



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name: **Criccieth War Memorial Hall**

Charity registration number: **511623**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision and maintenance of a Hall to further benefit the residents of Criccieth and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race of political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trustees observe the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and support and help promote all bookings for the hall's facilities whether from regular or new users. Encourage is also given for the establishment of fresh activities which improve and broaden the community's leisure and educational choices. The management committee has close ties with local schools. The list of regular social and port community events includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilates classes• Craft fairs• Yoga• “Starlight Players” – an amateur dramatic player group• Youth Club Other activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's parties• Wedding parties• Urdd (National Youth Group) Eisteddfod activities• Annual Criccieth Arts Festival Concerts

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polling station for local and national elections.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of Criccieth War Memorial Hall confirm they have reviewed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe the Hall to be aligned with this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>The Hall was pleased to see a return to growth in hall fees and income being derived from events at the hall, with a 42% increase in hall fees year on year.</p> <p>The Hall building is both a war memorial as well as a community centre, unique in that it was instigated personally by David Lloyd George, Prime Minister during the First World War, and it was he who laid the foundation stone in 1922. As a permanent memorial to the town war dead of the two major conflicts of the 20th century, the building holds sentiment to Criccieth families.</p> <p>The Hall celebrates its centenary in 2022 of the first stone being laid in the construction of the building, with a further celebration in 2024 to mark the</p>

		<p>opening of the hall's doors to the public for the first time. Centenary concerts and plays showing the history of the hall and Criccieth were completed in the summer of 2024 to a resounding success in the local community, with the audience spanning all generations. These activities have continued to drive improved engagement and the attention to the Hall, which the trustees hope will help the Hall gain further momentum as one of the largest venues for audiences in Gwynedd.</p> <p>Less intensive work was done to the structure of the building in 2023-24, due in part to fewer grants being awarded to the hall.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The hall in 2023-24 ended the year in a deficit, with £67k of income and £94k of expenditure.</p> <p>Income was lower year on year not due to the hall fees, which had an improvement year on year, but the number of grants that were granted to the hall, which fell from £35.5k in 2023 to £11.9k in 2024. In addition the amount of fund raising and donations were lower year on year which is a focus of the committee to drive forward engagement with the community to improve.</p> <p>In terms of expenditure, this increased to £94k from £72k in 2023. General maintenance slightly increased but the main driver of costs increases year on year were the costs of electricity and gas, which went up significantly when the hall's current tariffs ended.</p> <p>The Memorial Hall received £11,930 in grants during the financial year –The hall continues to immensely grateful for the continued support for the Hall through these organisations, with the fees being used for improvements to the hall.</p> <p>Donations were down year on year for a third year, and continues to be a focus for the committee in terms of growing and reversing a downward trend. Nevertheless, we are grateful for all donations and support provided to the Hall, from both regular payments and one-off exceptional donations.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Sums of cash belonging to the charity and not needed for immediate working purposes shall be invested in trust for the charity as per the Governing Document and with regards to the application of income.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£11,283</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>None.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Scheme
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Para 1.25	Elected and Nominated Members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Criccieth War Memorial Hall
Other name the charity uses	Neuadd Goffa Criccieth Memorial Hall
Registered charity number	511623
Charity's principal address	Neuadd Goffa Criccieth Memorial Hall High Street Criccieth Gwynedd LL52 0HB

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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

None.


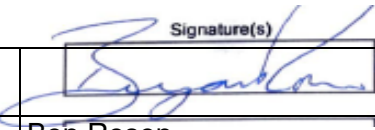
Other optional information

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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)			F
Full name(s)	Emily Catherine Rees	Ben Rosen	Ch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair	
Date	23/01/2024		

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 511623

Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31st March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening Bank Balances	38,940	29,163
<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
Hall Fees	40,013	28,867
Bar Income	11,296	4,462
County/Criccieth Council Grants	11,930	35,531
Fund Raising/Donations	3,121	13,225
Bank Interest	119	51
Total Income	<u>66,478</u>	<u>82,136</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Fundraising/Entertainment Costs	9,186	6,738
Door Security & Stage Tech	5,707	3,215
Bar Running	9,701	0
General Maintenance & Repairs	19,139	17,133
Caretakers	10,887	8,795
Insurances/Licenses	3,959	4,004
Electricity	9,532	1,498
Gas	8,304	4,939
Water Charges	1,456	1,124
Telephone/Wifi	1,359	941
Cleaning Materials	710	433
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0	0
Advertising costs	0	0
Gifts & Donations	50	2,630
Sundry Expenses/Mileage	5,000	3,159
Equipment Purchases	8,844	17,677
Event Floats	302	75
Total Expenditure	<u>94,135</u>	<u>72,361</u>
Excess Income/(Expenditure)	-27,656	9,775
Closing Bank Balances	<u>11,283</u>	<u>38,940</u>
Deposit A/c (Branch)	3,174	8,055
LMM a/c	0	0
Current A/c	8,109	30,885
	<u>11,283</u>	<u>38,940</u>


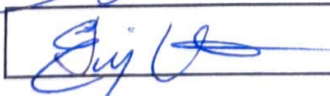
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

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B1 Cash Funds	Branch Deposit a/cs with HSBC	3,174
	Current Account with HSBC	8,109
	London Money Market HSBC	0
	Total Cash Funds	11,283
B2 Other Monetary Assets		
	Debtors – (Unpaid Hall Fees)	0
B3 Investment Assets		
		None
B4 Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
(At Trustees valuation)	Heritage Assets	101,000
(All at written Down Values)	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	34,402
	Bar & Kitchen Equipment	2,304
	Control Room/Lighting	29,064
	Sports & Cleaning Equipment	860
Total		167,630
B5 Liabilities		
		None

Signed by two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature(s)	Print Name	Date of Approval
	Chairman	2/9/24
	Treasurer	2/9/24

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees and Members of Criccieth Memorial Hall Charity No: 511623
on the accounts for year ending 31st March 2024 set out on Pages 2 & 3

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the charities act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act and
- to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

Sally Grinham

Date:

22/01/2025

Relevant professional qualification or body

ICAEW Chartered Accountant

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