

INCE BLUNDELL VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 512155

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Reference and administrative details

Ince Blundell Village Hall, 1 Victoria Road, Ince Blundell, Liverpool, L38 6JE is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.512155) and is an unincorporated association, constituted by a Deed of Trust, dated 11 November 1988

All the officials who served during the year covered by this report resigned at the end of the financial year 2024. This required a totally new governance and operational organisation to be created, all of which are on a steep learning curve. Therefore the officials named below are new but were serving on the date of the approval of this report:

Management Committee: Chrissy Pope (Chair);
(From May 2024) Chris Pope (Vice Chair);
Colette Birch (Secretary);
Mark Morley (Treasurer);
Marissa Court;
Gillian Booth;
Andrew Dalton;
George Wilson.

Trustees: Bob McCann (Chair);
(From April 2024) Damian Ashton;
Mike Mansour;
Stephen Mitchell;
Vacancy.

The Charity's bankers are: Barclays Bank, Bootle Merseyside Branch, Leicester, LE87 2BB.

The independent examiners are: NGS Accountancy Limited, 27 Holmwood Gardens, Liverpool, L371NR

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by its Trustees who appoint a Management Committee of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other individuals subject to approval by the inhabitants of the village, to run the Charity's administrative affairs. The Trustees include a nominated Trustee appointed by the Parish Council for a period of four years and the remaining Trustees are co opted Trustees appointed for a period of five years by the existing Trustees. All Trustees must be resident within the Parish of Ince Blundell and its immediate vicinity. Trustees are generally recruited by word of mouth but in the past a recruiting drive has also been undertaken by the distribution of a circular to all inhabitants of the village, which emphasised the need for more volunteers to help run the hall After appointment new Trustees are provided with copies of the Trust's formal documents and latest financial information together with pertinent literature from the Charities Commission.

Following the resignation of the previous officials action was taken by the Parish Council to nominate a Trustee as Chair who then co-opted a new group, leaving one vacancy for filling in the future following a settling in period. A new committee was then created and work began to reestablish income for the hall.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Ince Blundell and its immediate vicinity. Its aim is to provide first class hall facilities at an affordable cost to voluntary organisations serving the community. All general administrative work is undertaken by the Management Committee on a voluntary basis, for which they receive payment of out of pocket expenses where relevant. The charity's Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

A variety of local community groups make use of the Hall's facilities on a regular basis such as various church social and special interest groups, as well as local inhabitants of the Parish for personal celebrations and other activities including the use of the hall as a Polling Station. A lease was also agreed in 2019 for the use of the Hall on a regular basis by the Sunshine Centre, which is run by an organisation providing home help and companionship.

Financial Review

Last year's report painted quite a dismal picture for the future of the charity. Barely had the hall reopened after an extended period of closure then on 1st February 2024 it had to be closed once again due to a heating oil leak that caused fumes in the hall itself and a noticeable presence of heating oil around the fuel tank. This, coupled with all officers of the charity indicating that they intended to leave, left us in quite a dire and stressful predicament. With the real prospect of the charity having to close, the owner of the land on which the hall sits had been contacted by the trustees and had indicated that he was prepared to take legal advice in respect to the future of the land, and therefore the hall, should the charity have to cease, however this was something he hoped could be avoided. The Charity Commission had been advised and was fully aware of the situation.

Fortunately, with the funds in hand (£9984) and the monthly rent being received from the Sunshine Tea Rooms, there was sufficient to provide bare bones funding for the hall whilst the governance, with new trustees and a new working committee, could be established. This did take place but after the date that this report covers, suffice it to say, however, there is now new life being brought to the village hall and this will be reported in the next annual trustees report. The Charity Commission were notified of the changes in governance and, after following their advice, their case file was closed.

Bob McCann
Chair of Trustees

Date 30th January 2025

Damian Ashton
Trustee

Date 30 January 2025

Stephen Mitchell
Trustee

Date 30th January 2025



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Ince Blundell Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2024	Charity no (if any)	512155
Set out on pages	1-2		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

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:


- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Ince Blundell Village Hall		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

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					
Bar Sales	1,034	-	-	1,034	5,030
Donation	23,284	-	-	23,284	-
Rent, Hire of Hall	13,633	-	-	13,633	26,185
Refund	-	-	-	-	631
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	85
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,951	-	-	37,951	31,931
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,951	-	-	37,951	31,931
A3 Payments					
Bar	829	-	-	829	2,940
Repairs and maintenance	16,357	-	-	16,357	6,720
Major repairs	26,052	-	-	26,052	19,002
Electricity and oil	2,798	-	-	2,798	3,613
Event refunds	373	-	-	373	-
Sefton MBC	713	-	-	713	363
Insurance	1,156	-	-	1,156	1,123
Licences	160	-	-	160	555
Postage and stationery	162	-	-	162	282
Sundries	181	-	-	181	-
Telephone	271	-	-	271	210
Water	3,434	-	-	3,434	1,118
Event costs	-	-	-	-	1,460
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	1,500
New equipment	-	-	-	-	9,059
Sub total	52,485	-	-	52,485	47,945
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,485	-	-	52,485	47,945
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,534	-	-	- 14,534	- 16,014
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,518	-	-	24,518	40,532
Cash funds this year end	9,984	-	-	9,984	24,518