



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date 01/04/2023 To: Period end date 31/03/2024

Charity name: Comberbach War Memorial Hall Committee

Charity registration number: 507936

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To run, maintain, promote and safeguard the memorial hall on behalf and for the benefit of the village.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Village War Memorial Hall, available to be hired by groups, clubs and individuals from the village and surrounding areas, either for regular hirings or one-off events.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	All trustees have been provided with the trustee guidance pack from the charities commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	
Contribution made by volunteers	The Hall is run completely by a committee of volunteers, currently all are also trustees. We are reliant on each one to give their time, effort and enthusiasm. We have a team of three who work closely together, shared access to emails, calendar and a WhatsApp group ensures we are all kept in the picture and decision making is democratic and an open process. Liz Cook has spent another year

	<p>in the demanding role of Treasurer and Booking Secretary and does a truly amazing job. Sian Chandler is Secretary but has done an enormous amount of work in the outdoor area of the hall and has co-ordinated and project managed many large and small jobs both internally and externally. The village is very fortunate to have people who spend so much of their own time for the good of the Hall.</p>
Other	

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>The number of regular hirers remains steady, some increased sessions, some reduced theirs. They are a mix of local groups and local businesses. Regular hirers are our guaranteed income and this income helps us to make financial forecasts. Sunday has become a 'birthday party day' and this is a great added source of income for us.</p> <p>Over the past year we have continued to invest in the hall to update, maintain and improve it for all hirers. After several years of major projects, there have been none this year, but there have been many other smaller works that have taken place to keep the hall looking good, inside and out, things to improve the facilities for all users from within the village and beyond.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Due to a number grants we had, during Covid and beyond, we were able to work our way through a 'wish list' of major works that had become crucial and necessary, and the grant money made it possible. When funds become available we prioritise and allocate appropriately. We still have a wish list, but are mindful of our current funds. We apply for grants where we can.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>The grants and regular income mean we have not had an extra burden of relying on fundraising. We only have a small committee of volunteers who do so much already: Instead, we rely on careful management of funds, attracting more hirers, and applying for grants where we can.</p>

<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	With rising running costs, predictably gas and electric, and a significant increase in our cleaning costs, the last year has seen our income fail to match our expenditure, for the first time in some years. We have reserves, which we are careful not to rely on; it would only take one major problem, with the roof or the flooring, for example, to use a huge amount of our reserves. We reviewed our hiring rates a year ago, and have recently done so again and have decided to raise them.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We try and keep reserves at their current level as we are aware one major repair project easily require most of the reserves we have.
Amount of reserves held	£10,744.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	
Details of fund materially in deficit	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	As things stand, we are not too concerned, but we are vigilant and will regularly review income and expenditure projections, in order to protect the Hall.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Management Committee, with members representing various village groups and three trustees.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	By election at the AGM by all inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years and upwards, via a majority vote. If there is an equal number of votes for a member the Chair has the 2nd or final vote.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	
Relationship with any related parties	
Other	

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Comberbach War Memorial Hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	507936
Charity's principal address	Comberbach War Memorial Hall, Marbury Road, Comberbach Cheshire CW9 6AU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nikki Lord	Chair		
2	Liz Cook	Treasurer		
3	Sian Chandler	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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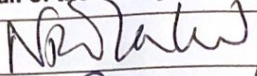
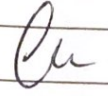
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nicola Lord	ELIZABETH COOK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	18.9.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Comberbach War Memorial Hal

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/04/2023** To **31/03/2024**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Hire	21,975	-	-	21,975	15,959
Adhoc Hire	2,910	-	-	2,910	2,435
Other Income	350	-	-	350	211
Interest received	128	-	-	128	70
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,363	-	-	25,363	18,675
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,363	-	-	25,363	18,675
A3 Payments					
Hall Maintenance - large projects	9,300	-	-	9,300	16,085
Hall Maintenance	1,849	-	-	1,849	9,393
Utilities	10,149	-	-	10,149	4,607
Rental	5	-	-	5	5
Telephone & Internet	907	-	-	907	709
Charitable donations	60	-	-	60	220
Insurance	1,099	-	-	1,099	1,029
Other Costs	6,256	-	-	6,256	242
Sub total	29,625	-	-	29,625	32,290
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,625	-	-	29,625	32,290
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,262	-	-	- 4,262	- 13,615
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,006	-	-	15,006	28,621
Cash funds this year end	10,744	-	-	10,744	15,006

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	Natwes Current Account	956	-	
	Natwest Savings Account	9,444	-	
	Petty Cash	343	-	
	Total cash funds	10,744	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

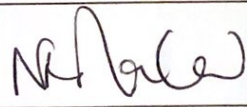

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nikki Lord	18.9.24
	ELIZABETH COOK	18/09/24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Comberbach War Memorial Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no (if any)

507936

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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:

Bernice Philips

Date:

18/09/2024

Name:

Bernice Philips

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

Chartered Accountant ICAEW
Membership number 7485463

Address:

14 Reedsmere Walk
Comberbach, Northwich
Cheshire CW9 6BZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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