

**PELSALL CIVIC SOCIETY**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER 514854**

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**Structure, Governance and Management:**

The constitution of Pelsall Civic Society originally adopted in January 1971 and amended in April 1983, outlines the governance arrangements for the charity and the eligibility and selection process by which trustees are appointed.

The governance of the charity is conducted through the board of elected trustees who give of their time freely and are responsible for the overall control and decision making of the charity to achieve the charity's stated objectives.

They meet when required and new trustees follow an induction process to introduce them to their role, after eligibility to serve as a charity trustee has been duly checked.

The trustees are also able to co-opt and appoint new trustees to assist with the governance and management of the charity.

The charity does not employ staff and relies solely on the support of its trustees and volunteers to the development and delivery of services and activities.

**Objectives and Activities of the Charity**

As identified in its constitution the charity was established to:

- Promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of Pelsall Village.
- Raise awareness in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Pelsall Village.
- Secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Pelsall Village.

The charity operates within the parameters laid down within its constitution and standing orders and does so without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, or of political or religious opinions.

**Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when examining their aims, objectives and future plans of the organisation.

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**Achievements and Performance**

The charity has continued to work in close partnership with Manor Farm Community Association and Walsall Council; the benefits of which include the accommodation for the charity at Pelsall Activity Centre.

Here, the charity operates a local History Centre for Pelsall and collects, maintains, and displays artefacts, documents and photographs relating to the history of Pelsall for over 1,000 years.

The Centre is open to the public free of charge on three days a week (Mondays 12 -3pm, Thursdays 3-6pm and Saturdays 11am – 4 pm) and volunteers also provide support and assistance from the Centre for anyone wanting to explore their ancestry.

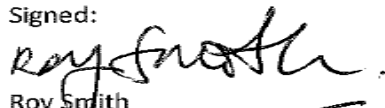
The Centre is also used by local schools as an educational resource and visits are arranged for children to learn about the history of Pelsall and how daily life has changed over the years.

Covid regrettably suspended these activities but the Centre reopened again for public access in April 2022.

**ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

OPENING BALANCE 1ST OCTOBER 2023	<b>£43076.29</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Donations	£200
Legacies	£0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£43276.29</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
Internet	£356.61
Ancestry Subscriptions	£119.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£476.60</b>
Closing balance 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>£42799.69</b>

Signed:



Roy Smith  
Trustee  
Pelsall Civic Society