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The Audio – Visual Project - the Modernization of the Village Hall Electrical System

**Thwaites Village Hall and Playing
Fields
ANNUAL REPORT
1 Feb 23 – 31Jan 2024
Charity Number 520347**



1. TRUSTEES OF THWAITES VILLAGE HALL



Elected

One Ex-officio (by virtue of his office) member being the Rector for the time being of the Parish of Thwaites

1. Vacancy

Nine Elected Members elected at the AGM

1. David Savage (Chair) Officer
2. Chris Gibson (Vice-Chair) Officer
3. Melanie Wright (Secretary) Officer
4. Sue Pyne (Treasurer) Officer
5. Sue Gibson
6. Vacancy
7. Lin Tyson
8. Jeff Benson
9. Vacancy

Three Co-optative Members appointed by the Committee, as they think fit, at a committee meeting

1. Colin Faulkner
2. Terry Wright
3. Bella Howse

Twelve Representative Members, one to be appointed by each of their organisations

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| 1. St Anne's Church Parochial Church Council | Vacancy |
| 2. Millom Without Parish Council | Mark Kitchingman |
| 3. Thwaites County Primary School | Vacant |
| 4. Thwaites Women's Institute | Helen Chew |
| 5. Millom & Broughton Agricultural Society Show Committee | Vacancy |
| 6. Thwaites Sports Club | Bill Nelson (Table Tennis) |

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constituted
How the charity is constituted	Scheme made by Secretary for Education and Science under section 18 of the Charities Act 1960
Trustee selection methods	Nine elected members, twelve representative members and one ex-officio. Three co-optative members can be appointed

Additional governance issues

As highlighted above the selection of Trustees from within Millom Without Parish allow for up to 9 elected Trustees. Twelve other representatives from local organizations are user bodies. It should be noted six of the twelve organizations do not exist as stated in the constitution as set out in 1967.

Three Cooptative members are appointed by the committee as they think appropriate to support the objects and activities of the Village Hall. These appointments can be made at the Committee Meeting.

The Charity is supported by several volunteer groups which support fundraising activities, maintenance and estate management.

Each Committee Meeting will address both short- and long-term risks which impact on the work of the Village Hall, including financial issues.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the Foundation shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall and playing field for the use of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Millom Without and Thwaites and the neighborhood (hereinafter called “the area of benefit”) without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (including within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Key activities which support the objects of Thwaites Village Hall and Playing Fields:

- Maintenance Team and Estate Volunteers continue to support the long-term infrastructure of the facilities offered by this Charity
- Various Sporting Clubs and Community Groups – including Table Tennis, Bowling, Tennis and Badminton, Women’s Institute continue to use the Hall and the Grounds
- Active Social Committee through annual events such as the Gala.
- Bonfire Night and Tabletop sales bring in much needed income to both maintain the Hall and Grounds and invest in new services.
- Community Lunch provide an invaluable service to residents who can come together and enjoy each other’s company
- The Hall acts as an Emergency Shelter and its role is identified in the Local Emergency Plan
- Provision of a Toddler Group within the setting of an isolated rural community.
- Hosts various events such as the Local Cumbria Wildlife Trust to deliver talks and presentations.

The Trustees focus on the above activities and are illustrative of the public benefits this Charity delivers to its local community.



Volunteers make the difference.

Our Volunteers are the foundation stone of the Village Hall and Playing Fields. Without community support, this facility would struggle to operate in an environment where costs can be unpredictable and the response of the local volunteers to be on hand to take on maintenance work, which again means we can continue to run a viable community facility, open and inclusive to all.



4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year 23-24

- 2023/24 has been an active year for The Village Hall, with many activities that continue to put the Village Hall at the “heart” of the community.
- Another successful **Bonfire Night** draw in a supportive community and with the lifting of Covid restrictions, gave this event a real lift to bring back many more people to the Village Hall.
- The return of the Annual Gala was a highlight for this year with a new approach to the pricing policy proved successful in supporting families as they face the on-going “cost of living crisis”.
- The Village Hall has partnered with **Millom Environment Group** to host the re-wilding of part of the Playing Fields to help support local engagement on environment matters and support educational initiatives.
- The **E-Charger facility** continues to be used, particularly by both visitors and tourists who have welcomed this facility given the small-scale implementation of chargers in our area. This service promotes economic activity in our area and builds confidence as the E-Charging Infrastructures continues to evolve.
- **The Parent Toddler Group** Continues to attract well over 15 young children each week and the relationship with Thwaites Village School continues to grow in a supportive way and provides a broader activity schedule for the Toddlers.
- **The Village Hall is continuing to deliver to Monthly Community Lunch as part of extending the reach of the Hall into the community.**
- **The Village Hall has been successful in being awarded a significant grant to install Audio-Visual Equipment in both the Main Hall and the Meeting Room. Within this financial year, the Project has started some significant enabling work to ensure the electrical system has been both modernised and is future proofed to enable any new developments in the future. This project will be reported over two financial years and so within this current reporting year, we have seen this significant project for the Village Hall.**
- **The AV project is part of an ongoing transformation programme for the Village Hall, and we look forward to extending our reach into the community and offer new services and opportunities as we start on this significant implementation programme.**

- The Hall continues to host a **range of sporting events** including bowling club, fitness classes and table tennis, and the use of the outdoor tennis field.
- We are also proud that we offer a Tennis Court – free to all users and this again attracts several committed users.
- The Hall attract many users – Birthday Parties, Meetings (e.g. Parish Council), Family celebrations, Thwaites School in hosting special events, Young Farmers to name but a few – we are grateful for their support.
- The Village Hall Committee is **proud of its achievements** and will continue to focus on its priorities on the community needs for the following year.
- **The Play Park** – developed by Millom Without Parish Council and hosted by the Village Hall Playing Fields continues to attract many children and families to the Village Hall. The Playing Fields which includes a Sports England approved football pitch has also come back to life in supporting active lifestyles and improved well-being for all users.

David Savage, Chair, Thwaites Village Hall Committee

Audio Project – Start of Implementation





5.FINANCIAL AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2024

Charity Number 520347

THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

Registered Charity Number 520347

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Ian Scott B.A. (Hons) FCA DChA
Independent examiner
Saint & Co. Chartered Accountants
12/13 Church Street
Whitehaven
CA28 7AY

7 May 2024

THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 January 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Income</u>			
100 Club	In 1,527		
	Out <u>810</u>		
	Surplus 717	-	717
Sports Hire	4,375	-	4,375
School/Party Hire	776	-	776
Hall Hire	1,321	-	1,321
Social Group	477	-	477
Annual Gala	3,415	-	3,415
Bonfire/Fireworks	4,444	-	4,444
Wayleave & other	75	-	75
Grants	-	63,600	63,600
Sundry	400	-	400
COIF Interest	320	-	320
COIF Dividends	<u>1,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,009</u>
	17,329	63,600	80,929
			22,920
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Electricity and Rates	3,138	-	3,138
Cleaning	1,144	-	1,144
Insurance & licenses	1,682	-	1,682
Internet	426	-	426
Repairs and Renewals	5,375	-	5,375

Gala	685	-	685	1,331
Donations	500	-	500	-
Fireworks	2,729	-	2,729	2,548
Legal and Professional	900	-	900	-
Audio Visual Room	-	30,100	30,100	-
Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	117
Accountancy Fee	372	-	372	354
Sundry Expenses	<u>275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>1,376</u>
	17,226	30,100	47,326	18,823
Surplus on Revaluation on Investment	<u>619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>19,946</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds	£722	£33,500	£34,222	£24,043

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 January 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds B/fwd	73,519	-	73,519	53,149
Net movement in funds owed to Bowling Club	<u>173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>(3,673)</u>
Total Funds C/fwd	74,414	33,500	107,914	73,519
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THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

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Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

	Note	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
Accumulated Funds brought forward			73,519		53,149
Surplus/(Deficit) for year			34,222		24,043
Movement in Funds owed to Bowling Club			173		(3,673)
			<u> -</u>		<u> -</u>
Accumulated Funds carried forward					
Unrestricted Funds		74,414			
Restricted Funds	1	<u>33,500</u>			
			£107,914		£73,519
			=====		=====
 <u>Investments at Valuation 2024 Cost</u>					
COIF Investment Fund		2,355		2,186	
COIF Fixed Income		<u>36,702</u>		<u>36,252</u>	
			39,057		38,438
 <u>Cash Funds</u>					
COIF Account		6,605		5,276	
Creditors – Bowling Club Funds		(3,500)		(3,673)	
NatWest Current Account		65,669		33,385	
NatWest 100 Club Account		1		1	
Petty Cash		<u>82</u>		<u>92</u>	
			68,857		35,081
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THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

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Notes to Financial Statements as at 31 January 2024

1. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 January 2024 £
General funds	73,519	18,121	17,226	74,414
	73,519	18,121	17,226	74,414
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	At 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 January 2023 £
General funds	53,149	42,866	22,496	73,519
	53,149	42,866	22,496	73,519
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Restricted funds

	At 1			At
	February			31 January
	2023	Income	Expenditure	2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund - Audio	-	63,600	30,100	33,500
Visual Room	=====	=====	=====	=====

	At			At
	1 February			31 January
	2022	Income	Expenditure	2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund – Audio				
Visual Room	-	-	-	-
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2. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	77,914	33,500	111,414
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,500)	-	(3,500)
Net assets	74,414	33,500	107,914

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	77,192	-	77,192
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,673)	-	(3,673)
Net assets	73,519	-	73,519

**THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL
MAINTENANCE FUND**

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2024

THE MILLOM WITHOUT AND THWAITES VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE FUND**Statement of Affairs as at 31 January 2024**

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
As at 31 January 2023		3,327		2,872
<u>Add</u> Income for the year:				
Dividends from COIF Income Shares	384		415	
Interest on COIF Deposit Account	<u>194</u>		<u>40</u>	
		<u>578</u>		<u>455</u>
		3,905		3,327
COIF				
Investments at Market Value:				
60.19 Income Shares	1,192		1,130	
704 COIF Income Shares	<u>13,947</u>		<u>13,221</u>	
		15,139		14,351
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Available Funds		£19,044		£17,678
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