

Chairmans Report 2023-24

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees Irene Bain, Dan Heaphy, Sue Plass, Rod Peterkin and Dewi Williams as well all the committee members new and old who have given up their time and supported the ATVH during this Year.

General running of the Hall: -

Unlike the previous summer period where refurbishment work was being carried out, the VH was open for business as usual. I'm very pleased to report that we had several very successful BBQ's as well as other small private events in the beer garden and field. We continue to miss the annual Bawming event that we used to host but we are very pleased that the event is still being successfully run at the school for the village children.

Membership: - this is now at its highest number ever at just over 680 with a mix of life, family, single, OAP and student levels to choose from. Well done Sue Plass for her work as membership secretary as this revenue is of vital importance to support investment projects for the Hall

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 and electricity return to more manageable rates.

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

The preschool continues to grow in numbers and is a major success. The rear courtyard has been adapted further by the addition of artificial grassed areas create to a safer play area.

October, November & December 2023

Successful events such as the annual beer festival, Xmas Fair and now traditional Xmas tree lighting were held and all were very well attended and most enjoyable, as was the members and guests New Years Eve party. It was great to see just how many locals turned out as the weather was not at its kindest. We raised more than £1500 towards our reserve funds for future inward investment.

Other activities include

New security camera fitted in the kitchen area in January, as well as replacement fencing and a new store area for the preschool by the beer garden.

In June the bar was awarded yet another distinguished honour by CAMRA so once again

well done to Derek, Alison and Chris and all the staff for the endeavors - you make us all very proud.

We held a clairvoyant evening in September which was well attended and helped raise around £160. The addition of new oak doors at the rear entrance has really finished off toilet refurbishments project in style.

We continue to have regular surgeries held by our local PCSO Colin Blancard so please feel free to discuss with him any issues you might have. HMP Thorn Cross continue to give us excellent support with our ground maintenance such as cutting hedges and grass and other activities for which we are very grateful.

Funds were raised and spent on the defibrillator unit with the replacement of batteries and pads. Our thanks go to David Wilson Homes and AT Village Choir for their donations.

The Hall continues to be a very invaluable asset for our local community and for our regular users such as Preschool, Atomic Theatre Dance Group, YOGA, Royal Vale String Orchestra. Brownies, Rainbows and of course the bar.

The Future

The continuation of our plan and commitment for inward investments

1. The roof continues to be of concern.
2. Further work to start on the replacement and upgrade of our surface drainage system starting in March until Easter. We are sorry if this work causes any inconvenience to the users but it is an essential project.
3. In July/August there will be refurbishment of our existing kitchen by new units and making better use of the area in general. A new boiler has already been installed
4. Expansion of our existing Wi-Fi coverage within the Hall(already completed)

These inward development projects are only possible because of the fund raising events and membership monies as well as successfully obtaining grants. We have been able to secure two grants of £20k and 10k

Ways to help and 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

Warrington Community Lottery Fund:

Buy tickets through our website and help support the VH to date we are averaging £65/month

Finally thank you all once again for your support as we look forward to the rest of this Year.

APPLETON THORN VILLAGE HALL FUND

CHARITY NUMBER 507976

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Note</u>	<i>Unrestricted income</i>	<i>Restricted income</i>	<u>2024</u> £ TOTAL INCOME	<u>2023</u> £ TOTAL INCOME
Hall Hire and Social Functions		18,243		18,243	20,568
Bar rent		12,242		12,242	7,637
Pool Table		1,639		1,639	1,353
Membership Subscriptions		8,767		8,767	10,319
Car park				0	0
Donations and fundraising		5,025	715	5,740	5,402
WBC Covid grants	3			0	0
Other grants	8			0	8,178
Bank and Building Society Interest				0	168
Gift Aid		45		45	485
		<hr/> 45,961	715	46,676	54,110
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Repairs and renewals		13,257	571	13,828	24,050
Garden refurbishment		1,795		1,795	978
Cleaning and refuse		2,396		2,396	3,047
Rates, water, electricity and gas		12,232		12,232	16,411
Telephone, postage and stationery		855		855	828
Accountancy fee	4	250		250	250
Website and advertising		816		816	0
Stripe charges				0	0
Insurance		1,551		1,551	1,529
Miscellaneous		50		50	1,320
Fund raising costs		5,750		5,750	0
Donations				0	0
Functions		583		583	1,726
Depreciation		1,491		1,491	1,754
		<hr/> 41,026	571	41,597	51,893
NET INCOME		<hr/> 4,935	144	5,079	2,217
Transfer between funds	8				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<hr/> 4,935	144	5,079	2,217
Total funds brought forward		<hr/> 87,689	6,317	96,223	94,006
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<hr/> <hr/> 92,624	6,461	101,302	96,223

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

		£	£	2024 £	2023 £
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		6,384		6,384	7,511
Equipment		2,066		2,066	2,430
	5	37,190	0	37,190	38,681
CURRENT ASSETS					
Sundry debtor and Prepayment	6	775		775	1,065
Bank account		21,225	901	22,126	20,218
Savings account		35,212	5,560	40,772	38,347
Cash in hand		690		690	50
		57,901	6,461	64,362	59,680
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals	7	250		250	2,139
		250	0	250	2,139
Net Current Assets		57,651	6,461	64,112	57,541
TOTAL ASSETS		94,841	6,461	101,302	96,222
REPRESENTED BY :-					
Restricted income funds	8			6,461	6,317
Unrestricted funds				94,841	89,906
				101,302	96,223

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

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>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Covid 19 local restrictions support grants	0	0

Note 4 Fees for certain items of expenditure

Independent examiners fees	250	250
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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		13,668	7,116	53,591
Charge for the year			1,127	365	1,491
At end of year	32,807	0	14,795	7,481	55,082
Net book value					
At beginning of year	17,843	10,897	7,511	2,430	38,681
At end of year	17,843	10,897	6,384	2,066	37,190

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>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Prepayments	775	765
Hall Hire	0	300

Note 7 Sundry creditors and accruals

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Bar Expenses	0	600
Income received in advance of hall hire	0	438
Accruals	250	1,101
	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 2,139

Note 8 Restricted funds movement

Defibrillator reserve		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
brought forward		757	879
Income :	Donation	715	
Expenses:	S Plass Pads. Etc	-571	-122
		<hr/> 901	<hr/> 757

IBF Tree Fund		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Brought Forward		5,560	5,560
Expenses :			
		<hr/> 5,560	<hr/> 5,560



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 2024	Charity no (if any)	507976
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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 / 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:** 05/06/2025

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.