

**STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL**

**(Charity Number 502613)**



**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st  
MARCH 2024**

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## Life President

Gordon Smith

## Trustees and Committee Members – since the AGM July 2023

C. Hancock	Chairman
S Bolton	St Mary's Church
E. Trevelyan	Elected Assistant /Treasurer
P Ballard	Church on the Green
G. Blissett	Stamfordham Football Club/ Treasurer
L. Boylan	WI
A. Dias	Stamfordham Primary School/Vice Chairman
J Gibson	Co-opted
MG Gibson	Co-opted
T. Henderson	Elected
S. Hutt	Crafty Reivers
S. Reed	Karate
C. Reynolds	Elected
P. Reynolds	Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club
I Lawson	Parish Council
G Taylor	Cricket Club

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank PLC, Blackheath, London, BX1 1LT

National Westminster Bank Plc, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1ET

Virgin Money PLC, Jubilee House Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL

**Auditor**

IR Clements FCA, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4JR

**Village Hall Address**

Grange Road,  
Stamfordham  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE18 0NA

**Playing Field and Pavilion Address**

Stamfordham Sports Pavilion  
Grange Park  
Stamfordham NE18 0AH

**Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall Registered Address**

14 South Side  
Stamfordham  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE18 0PB

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

### Aims and Organisation

The Charity is regulated by a scheme dated 2nd November 1983, and sealed by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The objective of the Trust is the provision and maintenance of a Playing Field and Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stamfordham and its neighbourhood.

### Trustees

Details of the Trustees are shown in the Administrative details on page 2. There is a representative vacancy for Stamfordham Young Farmers.

### Review of the Year and Activities

The Trustees were able to meet in person on 5 occasions:

26th April 2023 Full trustees

13th July AGM & election of four committee members and representative members

19th October 2023 Full trustees

8th February 2024 Full trustees

25th April 2024 Full trustees

One new trustee was welcomed.

A cleaner continues to be employed for 8 hours a week with statutory holidays. It is clear, however, that the building requires a deep clean at least twice a year.

Small and large maintenance and improvement jobs have been carried out:

- Hacking off a large area of plaster to the left of the stage has been carried out following further ingress of water during severe weather conditions.
- New stage curtain tracking
- Extensive roofing and wall repairs
- New lighting
- Energy Efficient measures

The User Groups which give regular monthly income are very much appreciated:

Bowls, Crafty Reivers, Toddlers, Art, Karate, Theatre, Dance, Yoga, Pilates, WI, Parish Council Meetings

User group extra hire:

- Karate Black Belt Testing
- WI Domino drive

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024 (continued)**

Large hirings which have a substantial impact on income:

- Sloan trophy, Cyclone Challenge and Beaumont Cup
- Plus other cycle groups using the hall as a base

Trustees organised fund raising events; Oktoberfest, Burns Night, St Patrick's Party, Tea with Santa, Monthly Pop Up Cafés, 1 Jumble sale  
2 NTC plays

Miscellaneous hires include:

- Children's parties – hall and pavilion
- Christenings
- School farm visit packed lunch venue Private parties
- Funeral wakes
- 4-day Holiday Club let
- Stamfordham Primary School rehearsal and venue for Christmas play
- Hiring of crockery/chairs etc
- Wedding receptions – Hall and Playing Field

Many thanks to a trustee who worked hard to secure a grant which involved planting 400 trees at the Playing Field and renewing the fence on 3 sides of the field.

Many thanks also to the trustee who secured a grant for energy efficient work to be carried out on the hall. This included:

- Insulation of new ceiling on main hall
- LED lights throughout the hall & stage lighting
- Draught-proofing
- Thermal blinds

The AV system has continued to be an added incentive for hirings and events:

- Wimbledon Finals
- The Coronation of King Charles
- Private events for showing videos and images

TV, PPL/PRS and MPLC licenses have been acquired which include one TV licence for the Pavilion.

The five yearly electrical report was carried out in December 2023

### **Playing Field & Pavilion**

The roadside perimeter fence was installed by Ricky Charlton as requested by SCC. This was not only for aesthetics but primarily to keep children from running through the hedge onto the road.

Stamfordham Cricket Club have continued their excellent work on maintaining the whole of the Playing Field and Pavilion. The Trustees acknowledge this, are indebted for their voluntary work and grateful for the time they give to the maintenance of the whole facility.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024 (continued)

Future plans are to address the car parking area which needs to have a firmer base.

### Northumberland Heritage Village Hall Project

The has been continuing throughout the year. This has enabled many senior members of the community to record their memories of using the Village Hall as a school building.

### Finance

A deposit account acts as a Reserve Account to ensure funds are available for large expenditure. Interest on this account yielded £1049.

The Virgin Money account was closed and funds transferred to the Lloyds account.

Member Club Lettings have decreased this year

- Art Club disbanded
- Less meetings of Ballet and Crafty Reivers

Income from non-member user groups is fractionally up on last year.

Fundraising income decreased:

- No New Year's Eve function
- Oktoberfest income down

Grants:

- Trees and Fencing: £9,820
- Energy Efficiency £15,544

Ring-fenced grants from previous years are for the Veterans Breakfast Club, The Village Hall Heritage Project and the redecoration of the West Room (£3000).

The deficit of £13,215 for the year is accounted for by the repairs to the roof and pointing of stonework.

Although there is a seemingly healthy balance, trustees are minded that there will be a significant draw on funds as there are some large items of refurbishment that will need to be addressed in the next financial year.

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C Hancock  
Acting Chair  
28th April 2024

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G Blissett  
Treasurer  
28th April 2024

# Financial Statement

## Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall

### Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year Ended

Last Year		31 March 2024	
Total funds to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	Note
2023		2024	
6,407	Receipts	5,291	1
3,217	Lettings Member Clubs	3,247	2
9,189	Lettings Other Users	8,112	3a
18,948	Donations / Fundraising (regular)	26,647	4
151	Donations / Fundraising (other)	1,049	5a
3,831	Bank interest	2,753	5b
1,033	Covenants / Gift Aid	995	5c
42,775	Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid	48,094	
	<b>Payments</b>		
12,852	VH Running Costs	14,400	6
4,335	Service Repairs & Replacements	11,720	7
15,095	Capital items	38,205	9
32,282	<b>Total payments</b>	64,325	
10,493	<b>VH Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	-16,231	
675	<b>Playing Field Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	3,016	3b/8
11,168		-13,215	8
66,526	<b>Bank accounts 1 April</b>	77,694	
77,694	<b>Bank accounts 31 March</b>	64,479	
	<b>Represented by:</b>		
20,043	Lloyds Bank	16,338	
45,151	Lloyds Deposit	48,141	
12,500	Virgin Money (Closed)	0	
77,694	<b>Bank accounts 31 March</b>	64,479	

### The Trust owned the following Assets

- The freehold land and buildings known as Stamfordham Village Hall
- The freehold land and buildings known as Stamfordham Playing Field
- The freehold land known as the MUGA court

**Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall  
Notes to the Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

2023		2024	Note
	<b>Village Hall Lettings Member Clubs</b>		
520	Stamfordham Carpet Bowls	630	
852	Stamfordham YFC	223	
820	Stamfordham Toddler Group	977	
205	Stamfordham WI	190	
40	Stamfordham St Mary's Church		
0	Stamfordham School	120	
119	Stamfordham Parish Council	90	
	Widdrington Trust	30	
1,660	Karate	1,825	
1,221	Art Club	451	
380	Ballet	335	
590	Crafty Reivers	420	
<b>6,407</b>			<b>5,291</b> <b>1</b>
	<b>Village Hall Lettings to Non Member Clubs &amp; Individuals</b>		
3,010	Functions	2,578	
100	Dance Group	150	
22	Netball		
25	Tynedale Hunt	210	
60	Yoga	120	
0	Pilates	190	
0	NCC Election		
			<b>3,247</b> <b>2</b>
<b>3,217</b>			
	<b>Village Hall Donations / Fundraising (regular)</b>		
1,872	Pop Up Café / Jams / Books	1,445	
862	Burns Night	511	
150	Holiday Club	300	
797	St Patrick	1,467	
1,568	Oktoberfest	495	
	Fireworks eg Comedy Night	150	
562	New Years Eve		
975	Cyclone	1,235	
552	Cyclone Food	1,019	
460	Sloan Trophy	475	
190	Vagabonds	110	
170	Other Cyclists	345	
80	Tynedale Pony Club	80	
950	Theatre Productions	480	
<b>9,189</b>			<b>8,112</b> <b>3a</b>
	<b>Playing Fields Lettings / Fundraising</b>		
0	SPF Football Club	20	
0	SPF Cricket Club	2,075	
916	SPF Car Show	1,160	
1,650	SPF Weddings	1,621	
365	SPF Cyclone	305	
	SPF Other		
<b>2,930</b>			<b>5,181</b> <b>3b</b>

<b>Donations / Fundraising (other)</b>				
9,700	Grant - National Lottery			
5,000	Grant - NCC			
350	Grant - Heritage Project			
1,000	Grant - Rowbotham Trust			
	Grant -trees and fencing		9,820	
	Grant - Energy Efficiency		15,544	
500	Veterans			
1,271	Jumble			
380	Jubilee			
	Coronation		322	
747	Sundry Donations / Other		1,161	
<b>18,948</b>			<b>26,847</b>	<b>4</b>
151	<b>Bank interest</b>		1,049	<b>5a</b>
3,831	<b>Covenants</b>		2,753	<b>5b</b>
1,033	<b>Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid</b>		995	<b>5c</b>
			<b>4,797</b>	
<b>48,706</b>			<b>63,478</b>	

**Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall  
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For the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Payments</b>				
<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>		<b>Note</b>
	<b>Running Costs</b>			
4,160	Caretaker	4,420		
3,437	Fuel Oil	2,017		
1,040	Insurance	1,130		
391	Water (Sewerage & Environment )	530		
1,450	Electricity	2,621		
321	Website and broadband	770		
185	Royalties to Performing Rights Society			
289	Film Licence	317		
159	TV licence	159		
378	Fire extinguisher service	566		
64	PAT Testing	32		
	Laundry	596		
316	Sanitary disposal	240		
556	Cleaning sundry	643		
78	Window Cleaning	151		
28	Administration Costs	51		
<b>14,875</b>		<b>14,243</b>		<b>6</b>
	<b>Service Repairs &amp; Replacements</b>			
690	Pest control			
445	Extractor fans gutter cleaning			
180	Fire alarms	918		
170	Tidying up grounds	65		
290	Boiler maintenace	114		
190	Emergency lighting maintenance	115		
	Kitchen sundry	504		
474	General repairs	10,658		
1,897	Sundry	875		
<b>4,335</b>		<b>13,249</b>	<b>13,249</b>	<b>7</b>

**Playing Field Payments**

520	Playing Field - Insurance	565		
103	Playing Field - Water	233		
	Playing Field - Diesel	197		
332	Playing Field - Calor Gas			
70	Playing Field - Licenced Premises			
185	Playing Field - Music Licence			
159	Playing Field - TV Licence	159		
213	Playing Field - Generator Service	180		
251	Playing Field - Bin Collection			
384	Playing Field - Repairs			
38	Playing Field - Other	990		
	Playing Field - Sundry			
			2,324	8
2,255				

**Capital items**

	Roofing (no grant funding)	£19,727		
	VH Energy Efficiency - insulation and lighting	£6,155		
	Playing Field - Trees and Fencing	£10,794		
£15,095			36,675	9
£36,560	Total Payments		66,491	
£9,145	Surplus/(Deficit) for year		-13,215	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity name

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

502613

**Set out on pages**

8 - 11

(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 03 2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

10/07/2024

**Name:**

I. R. CLEMENTS

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA

**Address:**

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