



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

HALE VILLAGE HALL

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1014055

Charity's principal address

53 High Street
Hale Village

Postcode L24 4AE

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)
1	Hale Parish Council			Hale Parish Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Comprises the First Schedule to the Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 6th March 1974 as amended by resolution of Hale Parish Council as de facto sole charity trustee taken on 4th February 2020, in accordance with s280 of the Charities Act 2011 and approved by the Charity Commission on 17th March 2020, and by resolution of Hale Parish Council as sole trustee taken on **30th May 2022**

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Registered with The Charity Commission

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By Registered Vote of the Residents of Hale Village

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

To manage and administer the affairs of Hale Village Hall to provide a safe and secure environment as a center of for community, social, cultural and recreational activities and to foster community well-being, social trust, cohesion and a sense of belonging amongst all residents.

Our aim is:

1. To provide a welcoming and vibrant community hub for community events that stimulates community engagement and lively social interaction for the wellbeing of the community and alleviates problems with physical and mental health issues caused by isolation and loneliness.
2. To promote community diversity, equality and inclusion and foster a sense of belonging and community spirit amongst residents.
3. To provide a first class, well equipped venue that takes advantage of the adjacent park to encourage active, healthier lifestyles for all ages, by offering facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, fitness classes for all ages, toddlers, development and encouragement participation in community life. arts and culture
4. To promote and organise social and fundraising events for the benefit of the charity and to support events that create a strong sense of community pride and identity by providing access to a wide range of interests.

Hale Village Hall is a new but traditional village hall used by the community for social gatherings, functions, activities, meetings, private parties and fundraising events, including the annual village events such as family Christmas party and an Easter egg Hunt. The community has a long standing vested interest in the hall, owing to its considerable history and its proven significance for our rural village life.

The charity manages the Village Hall's affairs to provide a safe and secure environment for community, social, cultural and recreational activities for the residents of this rural village in Halton. It engages with and communicates to all sections of the community promoting events and activities that meet their needs, and to attract diversity and inclusiveness of use

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Achievements and Performance.

The Village Hall is a crucial meeting point for the community. It remains a focal point that is crucial for a community which sometimes needs moral support, compassion and a local place to go for affordable entertainment and a range of activities. The regular and long running knitting club, bowls club, keep fit sessions, ballroom dancing and ladies group classes have been the mainstay of the community and additional fundraising activities since the village hall charity was established, and they remain so.

The charity is installing a new website in the spring of 2025 for its strong management disciplines and events such as dances, bowls, evenings, Lunch Club, Lady society, knitting club and live events featuring local artists have encouraged social trust, cohesion and the sense of belonging.

Annual gatherings such as the annual senior citizens "Mingle and Jingle" event and the Christmas and Easter children's events help to address the cost of living crisis and can attract over 150 family members.

Activities such as those above, can have a positive impact on the physical and mental health of the community, bringing people together and including any newcomers.

2. Organisation and Objectives

Hale Village Hall is available on hire to individual members of the community and to local voluntary groups, including established local branches of youth movements. The Village Hall is also available on hire to commercial undertakings, particularly those that provide a service to the local community. In this context, the Village Hall provides facilities for Hale Parish Council, dancing, keep fit, and all youth groups. Income for the maintenance of the Village Hall is mainly derived from the hiring out of the Main Hall and holding other occasional events which benefit both the Hall and other local community groups.

In the past year fundraising has continued, supporting development of the hall for the furtherance of the charitable objectives.

3. Public Benefit

Besides the furtherance of the charitable objectives it is also important that the Hale Village Hall Charity shows that it is also providing public benefit, whilst still achieving its objectives. The public benefit derived from the activities of the Village Hall includes:

- Provision of the Hale Village Hall for public use
- Preservation and enhancement of the Village Hall for the use of community

Whilst the public benefit is available to anyone, as there are few bars to usage of the hall, a charge to cover costs is made. Analysis shows these fees are comparable to other local Halls in the area, and so these fees do not represent an unreasonable restriction to access to the hall. The Village Hall is mostly used by the local community.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Primary activity during the year was the provision of Hall facilities to the local community and rental of the premises to local organisations.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Village Hall had neither a surplus or deficit in the year January 2022 to December 2022

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Hiring income shows some recovery (FY22 - £23,451) from the pandemic reductions and a contribution of £13,646 from Hale Parish Council to support running costs was received

Other routine expenditures in 2022 were on a similar level to those of the previous year with a reduction in Utilities with the Hall not being used. The Repair and Maintenance costs are expected to remain relatively low as the Village Hall is a modern building and ongoing maintenance likely to be lower as a consequence. Work continues on ensuring the hall complies with regulations on fire alarms, electrical systems and physical security. We are committed to maintain a high quality for the fabric of the Hall and encourage its use among the local community.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has reviewed all its potential risks and continues to do so on a regular basis. It is satisfied that adequate insurances are in place and that all steps are taken to ensure that exposure to risk of any sort is kept to a minimum. Due to the ongoing uncertainties surrounding the Covid Pandemic the Trustees continued to temporarily suspended capital and non-essential spending until the situation is clearer and the levels of income stabilise.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Managing Trustee for the Financial Statement

The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the Managing Trustees' responsibilities for the Financial Statements from those of the Independent Examiners as stated in their report. Charity law requires the Managing Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the Charity's state of affairs at the end of the year, and of its Income and Expenditure for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Managing Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements.

- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Village Hall will continue in business.

Managing Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charity's (accounts and reports) regulations 1995 revised 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

In presenting the Financial Statements for the year, the Managing Trustees have adopted the principle provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2005) including presenting the results for the year in the form of the statement of financial activities for FY1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee's policy is to retain sufficient Reserves to fund necessary continuing maintenance to the premises and facilities and to provide a reasonable level of on-going cash to meet running expenditure in the event of circumstances giving rise to a drop in, or elimination of, income for a prolonged period of time.

The Management Committee are aware that currently reserve levels are not running at the required levels and it is hoped that this will be resolved in next years accounts through prudent management and savings throughout FY2023.


Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Brian Hargreaves	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Clerk & RFO	
Date	14/5/2025	

Charity No. 1014055

**HALE VILLAGE HALL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Gibson Schofield Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants**

Report to the trustees of	Hale Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2022	Charity no	1014055
	Set out on pages 1		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 28/01/2025

Name: Claire Schofield
Gibson Schofield Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Chartered Certified Accountants

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St Helens
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Hale Village Hall

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	31/12/2022	
	£	£
Income		
Donations		13,646
Room hire		23,451
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		37,097
Expenditure		
Bank charges	72	
Salaries	22,897	
Repairs and renewals	2,706	
Supplies	2,545	
Maintenance contract	563	
Internet/website	556	
Water	540	
Licences	323	
Electricity	355	
Rates	144	
Miscellaneous	249	
Subscriptions	340	
Refunds	518	
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		31,808
NET PROFIT/LOSS		<hr/> <hr/>
		5,289

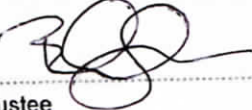
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Reconciliation of Movement in Bank Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	£	
Opening balances at 1st January 2022		
Current Account	13,722.41	
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Income for the year	37,096.97	
Expenditure for the year	<u>31,807.97</u>	5,289.00
		<u>19,011.41</u>
 Closing balances at 31st December 2022		
Current Account	<u>19,011.41</u>	
		<u>19,011.41</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 20th January 2025, I approve the financial information which comprises the receipts and payments account and the reconciliation of movement in bank accounts. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information and for providing Gibson Schofield Ltd all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.


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Trustee

28/1/25
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Date

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