

Hale Village Hall

Trustees Annual Report for the period From 1st January, 2023 to 31st of December 2023

Charity Name: Hale Village Hall,

Charity Registration Number: 1014055

1. 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:

- i.** 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.
- ii.** To promote community diversity, equality and inclusion and foster a sense of belonging and community spirit amongst residents.
- iii.** 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 and arts and culture.
- iv.** 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 2000 plus 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

2. 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 bowls keep fit, ballroom dancing and ladies group classes have been the mainstay of the community and the fundraising activities since the village hall charity was originally established, And they also remain so.

The charity is installing a new website in spring 2025 for its strong management disciplines and events such as dances, bowls, evenings, Lunch Club, Ladies group, 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 to attract up to 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.

3. Renovation Project

A major renovation project is required to repair and maintain the fascia at the front of the building. Funding for both internal and external renovation and a considerable amount of time and effort will be required along with investment during the next financial period.

Estimates will be invited for replacing the fascia boards at the front of the building and the formal process will be followed to decide upon a preferred supplier for carrying out the work. Discussions to agree the project priorities, the scope of work, the budget and timings will need to take place and the Clerk will authorise the work. Fund raising activities, donations and assistance from volunteers of the community will ensure that work can be completed on time and within budget.

4. Financial Review

A resolution to extend the charity commission accounting period from 1st January 2023 until 31st March 2024 – (15 months) for this period was taken to align the charity report accounts with the village hall annual accounts going forward.

After initially accepting the resolution the Charity Commission reversed its decision and the Parish Council was forced to revert to the 12 month period for accounting (Jan - Dec)

- i. A contribution of £3,000 by Hale Parish Council for Village Hall support was a £10,000 reduction on the previous year's contribution of £13,646.
- ii. An historical gas bill which the Trustee had attempted to resolve on numerous occasions without success was finally resolved and an outstanding bill of £7,773.74 was paid over a period of twelve months, 58% being paid from April 2024 budget. In addition, an upgrade of equipment to receive a new gas supply was also paid for.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity setup 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**

6. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:	Hale Village Hall Charity
Registered Charity Number:	1014055
Charity's Principle Address:	Hale Village Hall
	53 High Street
	Hale Village
	L24 4AE

7. Trustee Name & Officers (If Any)

Sole Trustee: Hale Parish Council

8. Declarations

The Trustee declares that it has approved the Trustee's Report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustee:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Hargreaves', written in a cursive style.

Full Name:

Brian Hargreaves

Position:

Clerk and RFO

Date:

14/5/2025

Charity No. 1014055

**HALE VILLAGE HALL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**Gibson Schofield Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants**

Report to the trustees of	Hale Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2023	Charity no	1014055
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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: Claire Schofield **Date:** 17/09/2025

Name: Claire Schofield
Gibson Schofield Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body Chartered Certified Accountants

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Hale Village Hall

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	£	£
Income		
Donations	3,000	13,646
Room hire	22,125	23,451
	<u>25,125</u>	<u>37,097</u>
Expenditure		
Bank charges	72	72
Salaries	22,056	22,897
Repairs and renewals	887	2,706
Supplies	1,700	2,545
Maintenance contract	258	563
Internet/website	667	556
Water	665	540
Licences	504	323
Electricity and gas	10,735	355
Rates	76	144
Miscellaneous	-	249
Subscriptions	159	340
Refunds	116	518
	<u>37,895</u>	<u>31,808</u>
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NET PROFIT/LOSS	<u><u>- 12,770</u></u>	<u><u>5,289</u></u>

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Reconciliation of Movement in Bank Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Opening balances at 1st January 2023	£
Current Account	19,011.41
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Income for the year	25,124.75
Expenditure for the year	<u>37,894.63</u>
	- 12,769.88
	<u>6,241.53</u>
Closing balances at 31st December 2023	
Current Account	<u>6,241.53</u>
	<u>6,241.53</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

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Date

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