

ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1011360

Details

Other names ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL, ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND, ALLENDALE VILLAHE HALL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-05-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION.

Activities: To provide a meeting place, and recreation ground, for local community activities and pastimes and therefore to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ALLENDALE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£117,670	£117,898	-	-
2024-01-31	£56,076	£42,915	-	-
2023-01-31	£46,271	£50,786	-	-
2022-01-31	£14,598	£14,634	-	-
2021-01-31	£19,177	£17,630	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Timothy Milsom		2025-01-22
Catherine Stirling Hill		2016-04-27
Christine Garner		2019-04-24
Christopher John Bonsall		2023-04-19
DR STEPHANIE ATKINSON		
Dorothy Elizabeth Collier		2018-04-25
Elizabeth Sandison		2018-04-25
Gillian Amanda Charlton		2018-04-25
Jenifer Miriam Hatto		2024-10-23
Jennifer Farley		2025-05-27
John Alexander Lindsay Hill		2020-06-24
Kerry Crellin		2022-09-28
Laura Ruth Charlron		2026-04-22
MARGARET STONEHOUSE		

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Overview

Our audited accounts to 31/1/25 show an operating loss of approx. £2000 but adjusting for the late payment of electricity bills in 23/24 this reduces the loss to approx £1350

To put this in context, within the year we've undertaken many essential repairs and improvements – most notably those items which were not grant aided included
Plumbing works (£1900 –initial payment) Repairs to Fire Alarm (£1639) Repairs to Facia & Guttering (£1500) Repairs to Roof (£1100) Electrical Repairs/Improvements (£954)
We also laid new bark chippings in the Recreation Ground (£5474 less the £935 raised through a Crowdfunder) and a new cooker (£3000 less donations from Meet & Eat - £1200 and the Parish Council - £500))

Our end of year cash balance – after adjusting for monies held on behalf of Meet and Eat and the Youth Club – is £35,994

Receipts

The combined income from User Groups & Hall Hire has seen an increase of £3512 (approx 44%) over the previous year. This is due both to more bookings and a revised pricing structure.

The Gross Profit from Catering is 72% and has increased by £1474 over the previous year
The Gross Profit from the Bar is 55% and has increased by £1853 over the previous year
Together, the Bar and Catering have made a combined net contribution of £11,395 compared to £8068 the previous year.

There have also been significant increases in the gross income from the Film Club, Interest Received and Donations. Grants received include £1088 from NCC towards the Basketball hoop, a grant of £1200 from Northern Power Grid via CAN for the Warm Hub, and the following grants from the Lottery Community Spaces Partnership also administered by CAN: £2799 for the Small Hall insulation, £545 for shelving and £878 for refurbishment of the Green Room toilet. This current financial year we have also received £2278 towards the installation of sustainable lighting in the Small Hall.

Expenditure

Electric – After adjusting for the late payment of bills – the actual increase in the cost of electricity from the previous year is £1515 (up 54%). This is due to the ending of a fixed rate tariff agreement and the subsequent increase in electricity prices.

Employment Costs – have increased by £2545 (61%) This is due to the employment of a new caretaker who has taken on more responsibility and as a consequence works more hours. The Parish Council have agreed to increase their contribution to the Village Hall from £500pa to £3000pa to help towards covering this additional cost.

Looking Ahead

This current year, as well as the continuing maintenance and upkeep of the Hall and Recreation Ground, there are two important issues which need to be addressed:

The play equipment in the Recreation Ground was installed in 2008 and, following an inspection last November, much of it is in need of repair before it deteriorates further We are also looking at the possibility of replacing the bark chippings with a rubberised surface.

We have had an engineer's report on the balcony overlooking the Recreation Ground and urgent repairs are required but we are also looking at the possibility of replacing the whole balcony

We are hoping to get grants to help towards these not insubstantial costs – but in addition we are launching the *Friends of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground* which will give individuals the opportunity to help with the upkeep of our ageing facilities by making regular payments. In return we are offering behind the scenes updates and information and occasional social events.

ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st January 2025

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2024</u>
User Groups hall hire	6300.50	3707.00	Water	1044.00	894.00
Hall Hire	5200.00	4281.00	Electricity*	4986.11	2152.71
AVH Group Donations (Film Club)	2990.00	1981.20	Heating Oil & Gas	2688.01	2919.23
Fawside rent	2604.00	2604.00	Employment Costs	6719.60	4174.00
AONB office rent	0.00	0.00	Cleaning materials	1336.90	642.11
Bar takings	12587.49	10673.37	Servicing & Testing	92.46	164.40
Catering Income	6207.05	4058.21	Maintenance & Repairs	15073.25	2294.33
Interest	1703.49	743.55	Internet	378.59	402.22
Highlights Theatre	720.00	959.00	Bar Expenses	5631.80	5570.64
Sundry income	30.00	31.89	Catering Expenses	1768.13	1093.77
Donations	3980.07	1751.00	Advertising	0.00	15.00
Grants - AVH	6990.25	12519.00	Insurance	2569.36	2461.02
Youth Club Income	2375.00	1785.00	Donations	0.00	210.00
Meet & Eat	12706.00	10581.00	Highlights Theatre	532.80	852.80
Events	976.00	401.00	Accountant	240.00	192.00
YIF Grant	52300.88		Licences	1338.30	961.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	117670.73	56076.22	Sundry Expenses	383.88	759.69
Excess of Receipts over payments	-£227.43	£13,161.21	Capital Expend/Equipment	5263.35	584.41
Excluding Meet & Eat & YIF	-£2,021.22	£7,198.31	Meet & Eat	11046.09	4618.10
Cash Balance			Events	436.28	434.00
Lloyds Accounts	£9,325.29	£21,256.21	CAN Expenditure	4202.25	11519.00
COIF Deposit Fund	£36,383.94	£24,680.45	YIF Grant	52167.00	
TOTAL	£45,709.23	£45,936.66	TOTAL PAYMENTS	117898.16	42915.01
Less Meet & Eat & YIF	£9,714.69	£7,920.90			
Net Cash Balance	£35,994.54	£38,015.76			

* 2024 total does not include payments for November & December usage - £335.86 & £324.00
The actual cost of electric for the 12months to Jan 2025 = £4326



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Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground

**Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts
to Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground**

In accordance with your instructions we have independently examined, without carrying out an audit, the attached Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st January 2025 based upon the books and records and information and explanations supplied to us.

In connection with our examination no matters have come to our attention:

1. Which give reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a) To keep reasonable accounting records have not been met
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28 March 2025

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NOTES ON ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2024

This is the first year that the **Warm Hub** has fully featured in our accounts. Although the Warm Hub operates independently, it comes under the umbrella of the Village Hall and it doesn't have a separate bank account. Due to several successful grant applications and generous donations the Warm Hub is showing a healthy cash balance of £7,920.

Discounting the Warm Hub, our overall cash balance is **£38,015**. The Village Hall made a **surplus of £7198** compared to a **loss of £6473** the previous year despite not having the benefit of the ANOB rent (£2,000) – although the previous year did include a costs of £10416 for drainage works in the Recreation Ground, £6744 for canopy blinds and £1352 for new curtain tracking rail

Receipts

User Groups – the fall in income is largely due to the cessation of Boot Club and a late payment from the Scouts for the Spring Term 2024. This payment will show in the current year's accounts.

New hire rates have been applied from 1st January 2024 to reflect our increase in costs.

Hall Hire - the fall in income is due to fewer functions eg y/e 31/1/23 = 5 Weddings y/e 31/3/24 = 1 wedding

Bar Takings – the fall in bar takings is again due to fewer functions

Catering Income – despite fewer functions, the increase in catering income reflects the fact that we provided more catering for those functions we did have.

Interest – the increase in interest received is due to the general increase in interest rates and the opening of an easy access high interest account

Donations – the increase in donations is largely due to contributions from the Warm Hub for heating, electric and use of the kitchen and hall

Grants – the bulk of the grants is from CAN for the new doors, windows & bi-folds

Youth Club – the increase in income reflects an increase from 1 night per week to 2nights.

Expenditure

Electricity – the figure does not include November & December usage. For comparison the total cost is actually £2812 – an increase of 24% on the previous year

Servicing & Testing – the previous year included £627 to Eletratest for an electrical inspection. Also some of the servicing costs for y/e 31/1/23 have been absorbed into Maintenance & Repairs

Maintenance & Repairs – This figure includes repairs to the boiler, the dishwasher, the glass washer and the toilets

Bar Expenses – y/e 31/1/23 Gross Profit = 48% y/e 31/1/22 Gross Profit = 49%

Catering Expenses - y/e 31/1/23 GP = 73% y/e 31/1/22 GP = 32%
This increase in gross profit reflects more realistic pricing

LOOKING AHEAD

During the year we had to negotiate a new electricity contract. Overall we can anticipate an approximate increase of 35% on our previous billing.

A new caretaker has been appointed with increased hours as he has been assigned additional duties. The additional cost will be approximately £2500 pa but it's anticipated that some of this additional cost will be recouped by a reduction in our maintenance and repairs expenditure.

Whilst we have secured grants to improve the hall insulation and wi-fi connectivity and also for the refurbishment of the Youth Club, ongoing maintenance of the Hall and Recreation Area is of constant concern.

On a positive note – our bookings for Hall hire and for catering so far this year are showing a significant uplift and are very encouraging

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st January 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Y/E Jan</u> <u>2023</u>
User Groups hall hire	3707.00	4799.00	Water	894.00	310.00
Hall Hire	4281.00	7546.85	Electricity	2152.71	2273.54
AVH User Group Donations	1981.20	1193.80	Heating Oil & Gas	2919.23	3563.71
Fawside rent	2604.00	2604.00	Employment Costs	4174.00	4027.60
AONB office rent	0	2000.00	Cleaning materials	642.11	512.04
Bar takings	10673.37	18206.30	Servicing & Testing	164.40	1274.48
Catering Income	4058.21	1833.61	Maintenance & Repairs	2294.33	13598.72
Interest	743.55	21.04	Internet	402.22	341.12
Highlights Theatre	959.00	1271.43	Bar Expenses	5570.64	9358.44
Sundry income	31.89	15.00	Catering Expenses	1093.77	1240.34
Donations	1751.00	487.00	Advertising	15.00	0.00
Grants - AVH	12519.00	3500.00	Insurance	2461.02	2333.49
Youth Club Income	1785.00	835.00	Donations	210.00	100.00
Warm Hub	10581.00	1958.00	Highlights Theatre	852.80	1033.40
Events	401.00		Accountant	192.00	291.20
			Licences	961.58	922.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	56076.22	46271.03	Sundry Expenses	759.69	583.02
Excess of Receipts over payments	£13,161.21	-£4,515.03	Capital Expend/Equipment	584.41	9022.76
Excluding Warm Hub	£7,198.31	-£6,473.03	Warm Hub	4618.10	0.00
Cash Balance Lloyds Accounts	£21,256.21	£32,775.45	Events	434.00	
COIF Deposit Fund	£24,680.45		CAN Expenditure	11519.00	
			TOTAL PAYMENTS	42915.01	50786.06
TOTAL	£45,936.66	£32,775.45			
Less Warm Hub	£7,920.90	1958.00			
Net Cash Balance	£38,015.76	£30,817.45			

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Allendale Village Hall

Trustees Annual Report 2023

Our Hall has been an integral part of the Allen Valleys Community for over 100 years. It began as a Temperance Hall, locally funded and supported by the women of Allendale as a place for families to meet without the temptations of alcohol.

In the middle of the 20th Century, it was licensed for drinking and dancing – God knows both were needed after 2 world wars!

Enlarged in the 1990s, and incorporating the Rec ground in 2002, Allendale Village Hall can now offer the space and facilities needed for most events and activities taking place in the lives of its community, not competing with but enhancing the cosier provision of the two smaller Halls, High Forest and Catton.

We are now well into the 21st century, and, once again, we have the opportunity to develop the Hall to meet the challenges facing us in the Allen Valleys today; a need for environmental responsibility and curatorship – we must look beyond the fossil fuels which have served us well, but can now be superseded by renewable energy, starting with solar panels, energy storage, new doors and improved insulation. We are in consultation with CAN, the Lottery and the Community Fund for the significant funding required. We need fast, consistent internet access in the Hall – we will be upgrading our coverage this year. Our facilities for performers need improving – we plan to restructure our storage areas and backstage 'Green Room'. This year we became a 'Warm Hub', supported by CAN, and now provide a subsidised hot meal every Wednesday. We are committed to becoming an Emergency Centre, and have applied for generators to use when mains electricity is down. Our play area, quite new and exciting when our children were young, now needs to be updated for the 21st Century. We are grateful to our User groups, and to the wider community for their positive comments and suggestions supporting these plans.

It has been a pleasure to see the Hall come to life again, inside and outside, as Covid restrictions have been relaxed/removed over the past year (although important to remember it is still with us, and needs our sense and vigilance to manage it). Since the last AGM in September 2022, we have hosted events of all shapes and sizes, as you'll see in some photos to follow! The AGM is earlier this year, as it had got out of synch during the pandemic, drifting to September, which we felt was too late in the year.

Many people and families in the area have helped to make the Hall what it is, from generous gifts of money, to garden design, to drainage improvements, to creative ideas, skilled planning and negotiation, to offers of help and volunteering, to the skills of local tradespeople, to sheer energy, commitment and hard graft.

I have been trusted to be part of the management of the Hall since 2016, and Chair since 2017. I could never have taken on, or sustained this role without the phenomenal support and hard work of so many people, in the past and in the present. I would like to thank my predecessors for carrying the torch, for sustaining and moving the Hall forward for all those years, particularly Larry, who took on every role available, and showed me the ropes, and Jane, who worked tirelessly to build and preserve our reserves and finances, which has meant we are viable today. Ray was also a huge support in my early years, with his knowledge of the building and its workings, and his ability often to fix what went wrong! I would like to thank those trustees who have stayed on the committee for many years, and have guided me in the workings of the place, as well as those who have joined the committee more recently, and very quickly became indispensable. In recent years I feel we have built together a strong team of trustees, with skills in putting on events, working together, attracting new users, attendees and volunteers, managing social media and technology, clearing and sorting to create space, and managing money. I'd like to thank John for stepping in when he did, and working tenaciously to keep the bank balance in order. Also thanks to Paul Glenholm who agreed to audit those accounts, and also to put our employees (Gordon and Jane) on a surer footing. Thank you to Liz who does so much of the invisible work, ordering and distributing essentials, and reorganising cupboard space. Also thanks to Jan who has made Highlights such a successful part of our entertainment schedule. An especial thank you goes to Chris, who stepped in with cooking, negotiating and administrative skills, and, most important, cake, when I needed it most.

I am stepping down as Chair after 6 years, and offer my full support to my successor who has the huge energy, ideas, enthusiasm and skills to carry AVH forward into a New Era!

Thank you All. It has been a challenge, a huge learning curve, a joy to work with you, and most of all to see the faces of those participating and enjoying the events we have facilitated and organised.

Here's to Allendale Village Hall and Recreation Ground!!!! Enjoy the slideshow!

Catherine Stirling Hill Chair of Trustees 2017-2023

ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st January 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2023</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2022</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2021</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2020</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2019</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2022</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2021</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2020</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2019</u>	
User Groups hall hire	4799.00	2998.50	1980.00	6,792.00	5,901.50	Water	310.00	675.00	512.00	667.00	748.26
Hall Hire	7546.85	2898.00	2392.50	8,455.00	8,074.00	Electricity	2273.54	1438.05	2106.00	3180.32	1,942.65
AVH Group Donations	1193.80	555.00	603.50	2,004.44	1,959.04	Heating Oil	3563.71	493.66	1062.54	2428.92	2,365.77
Fawside rent	2604.00	1519.00	2604.00	2,604.00	2,604.00	Calor Gas	0.00	0.00	72.50	72.50	135.00
AONB office rent	2000.00	2750.00	1000.00	0.00	6,050.00	Cleaning & caretaking	4027.60	3091.00	3250.00	4085.00	3,665.00
Bar takings	18206.30	1998.60	153.75	4,368.60	3,197.01	Cleaning materials	512.04	126.14	221.29	872.94	
Catering Income	1833.61	171.90	0.00	2,671.80		Servicing & Testing	1274.48	1217.94	960.44	1339.66	419.10
Interest	21.04	2.08	6.40	9.69	6.26	Maintenance & Repairs	13598.72	562.79	5440.27	2577.96	1,418.16
Highlights Theatre	1271.43	427.20	13.00	570.95	1,110.00	Internet	341.12	359.88	121.32		
Opera North	0.00	299.05				Bar Expenses	9358.44	1908.76	187.14	1703.13	1,035.01
Sundry income	15.00	0.98	0.00	228.90	999.40	Catering Expenses	1240.34	288.76	24.04	1009.40	0.00
Refund of Overpaid Utilities	0.00		0.00	0.00	120.01						
Donations	487.00	760.50	49.00	1,396.19	1,508.77	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.64	148.00
Grants - AVH	3500.00	0.00	10000.00	2,000.00	2,445.00	Insurance	2333.49	2048.89	2022.78	2037.46	2,133.03
Grants - Youth Project		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Donations	100.00	220.00			
Youth Club Income	835.00	217.50	375.00	765.00		Highlights Theatre	1033.40	263.80	695.00	442.84	1,088.40
Warm Hub	1958.00					Opera North	0.00	138.31	0.00	100.00	
						HMRC & Accountant	291.20				
						Licences	922.20	480.02	845.60	731.52	562.66
						Sundry Expenses	583.02	348.48	110.00	298.97	819.62
						Equipment	9022.76	973.14	0.00	3172.97	1,430.80
						Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	2300.40	5,979.20
						Capex - Youth Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	846.22
						Warm Hub	0.00				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	46271.03	14598.31	19177.15	£31,866.57	£33,974.99	TOTAL PAYMENTS	50786.06	14634.62	17630.92	£27,106.63	£24,736.88
Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2022 to 31st Jan 2023					-£4,515.03	Total resources as at 31st January 2021				£37,326.70	
Excluding Warm Hub					-£6,473.03	Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2020 to 31st Jan 2021				£1,546.23	
Total resources as at 31st January 2023					###						
Excluding Warm Hub					###						
Comprising						Total resources as at 31st January 2020				£35,780.56	
Contingency Deposit Account					£7,114.26	Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2019 to 31 Jan 2020				£4,759.94	
Deposit Account					###						
Treasurer's Account					£9,977.30	Total resources as at 31st January 2019				£31,013.21	
Total resources as at 31st January 2023					###	Excess of Receipts over payments 1st Feb 2018 to 31st Jan 2019					
Treasurer's Account Excluding Warm Hub					£8,019.30					£9,238.11	
Total resources as at 31st January 2023 less Warm Hub					###						
Excess of Receipts over payments 1st February to 31 January 2022					-£36.31						
Total resources as at 31st January 2022					###						
Comprising											
Contingency Deposit Account					£5,907.82						
Deposit Account					###						
Treasurer's Account					###						
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Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground

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2. To which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts, except for the engagement of workers (Caretaker & Cleaner) on a Self-Employed basis. We believe these should have been engaged as Employees and have sought written undertakings to the effect that Allendale Village Hall will not incur any liability of any sort as a result of engaging each individual in this way. We have relied upon this undertaking whilst carrying out our Independent Examination. The individuals concerned subsequently became Employees on 22nd August 2022.



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