Hillstown Miners' Welfare Trust

Registered Charity: 520546
AGM 7th September 2026

Report and Financial Statements
For the year covering 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust.

Trustees.

Trustee and chair:	John King
Trustees:	Alison James
	Francis Audis
	Carol Berry
	Susan Garfoot
	Kevin Bates
	Susan Beddow (April 2026)

Registered office:	Hillstown Village Hall
	12 Nesbit Street
	Hillstown
	Bolsover
	S44 6LW

Accounts:	FJ Accountants Ltd. Bolsover

OBJECT OF THE CHARITY

The Hillstown Miners Welfare trust serves the inhabitants of Hillstown, Bolsover, Derbyshire and the surrounding area.
The object of the charity is the provision of recreational facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
The Trustees ensure that the buildings are fit for purpose and that sufficient funds are raised to maintain them for public benefit and further the object of the charity.
The objects are achieved by way of hall hire, fund raising, donations and grants.

FINANCE & RESERVES

Current Account (Daily Running Costs)

Adequate funds to be maintained in the current account for daily operational requirements and salaries.

Permanent Endowment:

A £65,000 Deposit Account constitutes a restricted 'Permanent Endowment'. Any interest can be withdrawn and used.

Zero Carbon Fund (ZCF)

A Zero Carbon Fund, set up for a new build community hall.
ZCF is recorded as '**Hillstown New Hall Fund'** and currently stands at £50,000 and is recorded as a 'Designated Fund'.

It was decided the Permanent Endowment and Zero Carbon Fund be placed in an interest savings account.

Reserves Policy

Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust continue to set aside reserves for urgent or serious disruption to its charitable work. This is reviewed every year and is currently set at 6 months running costs, plus £10,000 to cover any emergencies on the aging hall**.**
January 2026, reserves were set at £40,000

RISKS

The charity assesses its risks and will act to reduce them. Risks include:

Reduction in grant availability to sustain current services.
Increased running costs: Utilities, salaries, maintenance and repairs to old hall.
Fire risks due to climate change over the summer in nearby fields.
Attempted break-ins were recorded.
*Policies and assessments are reviewed annually.

CHAIRS REPORT 2025-26

Despite another year of uncertainty, rising running costs and utility prices, Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust has remained resilient and focused on serving the local community. The Trust's commitment to supporting recreation, sport and community activity remains strong, and demand for the facilities continues to demonstrate the important role the site plays for the area's clubs and groups.

Financial Viability

We completed the 2025-26 financial year in a stable position. While operational costs increased, revenue generated from the Garden Room met expectations and occupancy is fair. However, increased repairs and energy expenses coupled with inadequate insulation in the Main Hall have posed notable challenges.

As the site's finances have become more complex, the Trust has outsourced its accounting and moved to accruals-based reporting. The new online accounting platform will give trustees real-time access to financial information and usage trends, supporting more informed decision-making.

Scarcliffe Parish Council.

The Parish Council proposed leasing a plot of trustee land for 25 years. However, they did not accept the independent RICS valuation, a requirement of the Charity Commission. As a result, the proposal was declined.

Since then, the Trust has developed plans for a new community hall to support its long-term sustainability in line with Government Carbon Reduction targets.

Grants.

We have secured several grants over the year allowing us to continue with our carbon reduction plan to implement improvements for the period covering 2026-2027. We continue to support the Warm Space initiative over the year providing a free warm and welcoming space for Soup and Chat for the Hillstown residents.

Staffing

Staffing levels are planned to be reduced in response to ongoing financial pressures. The Trust is undertaking a full staffing review in line with affordability.

Main Hall (Future-Plans)

The survey conducted in 2024 identified the substantial cost bringing the old Main Hall into compliance with Government standards. After thorough consideration, the trustees

determined that a retrofit would not be financially feasible. The predominantly wooden structure was originally intended as a temporary solution and had an anticipated lifespan of only four years. Ongoing maintenance and repairs have impacted on our running costs. The Trust is presently exploring the viability of replacing the Hall.
In 2025, outline plans were drawn up and submitted to Bolsover District Council for Pre-planning advice. There were no objections to scale and design of a proposed new development subject to meeting certain requirements.

We have created the **Hillstown New Hall Fund,** to help fulfil our pledge for a new hall. By the end of this fiscal year, the restricted fund will be £50,000 and has been deposited in an interest-bearing account.

Hire Costs
Due to inflation and increased operational expenses, hire fees were modestly raised. Local not-for-profit organisations and charities continue to benefit from discounted rates.

Occupancy Rates
Our online booking data shows an increased fluctuation in bookings by local clubs and groups. The Village Hall site is currently supporting 45 local clubs and groups, including 12 that hold weekly events, demonstrating its importance as a vital community resource for the area.

Volunteers
We extend our sincere gratitude to all trustees and volunteers who have contributed to the continued operation of the hall, helping with grant applications and keeping the centre viable for the community. We warmly welcome additional local volunteers.

Chair: John King.
AGM: 7th September 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Charity Name: Hillstown Miners Welfare Trust

On accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2026. **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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: Jansen **Date:** 05/06/2026

Name: Fiona Jansen – FJ Accountants Ltd

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

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Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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

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PROFIT AND LOSS

	1/4/25 -31/3/26	1/4/24 -31/3/25
INCOME		
Bank Interest	1,602	17
Room & Facilities Hire	51,565	53,259
Events Party	8,579	0
Grants received (restricted)		
BCVS - Memory café	0	936
Derbyshire CC- Memory Café	0	250
Duke of Devonshire	0	4,000
DVA HW Grant	0	2,800
DVA Small Grants	1,400	500
Erewash Voluntary Small Grant	0	5,000
Mansfield Building Society	250	0
Masonic Chattiable MFC	0	500
National Lottery Community Fund	40,480	40,480
National Lottery Grant	20,000	14,950
Nottingham Trent	300	300
Preston Day - Memory Cafe	1,000	0
Provincial Grand Lodge	0	500
Rotary Club	150	444
Sports England	5,000	0
The Blakemore Foundation	400	260
Total income	**130,726**	**124,196**
Net (Loss)/Profit	**45,981**	**29,308**
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	1/4/25 -31/3/26	1/4/24 -31/3/25
EXPENDITURE		
Accounts	511	200
Admin	0	275
Café	952	1,000
Classes	6,423	6,000
Cleaning Supplies	830	808
Computer Software	278	358
Donations made	180	180
Gifts - Staff and Volunteers	211	185
Insurance	4,019	6,170
Phone & Broadband	619	629
Stationery & Printing	508	335
Subscriptions/ Memberships / Licenses	618	343
Training	61	0
Website	130	50
Salaries, NI and Pension	47,513	57,411
Alarm System	672	1,260
Fire Alarm	630	610
Health & Safety	252	0
Equipment expensed	3,978	870
Fuel for equipment	88	41
Garden Room Spend	0	1,433
Repairs, Maintenance & Building Costs	5,360	5,860
Grass & Hedge cutting	1,740	1,670
Electricity	2,441	3,839
Gas	1,717	1,591
Rates	742	427
Waste collection	1,506	1,673
Water	2,767	1,670
Total expenses	**84,746**	**94,888**

BALANCE SHEET

	At 31/3/26	At 31/3/25
Retained income b/f	182,587	153,279
Net loss/ (profit)	45,981	29,308
Retained income c/f	**228,568**	**182,587**
Cash at bank - Restricted	44,627	64,908
Cash at bank - Unrestricted	182,074	117,221
Debtors	3,437	658
Creditors	-870	0
Income received in advance	-499	0
Deposits held	-200	-200
Total	**228,568**	**182,587**

Signed *Fiona Jansen*
FJ Accountants Ltd

Date 05/06/2026