

Arkolme Village Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

28th January 2025 8.00pm

Meeting Notes

Present: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]-Pitt, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Bookings coordinator: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Members of the public: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

1. Minutes of AGM 8th December 2023

Agreed

2. Matters Arising

No matters arising

3. Chair's Welcome

2024 has been a great year we have lots of regular users including school, parish council, village coffee mornings, pickle ball, parish council, yoga, pilates, fitness classes, Halton Football Club, Capernwray church and badminton private users and post office.

We were really fortunate to be able to get a £3000 grant from the Bridges Trust and a National Lottery Grant for nearly £17000 to pay for new solar panels on the roof and a huge thanks go to [REDACTED] for working with Go Green to enable these to be swiftly put on the hall roof in March 2024. We have been benefiting from the free electricity these provide us with and have battery storage in the loft to be able to use the power when it isn't sunny. When our electricity contract comes up for renewal we will be moving suppliers to ensure that we will then be able to sell electricity back to the grid and hopefully make a small amount of money too.

We were also lucky to receive a £300 grant from the 3R charity shop in Carnforth which allowed us to purchase 15 plastic storage boxes with inserts to keep our wine, champagne and water glasses safe and easier to store and keep a track of for weddings and parties.

We had lots of weddings in 2024 which is great for the income for the hall and we have another busy year ahead. Thanks to all the trustees for their efforts to keep the hall a thriving asset for the community. The events committee need a huge thank you for the

amazing Apple Picking and Pressing, the Fireworks night and children's Xmas party. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and the money that is raised is essential to the ongoing upkeep of the hall.

Huge thanks go to Issy who does all the bookings and the cleaners who keep the hall so well looked after. We really appreciate their work.

And the most important thank you tonight, in his absence, is to [REDACTED] who has been treasurer for more years than I can work out but is sadly stepping down. The hours he has dedicated to the hall without payment are hugely appreciated by everyone who knows just how much time it takes to run this amazing asset and if those that don't know how much effort it takes to run knew then they too would be amazed by how much of a huge thank you we as a community owe him.

A national lottery grant has been submitted within the last few weeks for £6000 for new curtains.

4. Financials – Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Total income £53,101, included 2 years donations from AGT Ltd. Grant for solar panels of £19,788.

Overall expenditure £19,552.

We will start to benefit from selling electricity this summer when we move over to dual fuel with Octopus energy.

Newly standing trustee agreed to be treasurer, [REDACTED].

B4RN have their own supply now so that will no longer show on next years accounts

5. Bookings Report

[REDACTED]. gave an update on bookings:

- 6 regular sport bookings
- Lost a few due to lack of attendance but increase in new
- Chrich regular weekend bookend and sometimes week days
- Football adhoc as weather dependent
- School adhoc and regular
- PC, coffee mornings etc
- Post office twice a week
- Elections
- 7 weddings in 2024
- 2025 8 already booked
- 20 kids parties and lots this year
- Also funerals and christenings

- Other parties, annual jumble sale, cycling event,

6. Event Committee Update

RJP read out the following on behalf of AVH [REDACTED].

During 2024 five events have been organised by the AVH [REDACTED]. These were:

- HAGS (Spot On Event).
- Arkholme Village Sports Day.
- Arkholme Apple Pressing.
- Arkholme Bonfire and Fireworks Display.
- Arkholme Children's Christmas Party.

These events were open to everybody and family friendly. The Sports Day (held on 30th of June) and Christmas Party (held on 7th of December) are long standing community events and not intended to generate funds for the village hall.

The HAGS 'Spot On' event on 19th April was well attended with a total of 72 tickets sold. We also sold hotdogs and sweets in the foyer so just about broke even after the £800 company fee was deducted.

Arkholme Apple Pressing was held on the 12th of October and despite poor weather over 100 people attended throughout the course of the day. Over 300 litres of juice was pressed with about ¾ of this being given away as fresh apple juice and the remainder being used to make cider. There was a raffle with apple themed prizes and stalls selling cakes, hot food, drinks and merchandise. Total profit was £431.35.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was held on the 9th of November and continues to grow in popularity. In addition to the entry fee for the bonfire and fireworks there were stalls selling hot food, cakes and sweets that all sold out. Total profit was £1055.82.

WhatsApp Groups for AVH Events Group and volunteers were set up in 2023 and these have been really useful in helping to organise events particularly when there is not enough time for meetings. It has also resulted in a greater number of people looking to volunteer (e.g. baking cakes, manning stalls etc) on the day however we are struggling to find people to join the actual Events Group so we will be putting a call for new members to help with pre-event planning and organisation in the near future. We will also be asking for a volunteer to take on a liaison role with Spot On to allow us to host future events in collaboration with them.

7. Election of Trustees

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will not be re-standing and are thanked for their time as trustees.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were re-elected. Proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] are halfway through a 2 year term.

The following were welcomed as new trustees: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (in absentia), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (in absentia). [REDACTED] proposed and [REDACTED] seconded

8. Any Other Business

The people that have signed up for Easy Fundraising have £78 raised so far. Do regular reminders to tell people.

Arkholme Village Hall

Unaudited
Income and expenditure account

For the year ended 31 October 2024

Murray & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants

Arkholme Village Hall

Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 October 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Arkholme Village Hall

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Arkholme Village Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31st October 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed: *A Murray*

Dated: 11/08/2025

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ARKHOLME VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity -Number 503663

Income & Expenditure Account for year to 31 October 2024

(with previous year for comparison)

INCOME	2023	2024	EXPENDITURE	2023	2024
	£	£		£	£
Events					
Jumble sales	0	0	Premises Licensing (PRS + Alcohol)	0	557
Deposits received	0	0	Website / domain charges	117	0
Spot on Events	0	0			
Bonfire Night	168	1415	Bonfire Night -Fireworks	1725	1051
Other "Entertainment" Events	1326	912	Other "Entertainment" Events -Scratchworks Theatre yoga sponsored by LCC	500	0
	1494	2327		2342	2408
Lettings			Operating Costs		
Hall Hire			Booking / Administration	3308	2386
Parties	780	688	Electricity EDF invoices	6626	7891
Other	2477	2996	electricity to B4RN	-1868	-3431
			electricity to AWP	-1288	-1801
			Gas	1277	2528
Field Hire			Repairs & Maintenance - General	1349	1211
Halton FC	400	280	Repairs & Maintenance - Special	0	900
Playgroup / toddlers	690	0	Grounds Maint. Hall Surround	812	938
Turnaround Dance	50	0	Grounds Maint. Playing field	495	697
Yoga	270	51	Insurance	3110	3368
School	1200	2100	Water	651	1031
Christenings / Funerals	550	80	Cleaning Services (wages)	4215	3397
Methodist Church Services	1353	2375	Phone, stamps & stationery	22	252
WI	90	303	Arkholme Water Processing (waste water)	1314	0
Young Farmers	0	163	Refuse Collection (LCC)	416	457
Dance Classes	0	0	Window Cleaning	35	0
Council Hire re local elections etc	0	150	Accountancy/Audit/PAYE services	360	180
Badminton	1378	825	Cleaning Supplies	558	550
Fitness classes	743	223	General Supplies	132	98
Pickleball	1439	1220	PAYE	344	767
	11419	11452		21868	21418
Other Revenue					
150 Club	450	20	wayleave		
Donations	217	320	Solar panels		19552
Donation from AGT Ltd	7500	17736	2yrs		
National Lottery Grant	0	16788	Solar panels		
Btidges Trust	0	3000	2yrs		
Interest From Skipton a/c		1458			
	8167	39322			
Total Income	21080	53101	Total Payments	24210	43378
			Surplus/- = outflow for the year	-3130	9723
	21080	53101		21080	53101

RESERVES	2023	2024	Represented by:	2023	2024
Cash at bank 1st November	36557	33427	Skipton A/c 995190066	23236	24694
Surplus / -outflow for the year	-3130	9723	Nat West A/c 18114105	8691	17506
			Cash Float re supplies RJP	500	-50
			Cash Float Entertainment c'mtee	1000	1000
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