



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date 01/04/2024 To: Period end date 31/03/2025

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 of Comberbach.
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, have 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 is the Treasurer and Booking

	Secretary and does a truly amazing job. Sian Chandler is Secretary and also does 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.
Other	

Achievements and Performance

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>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>The hall is also used for village events, for example, the village Remembrance Sunday Service, VE Day commemorations and Parish Council events.</p> <p>Over the past year we have continued to invest in the hall to update, maintain and improve it for all hirers; there have been many pieces of work 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>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	When funds become available, we prioritise and allocate appropriately. We have a 'wish list' but are always mindful of our current funds. This year we successfully applied for National Lottery grant which will allow us to upgrade the toilets, which will be a major project for us. The kitchen is also on our list and a first step has been the purchase of a new range cooker with the aid of a Local Councillors Members Fund grant.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	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.
Investment performance against objectives	
Other	

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>After our income failed to meet our expenditure in the 23/24 financial year, we became even more watchful of our ongoing finances. This year we returned to making a surplus, but we are very aware of our limited reserves and keep them for any emergency works/projects that may arise. We will not start any major works without first securing grants, which is what we have done with the National Lottery grant for the toilets. We also review our hiring rates annually. Two trustees have access to the online banking app, so can keep an eye on both accounts. Before any bill is paid, the Treasurer uses the WhatsApp group to confirm agreement from all three trustees before going ahead.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>We try and keep reserves at their current level and top up when we can, as we are aware one major repair project could easily require most of the reserves we have.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>£37,303.00. Note: £20,000 of this is restricted as it is a National Lottery grant to upgrade the toilets.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Our major source of income is hiring the hall to the Cheerleading group. If they were to leave to go elsewhere, or to fold, that would be a huge reduction of income. We are aware of this, but it isn't currently a concern: They have recently taken on another evening booking as the group is growing and are accomplished in their field; they are extremely enthusiastic about the hall and we work with them to accommodate their needs; the hall ceiling is unusually high so it means they can safely perform their 'towers'; also, were they to leave, our heating, maintenance, cleaning costs plus the number of loo rolls used would decrease! We would also be able to take party or other bookings on Saturdays, which are regularly requested, but currently we are unable to accept. In order to cover any lean periods, we aim to maintain at least £10,000 in reserve. This amount would cover running costs for any gaps between losing a regular hirer and booking another, and we also anticipate it would cover the cost of any major emergency repairs should one arise.</p>

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

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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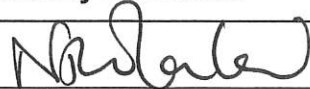
Other optional information

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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	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	17.6.2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Comberbach War Memorial Hall

No (if any)
507936

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
	-	-	-	-	-
Regular Hire	21,148	-	-	21,148	21,975
Adhoc Hire	3,893	-	-	3,893	2,910
Other Income - Toilets Grant		20,000	-	20,000	-
Other Income - Oven Grant		699	-	699	-
Other Income	75	-	-	75	350
Interest Received	289	-	-	289	128
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,405	20,699	-	46,104	25,363
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,405	20,699	-	46,104	25,363
A3 Payments					
		-	-	-	-
Hall Maintenance - Large Projects	708	699	-	1,407	9,300
Hall Maintenance - Large Projects	1,499	-	-	1,499	1,849
Utilities	6,471	-	-	6,471	10,149
Rental	5	-	-	5	5
Telephone & Internet	1,081	-	-	1,081	907
Charitable donations	59	-	-	59	60
Insurance	2,438	-	-	2,438	1,099
Other Costs	6,585	-	-	6,585	6,256
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,846	699	-	19,545	29,625
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,846	699	-	19,545	29,625
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,559	20,000	-	26,559	- 4,262
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,744	-	-	10,744	15,006
Cash funds this year end	17,303	20,000	-	37,303	10,744

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	Natwest Deposit account	15,582	20,000	-
	Natwest current account	964		-
	Petty cash	757	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,303	20,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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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


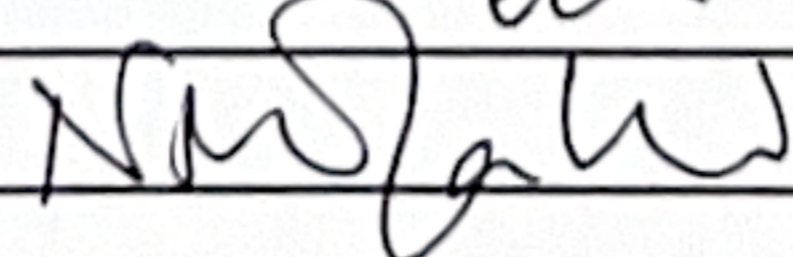
Treasurer & Trustee

Chair & Trustee

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

ELIZABETH COOK
Nicola Lord

17.06.25
17.6.25



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 2025	Charity no (if any)	507936
	Set out on pages Page 1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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 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.

Signed: Bernice Philips Date: 17 June 2025

Name: Bernice Philips

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant ICAEW
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