

CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Finances

2023/24 was a year of volatile price increases with several Miners' Welfare Trusts closing across the country.

Room hire costs were increased to meet operational and utility bills, but it is still challenging setting competitive pricing, as we are not financially supported by the local council.

Projects

The Main Hall building was painted throughout to keep it fresh and tidy.

A former St Johns training building was returned to the trust. The trustees decided to update the building to the required standards for hiring out.

The refurbishment through grants was a strategic move that will significantly enhance the site for the community. Since January 2024, the upgraded facility has been operational, providing a fresh source of income. This not only demonstrates effective use of funding but also reflects a commitment to improving local community engagement. The successful launch of this project serves as an inspiring example for similar initiatives.

This also provided the opportunity for our first venture into fuel sustainability by installing solar power and battery storage.

A Bowling Club seeking a new venue has secured the future of our bowling at Hillstown by maintaining the green for us. In exchange they are able to use the green and pavilion during their outdoor season.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the growing number of volunteers helping across the site in several areas, gardening, litter picking, and events, enabling it to be run successfully for Hillstown and the surrounding area.

Policies.

All its existing policies have been revised to ensure they are up to date. In addition, **new policies** have been developed and adopted to cover Complaints and Charity Reserves.

Overall, we continue to keep the site relevant for community use and engagement, in what continues to be challenging and uncertain times.

John King: Chair.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Hillstoun miners welfare Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024 Charity no (if any): 520546

Set out on pages

3 attached (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 28/5/24

Name: FJ Accountants Limited

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Practising Accountant

Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust

1/4/23-31/3/24 1/4/22-31/3/23 1/4/23-31/3/24 1/4/22-31/3/23

PROFIT AND LOSS

INCOME

Bank Interest	31	17		
Room & Facilities Hire	38,068	30,781		
Grants received (restricted)				
Bolsover DC Business Support		450		
DCC - Memory Café	712			
Derbyshire County Council	1,000	1,600		
Duke of Devonshire		8,000		
DVA Cost of Living		864		
DVA HW Grant	4,750	200		
Football Foundation Fence		17,464		
Football Foundation Goal Posts	928			
Groundwork (Tesco) Grant		1,000		
Local Giving Grant		500		
National Grid Grant		7,375		
National Lottery Community Fund	40,480	40,480		
National Lottery Local Connections	10,000			
Police and Crime Commissioner	3,368			
Postcode Places Trust	17,255			
Rotary Club	500			
Scarcliffe Parish Council	2,500			
Sports England Mens Fitness		1,850		
The Blakemore Foundation	100	250		
Misc	0	1,197		

Total 119,692 112,028

Net Profit/ (Loss) 5,245 -4,890

BALANCE SHEET

	At 31/3/24	At 31/3/23
Retained income b/f	73,657	78,547
Net profit/(loss)	5,245	-4,890
Retained income c/f	78,903	73,657
Cash at bank - Restricted	33,116	25,578
Cash at bank - Unrestricted	44,710	48,164
Petty cash	16	16
Debtors	1,302	0
Deposits held	-240	-100
Total	78,903	73,657

EXPENDITURE

Accounts	390		
Admin	139		
Alarm System	279		
Cleaning Supplies	815	710	
Computer Software	148		
DBS	36		
Electricity (Garden Room)	1,221	341	
Electricity (Pavillion)	807	132	
Electricity (Village Hall)	1,615	1,346	
Equipment	76	1,105	
Fire Alarm	610		
Gas (Village Hall)	1,480	1,317	
Garden room spend	15,518		
Gifts	125	50	
Grant Spending	65,914	74,684	
Grass cutting	1,253	1,154	
Insurance	5,759	5,117	
Phone/Broadband	536	422	
Planning	108	293	
PRS for music	800	0	
Rates	207	443	
Repairs & Maintenance	8,105	17,014	
Salaries	5,599	4,528	
Stationery	393	255	
Subscriptions/ Memberships/Licen	35	1,241	
Travel	30	82	
Waste collection	1,526	1,548	
Water	864	1,075	
Website	58	58	
Window Cleaner		480	
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

James

Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust

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