift Aid	0.00	Projects	0.00
		Other	1,270.97
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>		Extraordinary Expenditure	3,137.22
Miscellaneous	313.98	<i>Section Expenditure</i>	
Fundraising	0.00	Cinema Club	1,506.79
Lottery	0.00	Mickleton Live	10,768.64
Book Sales	0.00	Table Tennis Club	0.00
Solar panel Income	1,708.09	MiCE	956.53
		Carnival	243.45
<i>Investment Income</i>		Gardening Club	0.00
Bank interest receivable	475.60	Perform Mickleton	566.00
		Teesdale Ladies Choir	50.00
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>		Ceilidh	0.00
Section Subs	991.75		
Hall Hire	5,008.00	<i>Governance Costs</i>	
Bar	14,455.65	Accountancy fees	50.00
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	Postage & stationery	0.00
		Telephone	517.02
<i>Other Income</i>			£36,121.67
		<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	
			0.00
<i>Section Incomes</i>			0.00
Cinema Club	886.00		
Mickleton Live	8,281.23		£0.00
Table Tennis Club	109.50		
Ceilidh	0.00	Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year	-£1,171.89
Carnival	510.95		
Gardening Club	0.00		
MiCE	568.43		
Perform Mickleton	620.57		
Teesdale Ladies Choir	414.00		
Correction	1.03		
	£34,949.78		

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YEAR END REPORT 2023

Cash Position

	Bank Balance (Current)	Bank Balance (Interest)	PayPal	Float	Total Monies	Gain for the Year
as at 31st December 2022	£1,820.77 ✓	£52,913.98 ✓	£0.00	£500.00	£55,234.75 ✓	
31st December 2023	£3,873.28 ✓	£49,689.58 ✓	£0.00	£500.00	£54,062.86 ✓	-£1,171.89 ✓

Sections Balances

Perform Mickleton	£1,253.00
Carnival	£1,270.33
Cinema	£1,260.93
Ceillidh	£714.11
MiCE	£621.51
The Little Choir	£767.67
Table Tennis	£488.20 ✓
Gardening Club	£50.00
Mickleton Music	£49.41
Mickleton Live	-£349.58
Totals	£6,475.16

Ring Fenced / Committed Funds

Contingency Fund	£6,000
Operating Cost	£4,500
Section Accounts	£6,475
Hall Cash Balance	£37,087.70

Checked and found to be correct.

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*Jayne Holmes
2/1/24.*

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

A big thank you to Keith Roberts, who resigned as Treasurer towards the end of 2023 after several years of assiduous service. As a volunteer treasurer, we could rest assured that the accounts were always in very capable hands. Thank you for your commitment to the Village Hall and for your years of service.

The accounts show that we have had a very active year in the village hall. At the end of the year we were only showing a deficit of £1,171.89. That this sum is not higher is a great achievement as we had some big item purchases and costs:-

- the Mickleton Live group made a large purchase of a new digital sound desk at a cost of over £2,500.00. This was a much needed up-grade for the VH and visiting performers

- we purchased replacement solar panels for £3,137.22. These will increase our earning power from solar energy.

Had it not been for these purchases the account would have had a surplus of over £4,465.33.

Also Electric and Heating Oil cost were very high in 2023 compared to the previous year up £900. All in all, this was a good financial year. This year is looking very good for booking's partly due to the Sports Centre being closed for refurbishment. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this happen.

A big thank you also to Jayne Holmes for checking the accounts at short notice.

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SECTION REPORTS



Saturday 3rd June 2023

Mickleton Carnival – Saturday 3rd June 2023

For a second year in succession the weather was kind and the sun shone for this year's Carnival.

Local businesses and people from around the community once again supported the occasion with donations for the Raffle.



The Marquee attracted many visitors to the Craft stalls, whilst Children enjoyed the fun of traditional games and the Bouncy Castle.

Many volunteers gave their time freely to support the event in set-up and standing behind various stalls and games.

Once again Barnard Castle Brass Band provided some background music, whilst our Compare for the day, Ethan, interacted between the stalls and games to give us commentary over the PA system.



Marko's Circus Skills workshop entertained the Children more notably with juggling, spinning plates and giant bubbles

Food and Refreshments was available in the hall with Alison providing the catering.

The whole day was a joy to observe as families soaked in the atmosphere as they sat in the sunshine, tried their luck on the Raffle and Games, shopped on the Bric-Brac and Craft Stalls before competing in the finale of the kids games.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success.

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The Village Halls Consortium



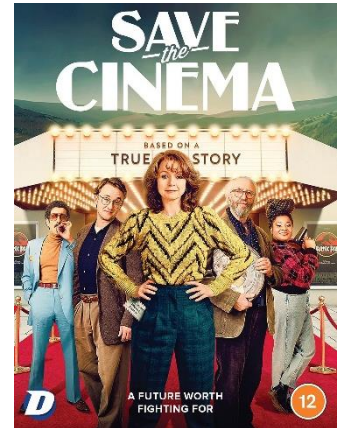
The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2023 we had 3 meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

Sophie Stanwix, Secretary for TVHC

Cinema Club

In 2023 we continued 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 516 members compared to 445 members in 2022 though the door. We continue to produce the Cinema Newsletter which also promotes other events in the hall, this is now mostly emailed.



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

Steve Brown, Terry Wilson & David Hutchinson

Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club

Mickleton Live Music Club has hosted 5 events this year 2023 , Marcus Malone, Albert Lee, Aynsley Lister , Limehouse Lizzy & Voodoo Room. All of the Artists have played before at the Hall and enjoy returning to our Club for its friendly atmosphere. The club continues to attract national & international Artists to perform at the 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 - 2023 Report

Our expanding group of willing volunteers continued to build its reputation for putting on high quality, and memorable, community events in the village hall.

Once again the dwarf daffodil bulbs appeared to signal the end of winter.

On 8th April we held an Easter themed coffee morning, featuring hot and cold food and drinks, childrens' activities, Easter eggs and competitions for the best Easter bonnet and decorated egg.

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The highlight of the year was the event we provided to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May. The hall was beautifully decorated with special red, white and blue bunting, Union Jacks and other patriotic flags. The actual coronation was projected onto the cinema screen and lots of activities were provided for the children in the bar area. Families collected their commemorative coronation mugs and medals for the youngsters. Following this around 100 Mickletonians of all ages sat down for a slap up meal, prepared in our well equipped kitchen and served by our MiCE members. Nobody was expecting such a high quality event and our efforts were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

A couple of weeks later, on Saturday 3rd June, most of our members were fully involved in the organisation, and running, of the annual Carnival. Once again it was blessed by good weather and ran very smoothly.



Our next event was supposed to be a repeat of our popular Curry and Quiz night on

Saturday 14th October. Unfortunately, a few days before, MiCe was devastated by the death of Barbara Wilson, one of our founder members, amazing driving force, good friend and beloved wife of Terry. It was a unanimous decision to postpone this event until a more appropriate time. Barbara will never be forgotten and her legacy will live on in every event we deliver in the future.



The Remembrance Day poppy garden (near the bus shelter) was even more poignant this year. We added a couple of soldier silhouettes, repainted the poppies and made quite a few more, and even provided some lighting for dramatic night-time effect.

16th December – our Christmas Cracker coffee morning was very well attended. The hall was filled with decorated Christmas trees and adorned with our hand-made bunting. All the children met Santa in his grotto and received a stocking filled with goodies. As usual the food was impressive and everyone enjoyed listening to the choir and seasonal music.

MiCE continues to go from strength to strength and we look forward to providing more community events in 2024

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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 23rd show.



Our 2023 season began with the return of The Castle Players in Treasure Island.

In April, we hosted local artist Sara Cox for a workshop: Wings of Wire. Several beautiful wire sculptures were produced

and everybody had a lovely day.

We finished the year by welcoming Magic Romany and her show Believe!

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; 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.

Events in 2023:

In February, David Shepherd gave a talk on 'Carl Linnaeus' garden in Sweden'.

Then, in March we had a talk by Geoff Herbert entitled 'Plants on the Edge', about the special wild flowers growing in Teesdale.

On 23rd March we went on a visit to Acorn Bank.

The AGM was held and the committee re-elected comprising Martin Ingall, chair; Susan Ingall, vice-chair, Paul Hunter, 2nd vice chair, Libby Thompson, treasurer, Lynda Bares, secretary, and Simon Froom as Village Hall rep.,. Rowena Fowler retired from the job of Events organiser. Membership stood at 26 members.

The April meeting featured a talk by Martin Uitenbosch about the creation of his garden, near Darlington.

In May Dr. Margaret Bradshaw gave us a talk which put a different slant on the wild flower species in Teesdale.

We had our usual plant stall at the Carnival on 3rd June, and a social get-together on the 13th.

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On 27/28th June, 9 members visited RHS Bridgewater near Manchester, stayed overnight and then went on to Arley Hall. A very successful and enjoyable two days away.

On 11th July Gillian Watson gave a talk entitled 'Italian Gardens from Lake Como'.

Garden judging was on the 16th July, followed by a tour of members' gardens and a party at Heather Cottage on the 23rd.

In August we gathered at Paul Hunter's home for a social evening. Potatoes and sunflowers were judged on the 23rd, as part of our annual friendly competition.

10th September was our Annual Show.

Libby Thompson and Simon Froom gave a talk on the flora to be seen in Iceland following their trip their (10th October).

In November Christine Hartas tested us all with a quiz.

A Christmas tree was decorated in the village hall in early December and on the 12th December many of the members attended a Christmas Meal at The Foresters, Middleton, bringing to an end a busy year of events.

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

Simon Froom

The Little Choir

The choir maintains a core of ten members singing in three sections: Lead, Baritone and Bass. New members always welcome

Our 'sing outs' in the past year have included a variety of fundraising events for Darlington and Barnard Castle Rotary Clubs; Eggleston Christmas lights, The Stainmore Railway Company's Christmas fair at Kirkby Stephen East railway station, a carol concert at St James the Less.

Sue Kelly