

Chairmans Report for year ending 30
September 2023
presented at the AGM 13 March 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow trustees Irene Bain, Dan Heaphy, Sue Plass, Jason Tighe, Dewi Williams and all the committee members new and old who have given up their time and supported the ATVH this past year. A very special thank you to Rod Peterkin, who will be standing down although staying as a committee member, for all his dedication and hard work throughout his time as Treasurer and welcome George Bedford as his successor.

General running of the Hall: - There was a short period during the summer period where refurbishment work was being carried out where we did of course have to close the Hall down for any Bookings. This was a necessary move but did, however, have a significant financial impact as we were closed for 3 months. I'm very pleased to announce that we are now operating back at full speed and special thanks to Irene.

Membership: - this is now at its highest

number ever at just over 700 with a mix of life, family, single, OAP and student levels to choose from. Well done Sue Plass for her work as Membership Manager as this revenue is of vital importance to support investment projects for the Hall

Bawming Day took place for the first time this Year completely at the school fields (excluding COVID19) and the VH was not involved. The trustee's and committee members wish the school all the very best for future Bawming Day events and will always stand ready to support should it be required.

Utility Charges: -

These continue to cause problems to the running costs for the Hall. Currently users of the Hall are paying a small subsidy to help counter some of this cost and will continue until the prices for gas & electricity return to more manageable rates.

Our thanks go to these users for their support during this period.

The preschool has been a major success and has expanded throughout the year to

now include a nursery. There are plans afoot to change some of the exterior of the grounds to help accommodate them by new fencing and a safer play area. This work has now been completed and a new area for the preschool has been created and the old beer garden fencing has been replaced due to age and rotting. We intend to stain the woodwork in the Spring, replace old trellis work and rehang the gate at the front of the VH.

Kings Coronation: This took place on the Weekend of 6th May and was extremely well attended. A great day out and fun for all using the Hall grounds with a fabulous BBQ.

Xmas Fayre and tree lighting events: Both events were very well attended and most enjoyable. It was great to see just how many locals turned out as the weather was not at its kindest. We raised circa more than £1000 towards our reserves funds for future inward investments.

Two new ways to invest in the VH:
Donations can now be made

through the website with the option to give Gift Aid if you are a Taxpayer which adds 25% to the donation. We have raised over £2000 so far this Year.

Warrington Community Lottery

Fund:

Buy tickets through our website and help support the VH. To date we are getting between £80 and £100 per month.

Appleton Thorn Village Hall (ATVH) Refurbishment Project

Objectives:

To remove existing 150-year-old septic tank system and to refurbish the old toilets and rear entrance to the hall and connect to the combined main drainage sewer system via new pipework, manholes and trenches.

Timescales & Costs:

Six months starting April 2023, all work had to ensure the continued use of the Hall by users during this period. This was carried out in three stages using local construction companies with the total costs being in the region of £70k.

Solution:

We applied for and subsequently were successful in winning a Grant of £50,000

from ***Valencia Community funds*** to carry out this project. This was a huge bonus to us as the Grant fund covered 90% of the projects total cost. The balance of funding was then raised from a further grant from the **Platinum Jubilee Fund** and local fund-raising events.

The refurbishing of the toilets has made significant improvements and ensures all visitors now have a pleasant, safe, and comfortable experience with high levels of hygiene and health standards.

The project work was signed off by Mr. Nick Berry from Valencia on the 30th November 2023 as a job well done!!!!

Our special thanks must go to Jason Tighe for his project management skills as well as using some of his contractors to do the work, and Andy Cross who designed, planned and implemented all the various stages of this project as well as liaising with all the relevant authorities to obtain the necessary licenses which took many months of work before a spade could be put in the ground!!

This work was completed by October when we replaced the 9 old windowpanes in the rear hallway and a large pane at the front.

The Future:

The continuation of our plan for inward investment

1. The roof continues to be of concern
2. Further work to be carried out on **surface drains.**
3. Redevelopment of our existing **kitchen**
4. Expansion of our existing Wi-Fi coverage within the Hall

Finally thank you all once again for your support and we look forward to the next year.

APPLETON THORN VILLAGE HALL FUND

CHARITY NUMBER 507976

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>Note</u> | <i>Unrestricted income</i> | <i>Restricted income</i> | <u>2023</u> £ TOTAL INCOME | <u>2022</u> £ TOTAL INCOME |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Hall Hire and Social Functions | | 20,567 | | 20,567 | 14,003 |
| Bar rent | | 7,637 | | 7,637 | 8,130 |
| Pool Table | | 1,353 | | 1,353 | 859 |
| Membership Subscriptions | | 10,319 | | 10,319 | 9,955 |
| Car park | | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Donations and fundraising | | 5,402 | | 5,402 | 2,688 |
| WBC Covid grants | 3 | | | 0 | 2,667 |
| Other grants | 8 | 8,178 | | 8,178 | 7,092 |
| Bank and Building Society Interest | | 168 | | 168 | 24 |
| Gift Aid | | 485 | | 485 | 30 |
| | | 54,109 | 0 | 54,109 | 45,448 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | | |
| Repairs and renewals | | 23,928 | 122 | 24,050 | 3,827 |
| Garden refurbishment | | 978 | | 978 | 5,944 |
| Cleaning and refuse | | 3,047 | | 3,047 | 9,395 |
| Rates, water, electricity and gas | | 13,784 | 2,627 | 16,411 | 7,298 |
| Telephone, postage and stationery | | 828 | | 828 | 796 |
| Accountancy fee | 4 | 250 | | 250 | 250 |
| Website and advertising | | | | 0 | 894 |
| Stripe charges | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | | 1,529 | | 1,529 | 1,436 |
| Miscellaneous | | 1,320 | | 1,320 | 60 |
| Fund raising costs | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Functions | | 1,726 | | 1,726 | 7,863 |
| Depreciation | | 1,754 | | 1,754 | 2,064 |
| | | 49,143 | 2,749 | 51,893 | 39,827 |
| NET INCOME | | 4,965 | -2,749 | 2,216 | 5,621 |
| Transfer between funds | 8 | | | | |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 4,965 | -2,749 | 2,216 | 5,621 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 84,940 | 9,066 | 94,006 | 88,385 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 89,905 | 6,317 | 96,222 | 94,006 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

| | | £ | £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | <u>Note</u> | <i>Unrestricted</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | TOTAL | TOTAL |
| Property | | 17,843 | | 17,843 | 17,843 |
| Land | | 10,897 | | 10,897 | 10,897 |
| Fittings and furnishings | | 7,511 | | 7,511 | 8,837 |
| Equipment | | 2,430 | | 2,430 | 2,859 |
| | 5 | 38,682 | 0 | 38,682 | 40,436 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Sundry debtor and Prepayment | 6 | 1,065 | | 1,065 | 1,018 |
| Bank account | | 19,461 | 757 | 20,218 | 24,497 |
| Savings account | | 32,787 | 5,560 | 38,347 | 30,020 |
| Cash in hand | | 50 | | 50 | 27 |
| | | 53,363 | 6,317 | 59,679 | 55,562 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Sundry creditors and accruals | 7 | 2,139 | | 2,139 | 1,992 |
| | | 2,139 | 0 | 2,139 | 1,992 |
| Net Current Assets | | 51,224 | 6,317 | 57,541 | 53,570 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 89,906 | 6,317 | 96,222 | 94,006 |
| REPRESENTED BY :- | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 8 | | | 6,317 | 6,400 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 89,906 | 87,606 |
| | | | | 96,222 | 94,006 |

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Signed on behalf of all trustees

Name

Signature

Date approved

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Change to accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Recognition of income | These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ the charity becomes entitled to the resources; ◆ it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources ◆ the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. |
| Offsetting | There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP) |
| Grants and donations | Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). |
| Government Grants | The charity has received government grants in the reporting period under the application of the Covid 19 government grant funding. |
| Tax reclaims on donations and gifts | Gift aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an additional to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. |
| Volunteer help | The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report. |
| Income from interest | This is included in the accounts upon receipt and the amount receivable can be measured reliably. |
| Income from membership subscriptions | Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities. |

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Liability recognition | Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. |
| Deferred income | No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts. |
| Creditors | The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. |
| Basic financial instruments | The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP. |

2.4 Assets

| | |
|---|---|
| Tangible fixed assets for use by charity | These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £300. They are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 5. |
| Debtors | Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received. |

Note 3 Analysis of receipt of government grants

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Covid 19 local restrictions support grants | 0 | 2,667 |

Note 4 Fees for certain items of expenditure

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Independent examiners fees | 250 | 250 |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|

Note 5 Fixed Assets

| | <u>Property</u> | <u>Land</u> | <u>Fittings & Furnishings</u> | <u>Equipment</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | | |
| At beginning of year | 50,650 | 10,897 | 21,179 | 9,546 | 92,272 |
| Additions | | | | | 0 |
| At end of year | 50,650 | 10,897 | 21,179 | 9,546 | 92,272 |
| Depreciation | | | | | |
| At beginning of year | 32,807 | | 12,342 | 6,687 | 51,836 |
| Charge for the year | | | 1,326 | 429 | 1,754 |
| At end of year | 32,807 | 0 | 13,668 | 7,116 | 53,590 |
| Net book value | | | | | |
| At beginning of year | 17,843 | 10,897 | 8,837 | 2,859 | 40,436 |
| At end of year | 17,843 | 10,897 | 7,511 | 2,430 | 38,682 |

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates:

Property - no depreciation has been charged as it is the opinion of the committee that with policy of continued maintenance the net realisable value would be in excess of the cost.

Fittings & Furnishings - 15% reducing balance basis

Equipment - 15% reducing balance basis

Land is not depreciated

Note 6 Sundry Debtors and prepayments

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Prepayments | 765 | 718 |
| Hall Hire | 300 | 300 |
| | 1,065 | 1018 |

Note 7 Sundry creditors and accruals

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Bar Expenses | 600 | 600 |
| Income received in advance of hall hire | 438 | 358 |
| Accruals | 1,101 | 1,034 |
| | <u>2,139</u> | <u>1,992</u> |

Note 8 Restricted funds movement

| Defibrillator reserve | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| brought forward | | 879 | 879 |
| Income : | Refund | | 92 |
| Expenses: | S Plass Pads. Etc | -122 | -132 |
| | | <u>757</u> | <u>839</u> |

| IBF Tree Fund | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grant Received | | 5,560 | 7,000 |
| Expenses : | Frank Matthews Trees | | -1,440 |
| | | <u>5,560</u> | <u>5,560</u> |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Appleton Thorn Village Hall Fund

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th September 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

507976

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2023**.

**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:

Paul Carty

Date:

21/03/2024

Name:

Paul Carty

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

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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.