TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY 2025 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

FROSTERLEY VILLAGE HALL AND INSTITUTE

Registration number 1186080
17 Front Street, Frosterley, Bishop Auckland, DL13 2QW
The Charity is using the operating name of "Frosterley Village Hall"

1 Summary of Objectives and Activities

To bring together the residents of Frosterley and neighbourhood in a common effort to advance education and social welfare with the objective of improving the conditions of life for residents.

2 Main Activities for the Public Benefit

The charity owns and operates Frosterley Village Hall. The Hall includes a large main room with capacity for 100 people, four smaller meeting rooms, two kitchens, a snooker and pool room, and a garden. The charity hires out rooms in the Hall for local organisations to hold meetings and events. The charity also organises events in the Hall both to directly advance the objectives of the charity and to raise funds for the maintenance of the Hall.

3 Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

4 Contributions by Volunteers

The Trustees and Officers are the operating management team for the Charity and are all volunteers who do not receive any renumeration or benefits. Many people voluntarily provide time and resources to clean and maintain the Hall and garden, carry out minor repairs, arrange and operate events, and provide advice and support.

5 Financial Review

The Charity's financial statement is distributed with this report.

Running costs have continued to increase during the year. The Insurance cost for the Hall has increased and charges for Gas and Water supplies have all increased when compared to previous years.

In 2024 the Trustees decided to switch from Barclays Bank to The Cooperative Bank in order to obtain an improved banking service. This process was completed in this year and required a sustained effort by the Trustees.

Jane Ascroft, Chartered Accountant (ICAEW), was appointed as the Independent Examiner for this year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed a policy for holding reserves. The policy is to hold sufficient reserves to maintain the hall during periods of closure of up to 12 months.

Source of Funds

The principal source of funds, excluding grant payments for publishing the Newsletter and providing Christmas Lights, are payments for the hire of rooms, surpluses generated by Hall events, donations, and profits from the licensed bar.

Grants have been received from Stanhope Parish Council and from Durham County Council (DCC).

6 Structure Governance and Management

The charity trustees who managed the charity during this year were;
Judith Bainbridge
Linda Brewin
Michael Ernest Brewin
Kim Coleman
Peter Jackson
Terry Pearson.

Pat Davison is not a Trustee and was appointed as a volunteer Treasurer during the year.

The charity operates a Membership scheme. Members are admitted to the scheme for life or until their resignation. No subscription or fee is charged.

7 Management and Activities

Trustees and Officers Activities

The Trustees held 14 formal meetings during the year. Individual Trustees also attended meetings with contractors, potential suppliers, DCC staff and the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme. Trustees stocked and staffed the Licensed Bar. Trustees researched contractors, sought tenders and acted as site managers. Trustees and members also undertook the regular cleaning and carried out minor repairs and arranged the purchasing of consumables.

The Trustees have adopted a policy to make the Hall available for any organisation wanting to use the building for an agreed price from a standard price list. The Trustees have used their personal time to promote a small number of activities on behalf of the Charity in order to both raise funds for the Hall and to promote education, social welfare, and to celebrate seasonal events.

Officers have liaised with suppliers, grant providers and residents of Frosterley. Our volunteer Treasurer has maintained the financial accounts, provided monthly reports and liaised with utility companies and service providers.

Newsletter

A Newsletter describing both Hall and other local activities is printed and distributed twice in each year to every household in Frosterley and its neighbourhood. The Newsletter is funded by advertising fees and by grants from Durham County Council. The editing and production of the newsletter is managed by Julia Knight.

Frosterley Christmas Lights

The charity holds funds on behalf of the Frosterley Christmas Lights group (CLG). The Trustees held discussions with the CLG and we agreed to make the group a formal sub-committee of the Village Hall charity. Terry Pearson has been appointed as the Trustee member of the CLG. The mains power supply for the Village Green Christmas tree was replaced under a scheme organised and funded by DCC. The Hall Trustees and the CLG have made arrangements for the supply of power which has required time consuming discussions with Northern PowerGrid and supply companies.

Passenger Lift

The Lift between the ground and first floors failed in 2023. The Trustees received an offer of funding from Durham County Council for a replacement lift. DCC arranged a contract with a target completion date of January 2026.

Electrical system

DCC awarded a grant payment for the replacement of obsolete light fittings. The replacement LED light fittings have improved the lighting and reduced our running costs.

Young Persons Club

Funding for a regular Young Persons Club was provided by DCC. The North Tyneside YMCA were appointed by DCC as contractors, to staff and operate the club. This contract was funded until August 2025. No more funding was available and the Club ceased to operate.

Replacement of Windows

DCC made a grant payment for the replacement of the main windows facing Front Street and for the replacement of the doors on Front Street.

Solar Panels

DCC awarded funds for a solar panel installation. We were not able to reach agreement with a supplier and the Trustees therefore agreed a new contract with NZ Eco Electric who completed the installation by late August 2025. The installation includes a battery storage system and a hot water heater.

For the period September to December 2025, we purchased 970kwh from the national grid and used 1259kwh from the solar panels. We exported 480kwh to the national grid. Overall, we were self-sufficient for 59% of our power during that period.

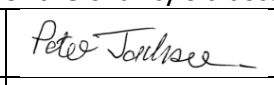
Main Hall Insulation

We discovered that the greater part of the Hall ceiling was not insulated. DCC offered a grant for the costs of installing ceiling insulation in the Main first floor hall. We accepted the offer and our agreed contractor completed the installation**.**

8 Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this trustee's report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature		Date 08.09.2026
Full name	Peter Jackson	
Position	Trustee	

Frosterley Village Hall and Institute **Frosterley Village Hall and Institute**			1186080 **1186080**
Receipts and payments accounts			**CC16a**
For the period from	01/01/2025 01.01.2025	**To**	31/12/2025 31.12.2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall hire	**10,190**	-	-	**10,190**	**10,126**
Games Room	**1,537**	-	-	**1,537**	-
Tombola/Raffle	**1,400**	-	-	**1,400**	**631**
Food	**1,231**	-	-	**1,231**	**475**
Bar sales	**1,820**	-	-	**1,820**	**801**
Donations	**114**			**114**	**2,015**
Grants - Durham County Council		**66,740**		**66,740**	**12,436**
Grants - Rural Design Centre		**3,460**		**3,460**	-
Grants - Stanhope Parish Council	**500**			**500**	**500**
Bank interest	**231**			**231**	**307**
Highlights ticket sales	**397**			**397**	**1,163**
Other income	**1,268**			**1,268**	**1,352**
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	**18,688**	**70,200**	-	**88,888**	**29,806**

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	**18,688**	**70,200**	-	**88,888**	**29,806**

A3 Payments

Renovation	**2,141**	**70,200**	-	**72,341**	**11,436**
Electricity	**991**	-	-	**991**	**4,074**
Gas	**4,150**	-	-	**4,150**	**3,733**
Water	**2,095**	-	-	**2,095**	**1,513**
Insurance	**2,429**	-	-	**2,429**	**2,320**
Food & bar purchases	**1,079**	-	-	**1,079**	**468**
Licenses and subscriptions	**353**	-	-	**353**	**198**
Equipment servicing	**575**			**575**	**1,363**
Broadband	**408**			**408**	**405**
Highlights Performance costs	**370**			**370**	**599**
Newsletter printing and distribution	**518**	-	-	**518**	**519**
Other costs	**665**	-	-	**665**	**2,055**
		-	-	-	
Sub total	**15,774**	**70,200**	-	**85,974**	**28,683**

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,774	70,200	-	85,974	28,683
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,914	-	-	2,914	1,123
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,858	-	-	29,858	28,735
Cash funds this year end	32,772	-	-	32,772	29,858

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,654	-	-
	Savings account	20,917	-	-
	Cash in hand	201	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,772	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Funds held for Christmas Lights Fund		1,071	
Funds held for newsletter		1,334	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Peter Jackson	PETER JACKSON	08.09.2026

FROSTERLEY VILLAGE HALL AND INSTITUTE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Frosterley Village Hall and Institute

Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 section 396 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.



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7th July 2026