

Trustees' Annual Report

Charity Name: Castleton Village Hall

Charity Number: 510482

Contact Information: Peter Rudsdale

Charity's Address: Castleton Village Hall, 7a High Street, Castleton, Whitby YO21 2EE

Charity Structure: Trust

Governing Documents: Scheme dated 02 May 1991, as amended by resolution dated 11 Jan 2017

Trustee Selection: Trustees are appointed annually at the AGM

We provide facilities for the whole community. The village hall is available to anybody to hire. Individuals and groups can book the hall for personal use e.g. parties and meetings. Weekly activities include coffee mornings which are run by local community groups, exercise classes, dance classes, choir and band practice sessions. The local school also uses the hall on a routine basis to deliver indoor PE sessions and for larger functions which the school cannot accommodate itself such as concerts and Christmas plays.

During 2024, the hall secured a £20,000 grant from Northern Power Grid which enabled the installation of solar panels to the roof of the hall and batteries. This has subsequently reduced the environmental impact of the hall as well as its running costs which will, in turn, support the hall in continuing to be an affordable and accessible community facility for all.

Trustees in the Year

Peter Rudsdale - Chair

David Eadington - Treasurer

Elizabeth Lillie

Christine Rudsdale

Christine Tarrant

Lesley Stonehouse

Philip Stonehouse

Joanne Kevan

Financial Review

Cash at the bank at the end of 2024 stood at £33,560.79 - much of which has been ringfenced to fund the next stage of the hall's refurbishment - namely a new heating system and asbestos removal.

The charity's most regular and reliable source of funds is receipts from hire of the hall and these are set to cover day-to-day running expenses of the charity. Any grants secured are used to improve the village hall for users. The village hall Trustees also regularly organise and run various fundraising events such as race nights, carol singing and treasure hunts which all provide further income for the hall.

Future Plans

The Trustees hope to arrange the installation of a new heating system to the village hall in the coming year. This will replace the existing outdated and inefficient system and, as well as providing a warm and welcoming venue, it will work alongside the solar panels to further reduce environmental impact and running costs. Within this same timeframe, the Trustees plan to arrange the removal of some asbestos from the hall which is a necessary, and costly, undertaking.

Castleton Village Hall Financial Report

Castleton Village Hall had a good year in 2024 with surplus of income over expenditure of £ 11,595.63. Grant income of £29,000 enabled a kitchen upgrade and installation of solar panels, which will help to mitigate high electricity costs in the future when final electrical work is completed. A closing balance of £33,560.79 will enable further work towards bringing the hall up to modern standards.

Castleton Village Hall Income

Bookings	3,709.18
Donations	484.59
Fundraising	922.50
Sundries	77.72
Grants	29,000.00
Cash Expenditure	143.94
TOTAL	34,337.93

Castleton Village Hall Expenditure

Water	171.64
Electric	2,578.74
Insurance	736.49
Repairs Etc. & Solar Panels instalation	18,381.52
Cleaning	490.82
Sundry	239.15
Cash Expenditure	143.94
TOTAL	22,742.30

Opening Balance (22 Jan 2024)	21,965.16
2024 Income	34,337.93
Less 2024 Expenditure	-22,742.30
Closing Balance (31 Dec 2024)	33,560.79

Assets at Year End

Village Hall Building	429,526
Contents	25,145
TOTAL	454,671

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Castleton Village Hall

Charity No: 510482

On accounts: year ending 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for year ending 31st December 2024. As the charity Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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.

Date: 8/10/25

Signed: 

Name: Marc Speight

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