HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST CIO
Registered Charity 1195759

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Presented to the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 13th May 2026
Held at The Village Hall, Honley

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Accountancy	714		696	
Professional fees	904		-	
Telephone & internet	1,136		279	
Insurance & licences	1,969		1,880	
Post, stationery & advertising	32		388	
Flyers	1,022		1,464	
Donations	1,650		471	
Welcome Club activities	180		680	
Markets	629		304	
Future projects costs	200		285	
Grants	8,550		1,534	
Trust overheads	1,397		1,414	
Depreciation	2,010	50,382	2,359	27,562
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(12,913)		10,027

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (transferred from previous trust)				
Land		25,568		25,568
Magdale Dam		45,473		45,473
Village Hall equipment, fixtures and fittings	10,362		11,764	
Additions	-		-	
	10,362		11,764	
Less depreciation	1,467	8,895	1,402	10,362
General tools and equipment	3,298		4,255	
Additions	-		#REF!	
	3,298		4,255	
Less depreciation	543	2,755	957	3,298
		82,691		84,701
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash in hand	524		690	
Cash at bank - village hall account	20,991		21,415	
Contingency fund	51,431		50,000	
HVCT CIO account	2,463		14,562	
Prepayments	1,636		1,794	
	77,045		88,461	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals	2,540		3,053	
	2,540	74,505	3,053	85,408
		157,196		170,109
REPRESENTED BY:				
ACCUMULATED FUND		170,109		160,082
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(12,913)		10,027
		157,196		170,109

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

		£	£
1	MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS		
	Subscriptions		2,458
	Donations:-		
	Radcliffes legacy	154	
	T Robson re Magdale	200	
	J B Schofield	4	
	Square Credit	600	
	Burgess re bench	200	
	C Wright bird boxes	100	
	Unknown	35	
	Honley show	45	
	Event	22	1,360
			3,818
2	FLYERS		
	Income	475	
	Expenditure	(1,022)	
	Deficit	(547)	
3	GRANTS RECEIVED		
	One Community (gas/electric)	1,750	
	HVPC (Halloween party)	200	
	HVPC (Hay bobber)	1,000	
	HVPC (80th anniversary party)	400	
	HVPC (Trees)	4,000	
	HVPC (Easter craft)	120	
	HVPC (Easter bunny)	220	
	Magdale steps	4,000	
	Grant	1,000	
		12,690	
4	VH MARKET BOOKINGS		
	Market stalls	3,125	

THE VILLAGE HALL REPORT FOR 2025

Over the last 12 months, the Village Hall has continued to grow as a busy and vibrant hub for the community. We've seen increasing use of the hall with regular weekly groups including art classes, yoga, Weight Watchers, Brownies and many other activities and community sessions. Party bookings have also steadily increased, bringing more families and celebrations through our doors.

Our monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength, now welcoming around 24 stalls each month alongside our popular pop-up café, run by volunteers and packed with wonderful homemade treats and refreshments.

Our family events, including the Children's Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as craft events, remain incredibly well supported by local families. We continue to keep ticket prices as affordable as possible, something made possible thanks to the generous support of ***Holme Valley Parish Council***. Without their continued support, these much-loved events simply wouldn't be possible.

One of the highlights of the year was hosting the very first **Honley Junior & Infants School Art Exhibition**. The Village Hall was transformed into a wonderful celebration of creativity, showcasing every child in the school through animal-themed artwork and crafts inspired by ***Carnival of the Animals***. It was a fantastic weekend and a real joy for families and the wider community.

We also proudly hosted our second annual Art Exhibition, showcasing the talent of around 15 local artists and welcoming visitors from across the valley.

Like many community organisations, we continue to face challenges with rising utility costs, insurance and ongoing maintenance of the building. However, thanks to the continued support of our community, volunteers, funders and hall users, the Village Hall remains a thriving and welcoming space at the heart of Honley life.

The Trust

WELCOME CLUB REPORT FOR 2026

The Welcome Club continues to go from strength to strength, meeting every Monday, 1–3pm at the Village Hall. We now regularly welcome around 48 people each week, with many forming lovely friendships – and we're always hearing how much the group means to those who attend.

Our aim remains simple: **more adventures, more learning, more laughter – and a warm welcome for everyone.** It's safe to say we're still living up to that.

We keep things active and varied with armchair Zumba, ballroom dancing and massage, alongside plenty of bingo and quizzes to keep minds sharp. We've also enjoyed a fantastic range of entertainment and speakers this year, including Colin – Mark Fender (singer & quiz master), Billy Wright at our Christmas party, and of course, the ever-popular Elvis – still a firm favourite!

Our speakers have been just as engaging, with visits from Brian Topping (Customs Officer), Andrew Ingham (RNLI) and D C Watson (Suitcases), all bringing something different for the group to enjoy.

Trips continue to be a big highlight. Working alongside Roundway, Burhouse Court and Trinity Flats, we've had some great days out, including a wonderful trip for 40 members to the Brass Band Carol Concert at Southgate Theatre in December.

Throughout the year, the joy of seeing people laughing, chatting and building friendships reminds us exactly why the Welcome Club is so important to our community.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attends and supports the club, to local businesses and community members for their generosity, to Holme Valley Parish Council for their continued support, and especially to our fantastic volunteers – we simply couldn't do it without you.

As we look ahead, our mission stays the same: **more adventures, more learning, more laughter.**

We're always happy to welcome new faces – and if you'd like to volunteer (even just a couple of hours a month), we'd love to hear from you.

Carol Roberts

MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM REPORT FOR 2025

It is our aim to conserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment of Magdale Fields and Dam and achieve a balance between maximising biodiversity and the use of the land by the community as an amenity for recreation, engagement with nature, and educational activities.

I'm grateful to all of our volunteers who are willing to engage in a range of activities to achieve our aim. Without their commitment we would be unable to maintain or enhance Magdale for the benefit of residents and wildlife.

The major projects and work we undertook during 2025 were:

An ongoing project during 2025 was improving the condition of the path along Mag Brook. This involved many hours of moving path materials in wheel barrows due to access difficulties.
We continue to enhance the grassland by mowing after wildflowers have seeded and by sowing further wildflower seeds whenever possible. Creating wildflower meadows is a long term aim.

We have continued to clear holly in Stones Wood with a view to planting a wider variety of trees in that area.

We had a stall in the Countryside Marquee at the Honley Show for the second year running. A number of stalls for environmental groups, including ours, were funded by Natural Kirklees. This provides an opportunity to engage with local people about our work on Magdale.

Following a tree safety survey in 2023 the necessary work to approximately 20 trees was completed in 2025.

The warm summer in 2025 resulted in algae blooms and then a spread of duckweed on Magdale Dam. We have been looking at ways to control this and sought advice from The Environment Agency. The main ways are to increase the aeration and reduce the nutrient level, but neither is easily achieved without considerable investment.

During 2025 we began to plan how we could stop the leak that we have in the Dam. It is a long standing leak but could have disastrous consequences if it isn't resolved. Several attempts have been made to stop the leak in the past but these have only had short term success. So we have been investigating a longer term solution and will look to finalise this in 2026 and raise funds to undertake the necessary work.

During 2024/5 we were pleased to be a member of the Nature Holme Landscape Project, headed by River Holme Connections. Under this scheme a woodland management plan was developed for Magdale and a botanical survey and some soil sampling established baselines for Magdale. Unfortunately the bid for funding to undertake projects across the Holme Valley was unsuccessful but the baseline work already undertaken will assist us in future plans.

In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including the clearance of undergrowth along the goits,'bashing' the Himalayan Balsam and the refurbishment of the benches. The annual task of cleaning out the bird boxes was also completed and new bird boxes erected, some replacing ones that were no longer fit for purpose.
Our priority for 2026 will be to raise funds to enable us to address the leak in Magdale Dam. Other plans include a continuation of our work to enhance the woodland and grassland. Also, after early removal of any fruit from our orchard trees over the last 4 years we will for the first time harvest the apples and pears in Autumn 2026.

This will be my last year of writing this report. Having been responsible for the management of Magdale for about 7 years I believe its time to let someone else bring their own ideas and enthusiasm to this responsibility. I will support whoever takes on this role and wish them luck.

Steve Hemming

HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Circular Heritage Trail
One of our main objects is to provide facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for the recreation and leisure time occupation for our community which is expanding. To help families appreciate Magdale Fields we have seen the need to create more accessible circular walks and help them to appreciate the beautiful features such as the orchard, the woods and rivers, Magdale Dam and the industrial heritage of the waterfalls, sluices and goits from the days of water power.

In the past, walkers had to climb over walls or scramble up a steep slope to get around some of the more remote areas. We have added a stile, a wooden staircase and soon a new bridge all to improve access, particularly for the elderly.

We are planning a booklet with maps, illustrated walks and explanations of the Industrial Heritage.. Funding for these improvements has come from Grants from Huddersfield Common Good Trust, Beaumont Jessop Trust, One Community and Yorkshire Water.

2. Fish Passes and Hydro Turbine Scheme.
Having two large waterfalls on our land we are looking at creating renewable energy through the use of power turbines. Following expert feasibility studies we have linked up with Sheffield University to help with the design, build and installation.

The Environment Agency have insisted that before installing turbines we must arrange for fish to reach spawning grounds higher up the two rivers.

Students from Sheffield are currently designing fish ladders to help them navigate the waterfalls. We are working with Allsops of Honley a local sheet metal manufacturer and River Holme Connections to create the fish passes.

3. New Village Hall
Over the past 5 years we have been waiting for Kirklees to give us the land and building of the existing Village Hall. A process they call Asset Transfer. Finally this has arrived in the form of a 125 years Lease. The process has cost the Trust many thousands of pounds in legal fees, but finally we have it.

The new lease will allow us to seek Lottery Funds to replace the old building which is basically a prefab from the 1950's with minimum insulation and only available to community activities on a one at a time basis. We are currently working with architects to design a multi space facility on 2 floors providing numerous areas for village use into the
future.

David Hardy

We Need You!

As we look ahead, we'd love to hear your thoughts. What worked? What could be better? Your feedback helps shape what we do next—and we truly value it.

We're also looking for volunteers! If you've got a bit of time and would like to lend a hand—whether that's helping out at an event or simply delivering some flyers in your neighbourhood—we'd be so grateful. Every little bit of help makes a big difference.

We're a friendly bunch, and everyone is welcome. If you're interested, just get in touch—we'd love to have you on board.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, suggestions or volunteer your help -

info@honleyvillagetrust.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.
Honley Village Community Trust CIO

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APPENDIX

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2025 in the Village Hall

Present:
Trustees: Margaret Wadsworth (MW), Steve Hemming (SH), Lorraine Needham-Reid (LNR), Phil Hey, Linda Booth, Sharon White, Jayne Fisher

A total of 25 additional members also attended the AGM.

Apologies: David Hardy (DH),

Chair's Welcome.
MW welcomed everyone to the AGM. She referred to the agenda and annual report that had been placed on everyones chair and said that following the meeting there would be refreshments.

1. Minutes of the 2024 AGM and Matters Arising.
The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

2. Chair's Report
MW referred to her report that covered some of the main events of the year. The Village Hall was making good progress and new groups are now using the hall. The monthly markets have been a great success. There had been a number of events at the Hall including a Coronation Tea and Easter, Christmas and Halloween events. The Welcome Club continues to be very popular and the Honley Flyer continues to be delivered throughout the village by 43 volunteers.

3. Treasurer's Report
LNR referred to her report in the Annual Report and confirmed that while 2023 saw a loss of approximately £10k this had changed in 2024 to there being a surplus by the same amount. Some of this was due to changing utility provider to reduce costs.

4. Village Hall Report
This year has been another year of building the usage of the village hall back to pre-covid times.
The hall is a valuable space for the community, and we are keen to offer it to as many groups, private bookings etc as possible. We are pleased to host an array of activities including art classes, yoga, weight watchers and ballroom dancing to name a few, along with hosting the brownies on a weekly basis.
The monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength and are a great source of income for the trust.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) who have supported us with a few grants throughout the year so that we can offer events for the children of the village. The grants enable us to offer the events at a lower cost to our families, making them available to all.

This year we also spotlighted 12 local artists with our very first Art Exhibition held in September. We welcomed lots of people through the door to view the art and pottery with many of our artists selling their paintings/prints/pots. Due to the success of this event we are thrilled to be holding it again in 2025.

5. The Welcome Club
In 2024 the Welcome Club celebrated our 2nd birthday with a big party, enjoying singing, dancing and lots of cake, fun and laughs.

We had several speakers who not only gave us lots of new information but also brought new people and ideas into our group.
We arranged several trips in partnership with the Sheltered housing going to markets, garden centres and the seaside.
Our group are helped to keep both body and mind fit with armchair zumba, bingo and a quiz. A marvellous time was had at our Christmas party where they were entertained by Billy Blaze, the sight of our group having a fantastic time, dancing, singing and making friends is the reason we continue to volunteer for this event every Monday apart from Bank Holiday.

6. Magdale Fields and Dam
SH highlighted some of the main activities at Magdale which are covered in his report. He also noted the Trust's participation in a long term project called Nature's Holme which aims to increase the biodiversity in the Holme catchment area.

7. Membership
There was a discussion about how to increase membership and the benefits gained from being a member of the Trust.

8. Future Projects
DH was unable to attend the AGM but various projects were progressing depending on available funding.

9. Appointment of Auditors.
A proposal to appoint D & A Hill as the auditors for the next financial year was approved.

10. Election of Trustees
As required under the constitution three trustees were required to resign. These were Peter Bonds, Sara Parrott and Margaret Wadsworth. Margaret Wadsworth was seeking re-election. The nominations for the election of trustees were Margaret Wadsworth, Kath Tonge, Ian Brandwood and jayne Fisher. It was agreed that they should be elected as trustees.

11. Awards
a. The Community Award
This was awarded to Stacey Victoria

b. The Chairman's Award
This was awarded to Andrew Ingham

12. Any Other Business
There was no other business

11. The Meeting closed and refreshments were served.

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Refuse collection	410		300	
Accountancy	714		696	
Professional fees	904		-	
Telephone & internet	1,136		279	
Insurance & licences	1,969		1,880	
Post, stationery & advertising	32		388	
Flyers	1,022		1,464	
Donations	1,650		471	
Welcome Club activities	180		680	
Markets	629		304	
Future projects costs	200		285	
Grants	8,550		1,534	
Trust overheads	1,397		1,414	
Depreciation	2,010	50,382	2,359	27,562
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(12,913)		10,027

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (transferred from previous trust)				
Land		25,568		25,568
Magdale Dam		45,473		45,473
Village Hall equipment, fixtures and fittings	10,362		11,764	
Additions	-		-	
	10,362		11,764	
Less depreciation	1,467	8,895	1,402	10,362
General tools and equipment	3,298		4,255	
Additions	-		#REF!	
	3,298		4,255	
Less depreciation	543	2,755	957	3,298
		82,691		84,701
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash in hand	524		690	
Cash at bank - village hall account	20,991		21,415	
Contingency fund	51,431		50,000	
HVCT CIO account	2,463		14,562	
Prepayments	1,636		1,794	
	77,045		88,461	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals	2,540		3,053	
	2,540	74,505	3,053	85,408
		157,196		170,109
REPRESENTED BY:				
ACCUMULATED FUND		170,109		160,082
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(12,913)		10,027
		157,196		170,109

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

		£	£
1	MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS		
	Subscriptions		2,458
	Donations:-		
	Radcliffes legacy	154	
	T Robson re Magdale	200	
	J B Schofield	4	
	Square Credit	600	
	Burgess re bench	200	
	C Wright bird boxes	100	
	Unknown	35	
	Honley show	45	
	Event	22	1,360
			3,818
2	FLYERS		
	Income	475	
	Expenditure	(1,022)	
	Deficit	(547)	
3	GRANTS RECEIVED		
	One Community (gas/electric)	1,750	
	HVPC (Halloween party)	200	
	HVPC (Hay bobber)	1,000	
	HVPC (80th anniversary party)	400	
	HVPC (Trees)	4,000	
	HVPC (Easter craft)	120	
	HVPC (Easter bunny)	220	
	Magdale steps	4,000	
	Grant	1,000	
		12,690	
4	VH MARKET BOOKINGS		
	Market stalls	3,125	

THE VILLAGE HALL REPORT FOR 2025

Over the last 12 months, the Village Hall has continued to grow as a busy and vibrant hub for the community. We've seen increasing use of the hall with regular weekly groups including art classes, yoga, Weight Watchers, Brownies and many other activities and community sessions. Party bookings have also steadily increased, bringing more families and celebrations through our doors.

Our monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength, now welcoming around 24 stalls each month alongside our popular pop-up café, run by volunteers and packed with wonderful homemade treats and refreshments.

Our family events, including the Children's Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as craft events, remain incredibly well supported by local families. We continue to keep ticket prices as affordable as possible, something made possible thanks to the generous support of ***Holme Valley Parish Council***. Without their continued support, these much-loved events simply wouldn't be possible.

One of the highlights of the year was hosting the very first **Honley Junior & Infants School Art Exhibition**. The Village Hall was transformed into a wonderful celebration of creativity, showcasing every child in the school through animal-themed artwork and crafts inspired by ***Carnival of the Animals***. It was a fantastic weekend and a real joy for families and the wider community.

We also proudly hosted our second annual Art Exhibition, showcasing the talent of around 15 local artists and welcoming visitors from across the valley.

Like many community organisations, we continue to face challenges with rising utility costs, insurance and ongoing maintenance of the building. However, thanks to the continued support of our community, volunteers, funders and hall users, the Village Hall remains a thriving and welcoming space at the heart of Honley life.

The Trust

WELCOME CLUB REPORT FOR 2026

The Welcome Club continues to go from strength to strength, meeting every Monday, 1–3pm at the Village Hall. We now regularly welcome around 48 people each week, with many forming lovely friendships – and we're always hearing how much the group means to those who attend.

Our aim remains simple: **more adventures, more learning, more laughter – and a warm welcome for everyone.** It's safe to say we're still living up to that.

We keep things active and varied with armchair Zumba, ballroom dancing and massage, alongside plenty of bingo and quizzes to keep minds sharp. We've also enjoyed a fantastic range of entertainment and speakers this year, including Colin – Mark Fender (singer & quiz master), Billy Wright at our Christmas party, and of course, the ever-popular Elvis – still a firm favourite!

Our speakers have been just as engaging, with visits from Brian Topping (Customs Officer), Andrew Ingham (RNLI) and D C Watson (Suitcases), all bringing something different for the group to enjoy.

Trips continue to be a big highlight. Working alongside Roundway, Burhouse Court and Trinity Flats, we've had some great days out, including a wonderful trip for 40 members to the Brass Band Carol Concert at Southgate Theatre in December.

Throughout the year, the joy of seeing people laughing, chatting and building friendships reminds us exactly why the Welcome Club is so important to our community.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attends and supports the club, to local businesses and community members for their generosity, to Holme Valley Parish Council for their continued support, and especially to our fantastic volunteers – we simply couldn't do it without you.

As we look ahead, our mission stays the same: **more adventures, more learning, more laughter.**

We're always happy to welcome new faces – and if you'd like to volunteer (even just a couple of hours a month), we'd love to hear from you.

Carol Roberts

MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM REPORT FOR 2025

It is our aim to conserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment of Magdale Fields and Dam and achieve a balance between maximising biodiversity and the use of the land by the community as an amenity for recreation, engagement with nature, and educational activities.

I'm grateful to all of our volunteers who are willing to engage in a range of activities to achieve our aim. Without their commitment we would be unable to maintain or enhance Magdale for the benefit of residents and wildlife.

The major projects and work we undertook during 2025 were:

An ongoing project during 2025 was improving the condition of the path along Mag Brook. This involved many hours of moving path materials in wheel barrows due to access difficulties.
We continue to enhance the grassland by mowing after wildflowers have seeded and by sowing further wildflower seeds whenever possible. Creating wildflower meadows is a long term aim.

We have continued to clear holly in Stones Wood with a view to planting a wider variety of trees in that area.

We had a stall in the Countryside Marquee at the Honley Show for the second year running. A number of stalls for environmental groups, including ours, were funded by Natural Kirklees. This provides an opportunity to engage with local people about our work on Magdale.

Following a tree safety survey in 2023 the necessary work to approximately 20 trees was completed in 2025.

The warm summer in 2025 resulted in algae blooms and then a spread of duckweed on Magdale Dam. We have been looking at ways to control this and sought advice from The Environment Agency. The main ways are to increase the aeration and reduce the nutrient level, but neither is easily achieved without considerable investment.

During 2025 we began to plan how we could stop the leak that we have in the Dam. It is a long standing leak but could have disastrous consequences if it isn't resolved. Several attempts have been made to stop the leak in the past but these have only had short term success. So we have been investigating a longer term solution and will look to finalise this in 2026 and raise funds to undertake the necessary work.

During 2024/5 we were pleased to be a member of the Nature Holme Landscape Project, headed by River Holme Connections. Under this scheme a woodland management plan was developed for Magdale and a botanical survey and some soil sampling established baselines for Magdale. Unfortunately the bid for funding to undertake projects across the Holme Valley was unsuccessful but the baseline work already undertaken will assist us in future plans.

In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including the clearance of undergrowth along the goits,'bashing' the Himalayan Balsam and the refurbishment of the benches. The annual task of cleaning out the bird boxes was also completed and new bird boxes erected, some replacing ones that were no longer fit for purpose.
Our priority for 2026 will be to raise funds to enable us to address the leak in Magdale Dam. Other plans include a continuation of our work to enhance the woodland and grassland. Also, after early removal of any fruit from our orchard trees over the last 4 years we will for the first time harvest the apples and pears in Autumn 2026.

This will be my last year of writing this report. Having been responsible for the management of Magdale for about 7 years I believe its time to let someone else bring their own ideas and enthusiasm to this responsibility. I will support whoever takes on this role and wish them luck.

Steve Hemming

HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Circular Heritage Trail
One of our main objects is to provide facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for the recreation and leisure time occupation for our community which is expanding. To help families appreciate Magdale Fields we have seen the need to create more accessible circular walks and help them to appreciate the beautiful features such as the orchard, the woods and rivers, Magdale Dam and the industrial heritage of the waterfalls, sluices and goits from the days of water power.

In the past, walkers had to climb over walls or scramble up a steep slope to get around some of the more remote areas. We have added a stile, a wooden staircase and soon a new bridge all to improve access, particularly for the elderly.

We are planning a booklet with maps, illustrated walks and explanations of the Industrial Heritage.. Funding for these improvements has come from Grants from Huddersfield Common Good Trust, Beaumont Jessop Trust, One Community and Yorkshire Water.

2. Fish Passes and Hydro Turbine Scheme.
Having two large waterfalls on our land we are looking at creating renewable energy through the use of power turbines. Following expert feasibility studies we have linked up with Sheffield University to help with the design, build and installation.

The Environment Agency have insisted that before installing turbines we must arrange for fish to reach spawning grounds higher up the two rivers.

Students from Sheffield are currently designing fish ladders to help them navigate the waterfalls. We are working with Allsops of Honley a local sheet metal manufacturer and River Holme Connections to create the fish passes.

3. New Village Hall
Over the past 5 years we have been waiting for Kirklees to give us the land and building of the existing Village Hall. A process they call Asset Transfer. Finally this has arrived in the form of a 125 years Lease. The process has cost the Trust many thousands of pounds in legal fees, but finally we have it.

The new lease will allow us to seek Lottery Funds to replace the old building which is basically a prefab from the 1950's with minimum insulation and only available to community activities on a one at a time basis. We are currently working with architects to design a multi space facility on 2 floors providing numerous areas for village use into the
future.

David Hardy

We Need You!

As we look ahead, we'd love to hear your thoughts. What worked? What could be better? Your feedback helps shape what we do next—and we truly value it.

We're also looking for volunteers! If you've got a bit of time and would like to lend a hand—whether that's helping out at an event or simply delivering some flyers in your neighbourhood—we'd be so grateful. Every little bit of help makes a big difference.

We're a friendly bunch, and everyone is welcome. If you're interested, just get in touch—we'd love to have you on board.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, suggestions or volunteer your help -

info@honleyvillagetrust.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.
Honley Village Community Trust CIO

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APPENDIX

Honley Village Community Trust CIO

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2025 in the Village Hall

Present:
Trustees: Margaret Wadsworth (MW), Steve Hemming (SH), Lorraine Needham-Reid (LNR), Phil Hey, Linda Booth, Sharon White, Jayne Fisher

A total of 25 additional members also attended the AGM.

Apologies: David Hardy (DH),

Chair's Welcome.
MW welcomed everyone to the AGM. She referred to the agenda and annual report that had been placed on everyones chair and said that following the meeting there would be refreshments.

1. Minutes of the 2024 AGM and Matters Arising.
The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

2. Chair's Report
MW referred to her report that covered some of the main events of the year. The Village Hall was making good progress and new groups are now using the hall. The monthly markets have been a great success. There had been a number of events at the Hall including a Coronation Tea and Easter, Christmas and Halloween events. The Welcome Club continues to be very popular and the Honley Flyer continues to be delivered throughout the village by 43 volunteers.

3. Treasurer's Report
LNR referred to her report in the Annual Report and confirmed that while 2023 saw a loss of approximately £10k this had changed in 2024 to there being a surplus by the same amount. Some of this was due to changing utility provider to reduce costs.

4. Village Hall Report
This year has been another year of building the usage of the village hall back to pre-covid times.
The hall is a valuable space for the community, and we are keen to offer it to as many groups, private bookings etc as possible. We are pleased to host an array of activities including art classes, yoga, weight watchers and ballroom dancing to name a few, along with hosting the brownies on a weekly basis.
The monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength and are a great source of income for the trust.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) who have supported us with a few grants throughout the year so that we can offer events for the children of the village. The grants enable us to offer the events at a lower cost to our families, making them available to all.

This year we also spotlighted 12 local artists with our very first Art Exhibition held in September. We welcomed lots of people through the door to view the art and pottery with many of our artists selling their paintings/prints/pots. Due to the success of this event we are thrilled to be holding it again in 2025.

5. The Welcome Club
In 2024 the Welcome Club celebrated our 2nd birthday with a big party, enjoying singing, dancing and lots of cake, fun and laughs.

We had several speakers who not only gave us lots of new information but also brought new people and ideas into our group.
We arranged several trips in partnership with the Sheltered housing going to markets, garden centres and the seaside.
Our group are helped to keep both body and mind fit with armchair zumba, bingo and a quiz. A marvellous time was had at our Christmas party where they were entertained by Billy Blaze, the sight of our group having a fantastic time, dancing, singing and making friends is the reason we continue to volunteer for this event every Monday apart from Bank Holiday.

6. Magdale Fields and Dam
SH highlighted some of the main activities at Magdale which are covered in his report. He also noted the Trust's participation in a long term project called Nature's Holme which aims to increase the biodiversity in the Holme catchment area.

7. Membership
There was a discussion about how to increase membership and the benefits gained from being a member of the Trust.

8. Future Projects
DH was unable to attend the AGM but various projects were progressing depending on available funding.

9. Appointment of Auditors.
A proposal to appoint D & A Hill as the auditors for the next financial year was approved.

10. Election of Trustees
As required under the constitution three trustees were required to resign. These were Peter Bonds, Sara Parrott and Margaret Wadsworth. Margaret Wadsworth was seeking re-election. The nominations for the election of trustees were Margaret Wadsworth, Kath Tonge, Ian Brandwood and jayne Fisher. It was agreed that they should be elected as trustees.

11. Awards
a. The Community Award
This was awarded to Stacey Victoria

b. The Chairman's Award
This was awarded to Andrew Ingham

12. Any Other Business
There was no other business

11. The Meeting closed and refreshments were served.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: Honley Village Community Trust CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/25	**Charity no (if any)**	1195759
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	R Booth	**Date:**	01/08/2026
Name:	Robert Christopher Booth FCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	24 Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A