

# MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1011422

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1992-05-28

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISHES OF MICKLETON, LUNEDALE, HOLWICK AND KELTON BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS

**Activities:** To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISHES OF MICKLETON LUNEDALE HOLWICK AND KELTON
- Durham

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,324	£29,224	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,950	£36,122	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,799	£31,836	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,295	£20,346	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,622	£18,943	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Ian Hutchinson</b>	Chair	1992-05-13
ANGELA GILLINGS		2013-05-17
ANNE LAVINIA ROUTLEDGE		2011-08-06
Amanda Thomas		2023-11-01
Chris Gillings		2017-04-03
DAVID BAILEY		2015-03-03
Jane Roberts		2020-03-01
Lezley Aldrich		2023-11-01
STEVE BROWN		
Simon Froom		2017-04-25
Susan Brown		2015-04-07
Terry Wilson		2020-03-01

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024



Mickleton Carnival Hobby Horse Racing

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and their independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

The Association's formal constitution was adopted at a public meeting convened at Mickleton Church Institute on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1992. Charitable status was sought and this was conferred on the Association on 29/7/1992 Number 1011422.

At the 1994 Annual General Meeting the constitution was amended to enable various groups to become sections of MVHA with representatives on the management committee, further minor changes were made in 2015 and 2020 to clause 13d.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council that includes the sale of Alcohol.

Organisations affiliated to the MVHA during the year were: Teesdale Village Halls Consortium, Durham County Council, Mickleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs.

**The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:**

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, represented by their agent Mr William Salvin  
John Carrington  
David Philbrick

**The Management Officers and Trustees for 2024 were:**

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Amanda Thomas	Treasurer
Sue Brown	Secretary
Jane Roberts / Sandra Moorhouse	Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	
Terry Wilson	
Lezley Aldrich	
Anne Routledge	
Angie Gillings	
Sue Kelly	
Libby Thompson	
Simon Froom	
Chris Gillings	

**The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:**

Carnival Committee	Terry Wilson
Ceilidh	Angie Gillings
Cinema Club	David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE	Steve Brown
Table Tennis	Chris Gillings
Gardening Club	Simon Froom
PerformMickleton	Libby Thompson
The Little Choir	Sue Kelly
MiCE (Mickleton Community Events)	Terry Wilson
Wednesday Club	Sandra Moorhouse

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**Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:**

Durham County Council		Richard Bell
Mickleton Parish Council		David Shepherd
Parochial Church Council	:	Jane Roberts
Teesdale Village Halls Consortium	:	David Hutchinson
The Association of Teesdale Day Club		David Bailey

**The principal address of the Association is:**

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Solicitor:	Mr I Shuttleworth Hodgson & Angus 62 Front Street Stanhope Bishop Auckland
Bankers:	Barclays Bank, Bishop Auckland
Independent Examiner:	Mrs Jane Holmes
Caretaker / Cleaner:	Stephine Lee Sheild
Gardener/Grounds man:	
Field grass cutting	Colin Hutchinson

The main objective of the Association is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, to advance education with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. Additionally, to acquire such land as necessary, vested in the name of the Holding Trustees, and to provide a Village Hall and to manage and maintain such buildings and land so acquired and to raise and hold money in furtherance of the above objectives.

In 2007 the hall registered with the Inland Revenue to be able to claim Gift Aid. HMRC. No. XN87766.

The Management Committee have the following policies: Financial Policy, Hygiene Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Child Protection Policy, Vulnerable Adult Policy, Data Protection Policy (GDPR)

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All deeds and leases are held in safe keeping by the Association's solicitors.

The Association is run by a management committee of four elected officers and at least six elected committee members together with a representative from each of the Sections, (all sections are covered by the hall's insurance), and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

Mickleton Village Hall is well known both locally and further afield as an excellent venue for meetings and private parties through word of mouth and the Hall's web site [www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/](http://www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/)

**Volunteers 2024 Activities**

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

The Teesdale Day Club continue to have their lunch in the hall on Thursday's. This is well supported and they have a very good group of volunteers to look after the members.

Here are a number of events we had though out the year:

The Peterborough Scout Group hired the hall for the weekend for an outreach camp event in January

The mice group put on a Curry and Quiz night in February and a Mad Hatters Tea Party in March which were very much enjoyed by all.

In April Mickleton Live brought us a Whitesnake tribute band who rocked the hall. We thought they were very good so we booked them to come back next year.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival held on the first Saturday in June. We had a lovely sunny day and the carnival was as usual well supported.

Once again, we had a 3day Folk Festival took place called the John Martyn Gathering. It looks this has become an annual event. The Folk Festival was well attended with campers camping on our adjoining field. The good weather made for the whole event a great success. A Big thank you to the team of volunteers, Mice for looking after the John Martyn Gathering with their amazing food.

We hosted a Battle of Britain Event with the 2505 Royal Air Force Air Cadets. They enjoyed the camp and said they would be back.

Mice put on another event with a Pasta and Puzzle night.

Mickleton Live brought Albert Lee back to the Hall in October. This was possibly for the last time.

The annual Christmas Carol service by Barnard Castle Brass Band was well supported. This event is to support Laithkirk Church.

Then our final event for the year was a Christmas Festival where we had Xmas tree decorations and Santa came for the children.

Perform Mickleton had a number of shows though out the year finishing with a Magic Show

To finish off the year, Mice put on a New Years Eve Party.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who create a wide variety of well-attended community cultural events. These attract all age ranges and are a vital source of funds for the Village Hall.

We have continued with the Online Booking Calendar, this has proved to be very successful as anyone can go online and see which dates are available to be booked, this is controlled by our Booking Clerk Jane Roberts then Sandra Moorhouse.

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The solar panels, installed in August 2011 raised £1,708.09 in 2023 It was decided to update the solar panels with the purchase of replacement panels and a new inverter. In 2024 we got in total of £2,738.66, that is over a £1,000.00 improvement in their output, so it was well worth the extra investment. On top of that we sold some of the old kit for £560.00 these funds go towards the hall's running costs and maintenance.

We carried out monthly checks on the safety systems. All the results are recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

**Other regular groups who use the hall are:**

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- Taekwondo Classes on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.00pm.
- The Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings, Thursday 11.30 till 2pm.
- Evelyn Walton with her keep fit classes
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to use the upstairs office space.

**Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events that took place in 2024.**

Jan 26-28 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scout Camp
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Mad Hatters Tea Party
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton LIVE Whitesnake Tribute Band
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mickleton Carnival
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Dusty Springfield Songbook
June 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	John Martin Folk Weekend
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	York Rally 400 (Cycling Event)
July 20-21 <sup>st</sup>	Scout Camp
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	GoFibre community Event
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Party
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	80's Night
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Birthday Party
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Show
Sept 13- 15 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of Britain Camp
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live Albert Lee
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Private Booking
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	PerformMickleton Event
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Birthday Party
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Barnard Castle Brass Band concert in aid of Lathkirk Church
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Perform with Highlights Believe in Magic Show
Dec 15-16 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Xmas Tree Decorating Workshop Coffee Morning
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	MICE Newyears Eve Party

**Recognition**

The Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year, especially Terry who has covered for me during my many weeks of illness. I would once again also like to thank Lezley and Paul and their team who run and look after the village hall bar.

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**Reports from our sections are at the end of our Trustee's Annual Report which cover the Events in more detail.**

The Management Committee continue to look at new programmes of interest for the benefit of the Association's members.

**Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

*David Hutchinson*

Chairman and Trustee

*Amanda Thomas*

Treasurer and Trustee

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INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Details	£	Details	£
		Costs of Running the Hall	
Grants	£500.00		
General Donations	£2,274.57	- Rent	£60.00
		- Insurance	£965.85
Activities generating funds		- Heat, Electricity, Water and Internet	£5,350.78
- Book sales	£13.00	- Repairs and Maintenance	£8,848.99
- Occasional funds	£90.00	- Caretaker and Cleaning Materials	£1,784.01
- Solar Panel income	£3,298.66	- Advertising	£148.14
		- Licenses and Subscriptions	£1,106.00
Investment Income			
- Bank interest	£791.35		
Hall Hire and fund-raising events		Hall Hire and Fund-raising events	
- Hall Hire	£6,109.37		
- Bar	£7,101.72	Bar	£4,353.95
Income from Charitable events			
Section Income		Section Expenditure	
- Carnival	£482.90	- Carnival	£680.00
- Ceilidh	£0.00	- Ceilidh	£0.00
- Cinema Club	£963.25	- Cinema Club	£139.99
- Gardening Club	£0.00	- Gardening Club	£0.00
- Little Choir	£293.60	- Little Choir	£628.00
- Mice	£2,419.32	- Mice	£990.87
- Mickleton Live	£4,886.76	- Mickleton Live	£3,200.00
- PerformMickleton	£570.79	- PerformMickleton	£567.40
- Table Tennis	£265.00	- Table Tennis	£399.99
- Mickleton Music	£125.00		
Subscriptions	£1,138.25		
Section Performance costs			
	<b>£31,323.54</b>	£0.00	<b>£29,223.97</b>

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**CASH POSITION:**

	CURRENT ACCOUNT	INTEREST ACCOUNT	PAY PAL	FLOAT	TOTAL MONIES	GAIN for the year
December 31st 2023	£3,873.28	£49,689.58	£0.00	£500.00	£54,062.86	<b>-£1,171.89</b>
December 31st 2024	£1,981.50	£53,680.93	£0.00	£500.00	£56,162.43 (A)	£2,099.57

**SECTION BALANCES:**

Carnival	£1,073.23
Ceilidh	£714.11
Cinema	£2,084.19
Gardening Club	£50.00
Little Choir	£433.27
Mice	£2,049.96
Mickleton Live	£1,267.10
Mickleton Music	£174.41
Perform Mickleton	£1,257.39
Table tennis	£353.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,456.87</b>

*Accounts audited and found to be correct.*

*Sedna*

*TRUST HOMES*

*15/9/2025*

**RING FENCED and COMMITTED FUND SUMMARY:**

Contingency fund and operating cost assumption	£9,456.87
Section accounts	<b>£14,956.87 (B)</b>

**HALL CASH BALANCE: (A - B) £56,162.43 - £14,956.87 = £41,205.56**

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**SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS**

Village Hall volunteers have had a very busy year organising events that helped raise funds, so that in the 12 months up to 31st December 2024 the accounts had moved from a loss of £1,171.89 in the previous year, to a gain of £2,099.57. This was achieved despite some large capital investments (hand rail £2,219.47; new cabinets for the planned kitchen refurbishment £4,263.85; kitchen sink and taps £318.85; a new cover for the defibrillator £594.00). Additionally, Mickleton Live purchased a new digital sound desk at a cost of over £2,500.00. To maintain our reputation as a great venue for music performances, this was a much-needed purchase both for local hall users and for visiting artists.

**A: Generating income: key points**

- The monies generated by the bar were significantly less in 2024 at £2,747.77 compared to £9,193.20 in 2023.
- Hall Hire was up from £5,008.00 in 2023 to £6,119.37.
- As in 2023 we received a £500.00 grant from the Parish Council.
- Donations were much increased from £105.00 in 2023 to £2,731.68. Some of this money was generated by having a visible donation box out at all family events which are free of charge. A significant £1,500.00 was provided by the Moss group towards the cost of installing a hand rail on the external steps at the back of the hall.
- Our new solar panels allowed us to sell much more electricity to the grid. We 'earned' £3,298.66 compared to £1,708.99 in 2023.
- There was some increased revenue from bank interest from £475.60 in 2023 to £791.35 in 2024.
- Similarly, Section Subs saw an increase from £991.75 in 2023 to £1,137.25 in 2024. If the increase is adults only, then the Hall had an increased footfall of 291 people. This is a reflection of more people attending our fund-raising events

**B: Costs and expenditure: key points**

- Our insurance increased by £41.00.
- As prices continued to rise our heating, electricity and water costs increased by £422.66.
- Our repairs and maintenance costs increased by £5,371.00. These are explained by the capital investments outlined above designed to improve the fabric of the building.
- Caretaking and cleaning costs were down by £470.00.
- The costs of licenses was much increased by £767.66. Much of this was a due to the way the PPL/PRS license was calculated. Please note that this was contested by the treasurer in 2024 and again in 2025 and we were ablest negotiate a refund on these costs in 2025.
- With a new internet provider, internet costs were down by £163.25

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**SECTION REPORTS**

**The Village Halls Consortium**



The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2024 we had 3 meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

**Sophie Stanwix, Secretary for TVHC**

**Cinema Club**

In 2024 we continued with our 2 Films per month on the First and Third Friday of the month at 7pm. A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall. We had a total of **620** members watch films compared with 516 in 2023. We continue to produce the Cinema Newsletter which also promotes other events in the hall, this is now mostly "Whats App". Thank you to Terry Wilson who has produced the Newsletter and the 'What's On' on screen before our main attraction.

The cinema facilities are also available for use at meetings and private parties. **David Hutchinson**

**Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club**

We had 2 events in 2024, The Ultimate Whitesnake Band in April and 'Albert Lee' in October. This was probably the last time we will get Albert Lee. It was so nice to see the band. Both events were well supported.

It was great to use our New Sound Desk, and we sold the old one for £550.00 which now gives us more space in the gig cupboard.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ [www.mickletonlive.uk](http://www.mickletonlive.uk). We have also set up online payment for tickets sales through PayPal.

**Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson**

**The Little Choir**

The choir maintained a core of ten regular members with one singer leaving the area and another moving in. The weekly sessions were spent rehearsing and adding new songs to our repertoire.

We invested in new sheet music and mp3 teacher tracks and bought uniform claret coloured tops to wear at performances.

During the year we fielded a team, including friends and family, in the MiCE 's excellent curry and quiz night and also ran the sweetie tombola at the village carnival in June. Members decorated trees for the Christmas tree festival in December then later enjoyed our 'bring a plate' Christmas buffet among the beautiful display.

In October we took part in the Harvest Festival service at St James the Less in Forest.

We then began rehearsing Christmas carols, including an arrangement of The Calypso Carol written especially for us in preparation for a busy season ahead.

Sadly, it was not to be! We performed at the Eggleston Lights switch on but then the winter blizzards forced the cancellation of our other engagements: A cancer fundraising coffee morning in Cotherstone and the railway Christmas Fair at Kirkby Stephen but we did manage to end the year on a cheery note at Forest Christmas Eve carols.

**Sue Kelly**

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Mickleton Carnival -  
 2024 Report



We planned for a dry day, and we wasn't disappointed. The sun came out and so did the families. This year we had more children attending with their parents, this gave the event a Family Day Out feel, many took advantage of the sun and settled on the Village Hall Field with their drinks and food, soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying the entertainment. The Craft Stalls gave the parents an opportunity to browse whilst the children played on the more traditional Carnival Games. Our local MiCE group provided a stall in the Marquee, and sold Cakes & Bakes to boost their section balance.

The day began with a well-attended Children's Super Hero" themed Fancy Dress. Those who took part was rewarded with a Prize and a Medal. This attracted the local media and we had a full page spread in the Teesdale Mercury.



Marko's Circus Skills kept the Children entertained, with the added bonus this year the Large Bubbles. The parents sat on the field, relaxed with their refreshments, listening to the Barnard Castle Brass Band echoing across the field.



This year the added attraction of the Giant Bouncy Castle was at magnet for the children, along with the more traditional games...Sweet Tombola, Hook-a-Duck, Skittles, Coconut Sky, Crazy Golf and Hoopla all keeping the children amused.

Once again Local Business gave their support to our Carnival Raffle & Tombola. Many thanks go out to The Blacksmiths Arms - Mickleton, Middleton Forge, Middleton Fish & Chips, Mickleton Service Station, Beamish Museum, The Teespot Café, The Teesdale Hotel, The Rose & Crown in Romalldkirk, Grassholme Observatory and to the many residents of Mickleton whose kind and Generous donations were gratefully received



To Conclude this report... **Big Thanks** to all the volunteers who supported the Carnival and gave their time freely to bring the community together.

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**Mickleton Community Events (MiCE) - 2024 Report**

2024 was a very busy year for the MiCE section. The group has continued to grow (now has over 20 members) and our events have become more frequent, popular, challenging and appreciated by the village community. Our volunteers have developed a wide range of skills, confidence and enthusiasm in the process and always show great team work and support for each other. A lot of work goes into the planning and preparation of events and our reward is to know how much our community benefits from our efforts.



**Once again, Barbara's bulbs appeared around the field to mark the end of a fairly mild winter.**

17<sup>th</sup> February, our first event was a **Curry and Quiz night** and this fund raiser was very well attended. Terry's 'big screen' quizzes appeal to all participants and provide a lot of fun – a good value evening for the local community.



On 30<sup>th</sup> March we held our Easter extravaganza - themed around a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**. The hall was creatively decorated and some marvellous hats were entered into the competition.

The children enjoyed a wide range of craft activities and the refreshments were of a very high standard.



A lot of our members were involved in the preparations for, setting up and running of, our annual **Carnival** on 1<sup>st</sup> June. We manned a MiCE table in the marquee to sell our home baking and crafts. The weather was kind and a good day was had by all.

Evening of 6<sup>th</sup> June - and we were up Bail Hill for the **lighting of the beacon** to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day. The Parish Council had asked us to provide nibbles and drinks for the sizeable crowd. Our beacon must be the best in the area and, when lit, is a real spectacle to behold.



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14th - 17th June - our biggest event of the year! - the **John Martyn Summer Gathering**, when around 60 people arrived to enjoy 3 days of folk music, many camping in the field for the duration. The second time we have hosted this group, we had agreed to provide breakfasts and evening meals for the musicians and participants, a new venture for us, testing at times but well worth the effort.

On 30th August we enjoyed 2 challenging events on the same day. Firstly we produced a buffet to celebrate the **marriage** of two of our members, Chris and Kay, and then returned to the hall to set out another sumptuous spread for Teresa's **birthday** party. Our catering skills were much appreciated.

5th October and into autumn, our next challenge was to hold a **Pasta and Puzzle night** to raise funds for the community Christmas event. We produced a selection of Italian dishes and offered tiramisu and Cornettos for dessert! Quite a contrast to curry night, but just as enjoyable.

1st November saw us, once again, setting up our **Remembrance Day** poppies and soldier silhouettes in the small garden near the bus shelter. We add to this display every year and the dramatic lighting certainly adds to its poignancy and impact.



Christmas activities started on 8th December with the decoration of some of the indoor trees for the brass band concert in the hall. We set up a stall to sell our craft items – bunting, bags, cards, stockings etc – all ideal Christmas presents. A week later Santa rode around Mickleton and arrived at the hall just in time for the switching on of the outdoor tree lights (MiCE bought 10 strings of white lights to enhance the display). Families then watched the film “It’s a Wonderful Life” and helped decorate the rest of the trees, adding to the festive atmosphere. On 21st December we held the **Christmas Tree Festival**, a magical setting for villagers to enjoy our impressive selection of soup, sandwiches and cakes. Santa delighted the children by handing out stockings filled with goodies while they were busy at the craft table. The MiCE version of the “Twelve Days of Christmas” was something to behold, and never to be repeated!!!

We ended the year by rewarding ourselves with a **New Year's Eve party** – a big thank you to all our MiCE volunteers, their families and friends. We kept work to a minimum by bringing our own buffet and spent the evening enjoying music, a quiz, party games and sword dancing.



*Angie Gillings*

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Our 2024 season began with the return of The Castle Players in *These Things Do Happen*.

In October, we hosted local artist Claire Priestley for a wet felting workshop. Several beautiful felted landscapes were produced and everybody had a lovely day.



We finished the year by welcoming Emmerson and Ward Productions with their show *Love It If We Beat Them*.

We have more great shows and workshops coming up; you can find more information about these by emailing [MickletonVH@gmail.com](mailto:MickletonVH@gmail.com) and requesting that you be added to the mailing list. Follow us on Twitter [@MickletonVH](https://twitter.com/MickletonVH), on Instagram [mickletonvillagehall](https://www.instagram.com/mickletonvillagehall), on

Facebook at [MickletonVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/MickletonVillageHall); or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

**Libby Thompson**

**Gardening Club**

The gardening club continued to meet most months in Mickleton Village Hall, with a Section membership of about 26 during 2024, and where talks connected with gardening are interspersed with various social events and garden visits. Highlights for 2024 included:

- A talk by Thomas Wilson of Eggleston Hall Gardens entitled "My Life in Horticulture"
- An illustrated talk by David Shepherd on the subject of 'Hedge Laying'
- In April, Susan and Martin Ingall described the creation of their garden in Snaisgill, which was followed in May by a presentation on the creation of a significant collection of Geums (in Kent), by Sue Martin
- A well known and highly successful local grower of vegetables and flowers for show (Michael Hedley of Cotherstone) gave a tour of his allotment and a talk on the growing of Dahlias for show.
- Visits were also organised to Sizergh in the Lake District in March, an overnight trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and to York Gate and more locally at members' gardens.
- Social events included a couple of quiz nights (with thanks to Christine Hartas and Martin and Susan Ingalls), and three social gatherings hosted by Paul Hunter, Sandra & Ian Moorhouse and The High Force Hotel, for the annual Christmas Meal.

At the end of 2024, Martin Ingall as Chair (supported by Susan Ingall), Libby Thompson as Treasurer, Lynda Bares (as Secretary) and Simon Froom (as Section Rep.) retired from their roles, to be replaced by David Shepherd (as Chair), Louise Shepherd (Treasurer) and Gillian Watson (as Secretary).

The gardening club currently meets on the first Tuesday of most months, in the village hall, and continues to welcome new members. If you'd like to join our friendly group, please contact David Shepherd on 01833 640980

**Simon Froom**

**MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1011422

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration (Organised by MiCE)

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and their independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

The Association's formal constitution was adopted at a public meeting convened at Mickleton Church Institute on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1992. Charitable status was sought and this was conferred on the Association on 29/7/ 1992 Number 1011422.

At the 1994 Annual General Meeting the constitution was amended to enable various groups to become sections of MVHA with representatives on the management committee, further minor changes were made in 2015 and 2020 to clause 13d.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council that includes the sale of Alcohol.

Organisations affiliated to the MVHA during the year were: Teesdale Village Halls Consortium, Durham County Council, Mickleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs.

**The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:**

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, represented by their agent Mr William Salvin  
John Carrington  
David Philbrick

**The Management Officers and Trustees for 2023 were:**

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Amanda Thomas	Treasurer
Sue Brown	Secretary
Jane Roberts	Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	
Terry Wilson	
Lezley Aldrich	
Anne Routledge	
Angie Gillings	
Sue Kelly	
Libby Thompson	
Simon Froom	
Chris Gillings	

**The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:**

Carnival Committee	Terry Wilson
Ceilidh	Angie Gillings
Cinema Club	David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE	Steve Brown
Table Tennis	Chris Gillings
Gardening Club	Simon Froom
PerformMickleton	Libby Thompson
The Little Choir	Sue Kelly
MiCE (Mickleton Community Events)	Terry Wilson

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**Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:**

Durham County Council		Richard Bell
Mickleton Parish Council		
Parochial Church Council	:	Jane Roberts
Teesdale Village Halls Consortium	:	David Hutchinson
The Association of Teesdale Day Club	:	David Bailey

**The principal address of the Association is:**

The Secretary:	Sue Brown School House Mickleton, Barnard Castle Co Durham. DL12 0LQ Email: <a href="mailto:sue@mickletonrnb.co.uk">sue@mickletonrnb.co.uk</a>
Booking Clerk	Jane Roberts West Pasture Farm Kelton Middleton in Teesdale DL12 0PW Tel:01833 641575 Mobile: 07800 987522 Email: <a href="mailto:mickletonhall@hotmail.com">mickletonhall@hotmail.com</a>
Solicitor:	Mr I Shuttleworth Hodgson & Angus 62 Front Street Stanhope Bishop Auckland
Bankers:	Barclays Bank, Bishop Auckland
Independent Examiner:	Mrs Jane Holmes
Caretaker / Cleaner:	Stephine Lee Sheild
Gardener/Grounds man:	
Field grass cutting	Colin Hutchinson

The main objective of the Association is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, to advance education with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. Additionally to acquire such land as necessary, vested in the name of the Holding Trustees, and to provide a Village Hall and to manage and maintain such buildings and land so acquired and to raise and hold money in furtherance of the above objectives.

In 2007 the hall registered with the Inland Revenue to be able to claim Gift Aid. HMRC. No. XN87766.

The Management Committee have the following policies: Financial Policy, Hygiene Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Child Protection Policy, Vulnerable Adult Policy, Data Protection Policy (GDPR)

All deeds and leases are held in safe keeping by the Association's solicitors.

The Association is run by a management committee of four elected officers and at least six elected committee members together with a representative from each of the Sections, (all sections are covered by the hall's insurance), and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

Mickleton Village Hall is well known both locally and further afield as an excellent venue for meetings and private parties through word of mouth and the Hall's web site [www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/](http://www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/)

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**Volunteers 2023 Activities**

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011 raised £1,708.09 in 2023 these funds go towards the hall's running costs and maintenance. It was decided to update the solar panel with the purchase of replacement panels.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June, the carnival was as usual well supported.

We had five live music evenings with The Malone Sibun Band, Albert Lee, Limehouse Lizzy, Ainsley Lister, Voodoo Room, in November.

This year for the first time a 3 day Folk Festival took place called the John Martyn Gathering. It is hoped that this will become a annual event. The 3 day event was well attended with campers camping on our adjoining field good weather made for the whole event a great success

We continued with the Online Booking Calendar, this has proved to be a success as anyone can go online and see which dates are available to be booked, this is controlled by the Booking Clerk Jane Roberts.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

The Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Stephine Lee Sheild and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises and field looking immaculate.

**Recognition**

I on behalf of the committee would like to thank Kieth Roberts for been our treasurer for many years but unfortunately retired from the post at last year's AGM due to ill health. Thanks again to Amanda Thomas for taking on this role.

**Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report.**

The Management Committee continue to look at new programmes of interest for the benefit of the Association's members.

**Other regular groups who use the hall are:**

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.00pm.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings, Thursday 11.30 till 2pm.
- Evelyn Walton with her keep fit classes
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to use the upstairs office space.

**Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events that took place in 2023.**

Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Perform With Castle Players performing Treasure Island
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Easter Coffee Morning
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mickleton Live 'Marcus Malone'
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Coronation Event
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Plants on the Edge Project Event
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live 'Albert Lee'

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May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Private Party
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mickleton Carnival
June 16 <sup>th</sup> –18 <sup>th</sup>	John Martin Folk Weekend
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Private Party
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Party
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live ‘Ainsley Lister’
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening club show
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live ‘Limehouse Lizzy’
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Coffee Morning and Bulb Planting
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live ‘Voodoo Room’
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	‘Barnard Castle Brass Band’ concert in aid of Lathkirk Church
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Perform with Highlights Believe in Magic Show
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	MiCE Xmas Coffee Morning

**Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

*David Hutchinson*

Chairman and Trustee

*Amanda Thomas*

Treasurer and Trustee

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023**

<b>YEAR END ACCOUNTS</b>			
<b>Year ended 31 December 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	
Grants:	500.00	Fundraising	0.00
Beadle R + HJ	0.00	Lottery	20.00
		<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>	
		Bar purchases	5,262.45
		Rent	30.00
		Insurance	924.90
		Heat, light & water	4,574.35
<i>Donations:</i>		Repairs & maintenance	3,477.99
General donations	105.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	2,259.02
		Advertising	0.00
		Licenses	336.34
<i>Other Income</i>		Subscriptions	170.00
Gift Aid	0.00	Projects	0.00
		Other	1,270.97
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>		Extraordinary Expenditure	3,137.22
Miscellaneous	313.98	<b>Section Expenditure</b>	
Fundraising	0.00	Cinema Club	1,506.79
Lottery	0.00	Mickleton Live	10,768.64
Book Sales	0.00	Table Tennis Club	0.00
Solar panel Income	1,708.09	MiCE	956.53
		Carnival	243.45
<i>Investment Income</i>		Gardening Club	0.00
Bank interest receivable	475.60	Perform Mickleton	566.00
		Teesdale Ladies Choir	50.00
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>		Ceilidh	0.00
Section Subs	991.75		
Hall Hire	5,008.00	<i>Governance Costs</i>	
Bar	14,455.65	Accountancy fees	50.00
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	Postage & stationery	0.00
		Telephone	517.02
<i>Other Income</i>			<b>£36,121.67</b>
		<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	
			0.00
<i>Section Incomes</i>			0.00
Cinema Club	886.00		
Mickleton Live	8,281.23		<b>£0.00</b>
Table Tennis Club	109.50		
Ceilidh	0.00	Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year	<b>-£1,171.89</b>
Carnival	510.95		
Gardening Club	0.00		
MiCE	568.43		
Perform Mickleton	620.57		
Teesdale Ladies Choir	414.00		
Correction	1.03		
	<b>£34,949.78</b>		

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**YEAR END REPORT 2023**

**Cash Position**

	Bank Balance (Current)	Bank Balance (Interest)	PayPal	Float	Total Monies	Gain for the Year
as at 31st December 2022	£1,820.77 ✓	£52,913.98 ✓	£0.00	£500.00	£55,234.75 ✓	
31st December 2023	£3,873.28 ✓	£49,689.58 ✓	£0.00	£500.00	£54,062.86 ✓	-£1,171.89 ✓

**Sections Balances**

Perform Mickleton	£1,253.00
Carnival	£1,270.33
Cinema	£1,260.93
Ceillidh	£714.11
MiCE	£621.51
The Little Choir	£767.67
Table Tennis	£488.20 ✓
Gardening Club	£50.00
Mickleton Music	£49.41
Mickleton Live	-£349.58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£6,475.16</b>

**Ring Fenced / Committed Funds**

Contingency Fund	£6,000
Operating Cost	£4,500
Section Accounts	£6,475
<b>Hall Cash Balance</b>	<b>£37,087.70</b>

*Checked and found to be correct.*

*Sueless*

*Jayne Holmes  
2/1/24.*

**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS**

A big thank you to Keith Roberts, who resigned as Treasurer towards the end of 2023 after several years of assiduous service. As a volunteer treasurer, we could rest assured that the accounts were always in very capable hands. Thank you for your commitment to the Village Hall and for your years of service.

The accounts show that we have had a very active year in the village hall. At the end of the year we were only showing a deficit of £1,171.89. That this sum is not higher is a great achievement as we had some big item purchases and costs:-

- the Mickleton Live group made a large purchase of a new digital sound desk at a cost of over £2,500.00. This was a much needed up-grade for the VH and visiting performers

- we purchased replacement solar panels for £3,137.22. These will increase our earning power from solar energy.

Had it not been for these purchases the account would have had a surplus of over £4,465.33.

Also Electric and Heating Oil cost were very high in 2023 compared to the previous year up £900. All in all, this was a good financial year. This year is looking very good for booking's partly due to the Sports Centre being closed for refurbishment. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this happen.

A big thank you also to Jayne Holmes for checking the accounts at short notice.

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Mickleton Carnival – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

For a second year in succession the weather was kind and the sun shone for this year's Carnival.

Local businesses and people from around the community once again supported the occasion with donations for the Raffle.



The Marquee attracted many visitors to the Craft stalls, whilst Children enjoyed the fun of traditional games and the Bouncy Castle.

Many volunteers gave their time freely to support the event in set-up and standing behind various stalls and games.

Once again Barnard Castle Brass Band provided some background music, whilst our Compare for the day, Ethan, interacted between the stalls and games to give us commentary over the PA system.



Marko's Circus Skills workshop entertained the Children more notably with juggling, spinning plates and giant bubbles

Food and Refreshments was available in the hall with Alison providing the catering.

The whole day was a joy to observe as families soaked in the atmosphere as they sat in the sunshine, tried their luck on the Raffle and Games, shopped on the Bric-Brac and Craft Stalls before competing in the finale of the kids games.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success.

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**The Village Halls Consortium**



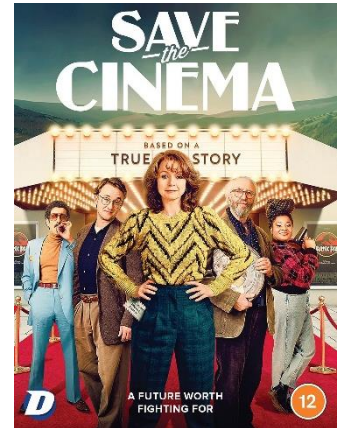
The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2023 we had 3 meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

**Sophie Stanwix, Secretary for TVHC**

**Cinema Club**

In 2023 we continued with our 2 Films per month on the First and Third Friday of the month at 7pm

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall. We had a total of 516 members compared to 445 members in 2022 though the door. We continue to produce the Cinema Newsletter which also promotes other events in the hall, this is now mostly emailed.



The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

**Steve Brown, Terry Wilson & David Hutchinson**

**Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club**

Mickleton Live Music Club has hosted 5 events this year 2023 , Marcus Malone, Albert Lee, Aynsley Lister , Limehouse Lizzy & Voodoo Room. All of the Artists have played before at the Hall and enjoy returning to our Club for its friendly atmosphere. The club continues to attract national & international Artists to perform at the Hall.



Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ [www.mickletonlive.uk](http://www.mickletonlive.uk). We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

**Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson**

**MiCE - Mickleton Community Events - 2023 Report**

Our expanding group of willing volunteers continued to build its reputation for putting on high quality, and memorable, community events in the village hall.

Once again the dwarf daffodil bulbs appeared to signal the end of winter.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April we held an Easter themed coffee morning, featuring hot and cold food and drinks, childrens' activities, Easter eggs and competitions for the best Easter bonnet and decorated egg.

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The highlight of the year was the event we provided to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May. The hall was beautifully decorated with special red, white and blue bunting, Union Jacks and other patriotic flags. The actual coronation was projected onto the cinema screen and lots of activities were provided for the children in the bar area. Families collected their commemorative coronation mugs and medals for the youngsters. Following this around 100 Mickletonians of all ages sat down for a slap up meal, prepared in our well equipped kitchen and served by our MiCE members. Nobody was expecting such a high quality event and our efforts were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

A couple of weeks later, on Saturday 3rd June, most of our members were fully involved in the organisation, and running, of the annual Carnival. Once again it was blessed by good weather and ran very smoothly.



Our next event was supposed to be a repeat of our popular Curry and Quiz night on

Saturday 14th October. Unfortunately, a few days before, MiCe was devastated by the death of Barbara Wilson, one of our founder members, amazing driving force, good friend and beloved wife of Terry. It was a unanimous decision to postpone this event until a more appropriate time. Barbara will never be forgotten and her legacy will live on in every event we deliver in the future.



The Remembrance Day poppy garden (near the bus shelter) was even more poignant this year. We added a couple of soldier silhouettes, repainted the poppies and made quite a few more, and even provided some lighting for dramatic night-time effect.

16th December – our Christmas Cracker coffee morning was very well attended. The hall was filled with decorated Christmas trees and adorned with our hand-made bunting. All the children met Santa in his grotto and received a stocking filled with goodies. As usual the food was impressive and everyone enjoyed listening to the choir and seasonal music.

MiCE continues to go from strength to strength and we look forward to providing more community events in 2024

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Our 2023 season began with the return of The Castle Players in Treasure Island.

In April, we hosted local artist Sara Cox for a workshop: Wings of Wire. Several beautiful wire sculptures were produced

and everybody had a lovely day.

We finished the year by welcoming Magic Romany and her show Believe!

We have more great shows and workshops coming up; you can find more information about these by emailing MickletonVH@gmail.com and requesting that you be added to the mailing list. Follow us on Twitter @MickletonVH, on Instagram mickletonvillagehall, on Facebook at MickletonVillageHall; or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

Libby Thompson



**Gardening Club**

Mickleton Gardening Club meets on the evening of the second Tuesday of most months and provides an opportunity for those who share a common interest in gardens and horticulture to meet in a sociable environment. Evening meetings are held in the hall but usually conclude in the Blacksmith's Arms. In 2022 we had a packed programme of talks, shows, socials, competitions, garden visits and open gardens.

Events in 2023:

In February, David Shepherd gave a talk on 'Carl Linnaeus' garden in Sweden'.

Then, in March we had a talk by Geoff Herbert entitled 'Plants on the Edge', about the special wild flowers growing in Teesdale.

On 23rd March we went on a visit to Acorn Bank.

The AGM was held and the committee re-elected comprising Martin Ingall, chair; Susan Ingall, vice-chair, Paul Hunter, 2nd vice chair, Libby Thompson, treasurer, Lynda Bares, secretary, and Simon Froom as Village Hall rep.,. Rowena Fowler retired from the job of Events organiser. Membership stood at 26 members.

The April meeting featured a talk by Martin Uitenbosch about the creation of his garden, near Darlington.

In May Dr. Margaret Bradshaw gave us a talk which put a different slant on the wild flower species in Teesdale.

We had our usual plant stall at the Carnival on 3rd June, and a social get-together on the 13th.

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On 27/28th June, 9 members visited RHS Bridgewater near Manchester, stayed overnight and then went on to Arley Hall. A very successful and enjoyable two days away.

On 11th July Gillian Watson gave a talk entitled 'Italian Gardens from Lake Como'.

Garden judging was on the 16th July, followed by a tour of members' gardens and a party at Heather Cottage on the 23rd.

In August we gathered at Paul Hunter's home for a social evening. Potatoes and sunflowers were judged on the 23rd, as part of our annual friendly competition.

10th September was our Annual Show.

Libby Thompson and Simon Froom gave a talk on the flora to be seen in Iceland following their trip their (10th October).

In November Christine Hartas tested us all with a quiz.

A Christmas tree was decorated in the village hall in early December and on the 12th December many of the members attended a Christmas Meal at The Foresters, Middleton, bringing to an end a busy year of events.

If you'd like to join our friendly group, please contact Martin Ingall on 01833 640980

**Simon Froom**

### **The Little Choir**

The choir maintains a core of ten members singing in three sections: Lead, Baritone and Bass. New members always welcome

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**Sue Kelly**

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration (Organised by MiCE)

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**Volunteers 2022 Activities**

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

After over 30 years of being a main part of the association, Marion Hutchinson MBE, my Mum, has sadly stepped down from the committee due to ill health. Prior to her Village Hall involvement, Marion was involved with Mickleton Carnival, and it was this group who not only showed interest in, but agreed to take on the Old Institute Building from the church, and then to go on to discuss, and be proactive in building the village hall we now have and are proud of. Marion has always been a big part of the village hall and will be very much missed. I and the committee would like to thank Marion for the many hours she gave her input to the village hall as secretary.

I would also like to thank Sue Brown for taking over the role of secretary at very short notice.

The two thousand mini daffodils that were planted in The Village Field gave a blanket of colour and interest for people to see where they had planted theirs. To commemorate 70years of Queen Elizabeth II's, reign we planted a Bird Cherry tree, which is native to the uk, this was in partnership with the Parish Council.

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The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June, the carnival was as usual well supported.

We had four live music evenings with Albert Lee, Limehouse Lizzy, Voodoo Room, Byran Adams Experience in December.

We decided in October to trail an Online Booking Calendar, this has proved to be a success as anyone can go online and see which dates are available to be booked, this is controlled by myself and the Booking Clerk Jane Roberts.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

The Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Stephine Lee Sheild and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises and field looking immaculate.

**Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report.** The Management Committee continue to look at new programmes of interest for the benefit of the Association's members.

**Other regular groups who use the hall are:**

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.00pm.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings, Thursday 11.30 till 2pm.
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to use the upstairs office space.

**Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events in 2022.**

Jan 22nd	Castle Players "Pygmalion"
Feb 26th	MiCE Club Curry & Quiz night
April 16th	MiCE Club Easter even
May 7th	Mickleton Live "Albert Lee"
May 13th	PerformMickleton "6 feet 3 Shoes"
May 14th	Mickleton Live "Limehouse Lizzy"



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May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Private Party
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Queens Jubilee Beacon lighting 9.15pm up Bail Hill
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival Queen's Jubilee weekend
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wedding
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christening Celebration
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening club show
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Private Party
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday party Voodoo Room
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live 'Voodoo Room'
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Highlights 'Reivers'
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	'Barnard Castle Brass Band' concert in aid of Lathkirk Church
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mickleton Live 'Bryan Adams Experience'
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas community coffee morning, (organized by MiCE new section)

**Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

*David Hutchinson*

Chairman and Trustee

*Keith Roberts*

Treasurer and Trustee

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<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
		<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		Fundraising	0.00
Grants:		Lottery	20.00
Durham County Council - Grant	2,667.00		
		<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>	
		Bar purchases	6,091.78
		Rent	30.00
		Insurance	896.62
		Heat, light & water	4,871.99
<i>Donations:</i>		Repairs & maintenance	1,475.16
General donations	295.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	2,200.07
		Advertising	0.00
		Licenses	919.40
<i>Other Income</i>		Subscriptions	50.00
Gift Aid	0.00	Projects	421.92
		Other	160.69
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>			
Miscellaneous(Advance Ticket Sales)	1,065.97	<i>Section Expenditure</i>	
Fundraising	0.00	Cinema Club	317.00
Lottery	0.00	Mickleton Live	8,039.52
Book Sales	18.40	Table Tennis Club	0.00
Solar panel Income	1,519.65	MiCE	955.37
		Carnival	1,215.35
<i>Investment Income</i>		Gardening Club	0.00
Bank interest receivable	49.22	Perform Mickleton	2,675.56
		Mickleton Music	487.33
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>		Teesdale Ladies Choir	86.51
Section Subs	1,011.00	Ceilidh	384.73
Hall Hire	3,497.00		
Bar	9,619.28	<i>Governance Costs</i>	
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	Accountancy fees	50.00
		Postage & stationery	0.00
		Telephone	487.43
<i>Other Income</i>	0.00		
			<b>£31,836.43</b>
		<u><b>Capital Expenditure</b></u>	
<i>Section Incomes</i>			0.00
Cinema Club	924.00		0.00
Mickleton Live	8,285.00		
Table Tennis Club	37.00		<b>£0.00</b>
Ceilidh	484.43		
Carnival	1,908.46	Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year	<b>£3,962.25</b>
Gardening Club	10.50		
MiCE	1,168.78		
Perform Mickleton	2,393.25		
Teesdale Ladies Choir	308.00		
Mickleton Music	536.74		
	<u><b>£35,798.68</b></u>		

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**Sections & Balances @ 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022**

Cinema Club	£1,881.72
Mickleton Live	£2,251.83
Perform Mickleton	£1,199.03
Mickleton Carnival	£1,002.83
The Little Choir	£ 403.67
MiCE	£ 709.61
Mickleton Music	£ 49.41
Table Tennis	£ 378.70
Ceilidh	£ 714.11
Gardening Club	£ 50.00

## **Mickleton Village Hall Association**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Mickleton Village Hall Association as presented without carrying out an audit, but having been given all the information and explanations necessary, in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of Mickleton Village Hall Association for the twelve month period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### **Funds available to the Association as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022**

In Barclays Bank account no: 20331066	£ 1,820.77
In Barclays Bank account no: 60954330	£ 52,913.98
Float kept in safe	£ 500.00
Total funds available	£55,234.75

Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

Signed: *Patricia Asquith*

Date: 04/10/2023

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**The Village Halls Consortium**



The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2022 we had 3 meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

**Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC**

**Cinema Club**

In 2022 we have got back to some form of normality for the Cinema Club with our 2 Films per month on the First and Third Friday of the month at 7pm

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall. We had a total of 445 members though the door over the year. We continue to produce the Cinema Newsletter which also promotes other events in the hall.

The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

**Steve Brown & David Hutchinson**

**Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club**

We had 4 events in 2022, 'Albert Lee' on the 7<sup>th</sup> May and a week later 'Limehouse Lizzy' then later in the year 'Voodoo Room' on the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov followed by 'Bryan Adams Experience' on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. All the 3 events were well supported. It was great to have music back in the village hall, there was a real buzz in the room, and it was nice to catch up with our guests.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ [www.mickletonlive.uk](http://www.mickletonlive.uk). We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

**Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson**

**MiCE - Mickleton Community Events 2022 Report**

The year began with the Christmas tree lights shining brightly at the top of the village hall car park. Our group has continued to go from strength to strength, delivering popular community events and expanding the number of our impressive, willing volunteers. Covid continued to be a concerning factor but we allowed for this in our planning and managed to run all our events.

Our first event of the year was a Curry and Quiz fundraising night on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This was so popular we sold out of tickets well before the night! Terry composed a fun quiz using the big screen for the first half and Angie added more conventional general knowledge questions to finish off. Inbetween everyone could enjoy as much curry as they could eat. Choices included chicken tikka masala, biryani, Jamaican lamb, beef madras, Thai red, mild vegetarian etc plus all the trimmings. Everyone went home very happy.

The bulbs all reappeared in March providing a colourful display and reminding us of how MiCE came about. We hope to add to them in future.

Funds raised from the Curry and Quiz night were ear-marked for our next event – an Easter Coffee morning on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Our team produced enough soup, sandwiches and cakes to feed all the Mickletonians who attended. A bunny hole was created in the cupboard in the bar area, where children could receive an Easter egg, and lots of craft activities were provided to keep them all busy. There were competitions for the best Easter bonnet and decorated egg, plus the ever popular raffle with a large number of donated prizes.

MiCE members were very involved in the organisation, and running, of the Carnival/Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, another very popular community event.

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We ended 2022 by holding our Christmas Cracker Coffee morning on Saturday 17th December. We followed a similar format to the Easter event but this time constructed Santa's grotto in a pergola in the bar area. The children's activity table was busy once again and prizes were awarded for the best decorated Christmas trees and a decoration made entirely from natural materials. The planned Christmas tree festival had to be shelved to leave the room clear enough for a ceilidh the same evening! We plan to make up for this during Christmas 2023. We already have 23 trees stored ready for ourselves and families from Mickleton to decorate, and many more should materialise from various sources. We hope to transform the hall into a magical kingdom for the entire Christmas period.

None of this would be possible without the help, enthusiasm and ideas of all the people who form the MiCE group. They give their time for the good of the village and I can't thank them enough. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous village hall and a very supportive community = all we need to encourage us to organise more events in 2023.

**Angela Gillings**

**The Little Choir**

The choir maintains a core of ten members singing in three sections: Lead, Baritone and Bass. We have rebranded as The Little Choir from Teesdale and have adopted the Teesdale gentian as our emblem.

During the year we have expanded our repertoire to cover different styles of song. Our 'sing outs' in the past year have included a variety of fundraising events for Darlington and Barnard Castle Rotary Clubs; Eggleston community luncheon and the lighting of the Christmas tree in Cotherstone. We had the pleasure of taking part in The Stainmore Railway Company's Christmas fair at Kirkby Stephen East railway station and sang carols for guests at The High Force Hotel.

The highlight of the year for us was the opportunity to sing with other choirs at a concert for Ukraine in Central Hall, Darlington.

**Sue Kelly**

**PerformMickleton**

The Perform Mickleton section was set up in 2018, to bring more live performances, especially theatre, to Mickleton Village Hall. We work in association with Highlights Rural Touring, who select top-class acts from around the world, to come and perform in rural village halls across the north of England. In addition, we are very happy to host other performing groups, such as The Castle Players, in line with our aims. We are currently preparing for our 21st show.



We began a busy 2022 season with the return of The Castle Players in *Pygmalion*.

In March, we hosted Kate Slaughter from Katie's Textile Landscapes workshop. Several beautiful were produced and everybody had a lovely day.



Kloths for a Mini pieces of embroidery



May saw us welcome Slanjayvah Danza who brought us their blend of Scottish and Spanish dance to a sold-out audience. "Fantastic, so much energy and smiles. Please come back" was one of the many positive reactions.

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In the autumn, we collaborated with Music at the Heart of Teesdale and their *Light In The Dark* project. First up was the Grace Smith Trio, accompanied by local musicians from Cream Tees, followed by The Monster Ceilidh Band, bringing their unique take to a traditional ceilidh.



And finally, we had another sell-out show, playing to the largest audience yet for PerformMickleton.



Elysiyum Theatre

Reiver – Tales from the Borders, by The Elysiyum in Northern Britain. Theatre comprised three moving tales from a time of lawlessness



We have more great shows and workshops coming up; you can find more information about these by emailing [MickletonVH@gmail.com](mailto:MickletonVH@gmail.com) and requesting that you be added to the mailing list. Follow us on Twitter @**MickletonVH**, on Instagram **mickletonvillagehall**, on Facebook at **MickletonVillageHall**; or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

**Libby Thompson**

### **Gardening Club**

Mickleton Gardening Club meets on the evening of the second Tuesday of most months and provides an opportunity for those who share a common interest in gardens and horticulture to meet in a sociable environment. Evening meetings are held in the hall but usually conclude in the Blacksmith's Arms. In 2022 we had a packed programme of talks, shows, socials, competitions, garden visits and open gardens.



If you'd like to join our friendly group, please contact Martin Ingall on 01833 640980

**Simon Fromm**

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Kelton  
Middleton in Teesdale  
DL12 0PW  
Tel:01833 641575 Mobile: 07800 987522  
email: [mickletonhall@hotmail.com](mailto:mickletonhall@hotmail.com)

### Solicitor:

Mr I Shuttleworth  
Hodgson & Angus  
62 Front Street  
Stanhope  
Bishop Auckland

### Bankers:

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Mrs Pat Asquith

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### Field grass cutting

Colin Hutchinson

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David Philbrick & John Carrington have both agreed to be holding trustees. Proposed by David Hutchinson & seconded by Sue Brown, this was agreed at our April 2021 management meeting. Our solicitor has suggested a slight amendment clause to 13(d) of the constitution adding:- "For the avoidance of doubt the liability of the Trustees is limited to the assets of the Association at any time" Proposed by David Hutchinson and seconded by Sue Brown and all agreed.

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#### **Volunteers 2021 Activities**

The Management Committee have normally met on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had no meetings until April. Because of other commitments it was agreed at our meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 to have our monthly meetings on a Thursday @ 7.30pm.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011 raised £1816.87 in 2021 these funds go towards the hall's running costs and maintenance.

The public toilet facilities were installed in the storage building in time for the drama event which was held outside in the field in July. We had hoped to get grant funding for this project, but it was decided to finish the toilet facilities with our own funds.

The area under the stage was to be fitted out as a changing room for stage productions, now that all the equipment etc. has been moved to the new storage building.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June, the carnival was sadly again cancelled this year due to Covid restrictions, we did have on the field, a drama event "The Complete works of Shakespeare" by Castle Players, on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the audience were asked to bring their own refreshments, the event was well supported.

We had two live music evenings with Albert Lee in September and Voodoo Room in October, both of these events had limited audience numbers due to Covid, both bands were rebooked for 2022.

We had a restrictive audience for a Highlights production in June with "Old Herbaceous". Mickleton Perform bought us a further Highlights production in November with comic "George Egg" both events were well received.

Mickleton Parish Council asked if two thousand mini daffodils could be planted in The Village Field if they won TAP's competition for the bulbs, Mickleton Parish won by getting the most "Likes" on Facebook. It was decided to hold a "Coffee Morning" and to invite the community to plant the bulbs in the field. This was a very enjoyable event and it was really nice to see so many people supporting the planting of the bulbs. This event ended up with the formation of a new group called Mickleton Community Events (MiCE).

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We have created an online calendar so that all the Trustees could have access to hall booking dates for them to know when the hall was available. The Chairman and the Booking Clerk to control the data recorded.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

The Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Carolyn Foster, Sally Stephenson and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises, grounds and field looking immaculate.

**Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report.**

**Other regular groups who use the hall are:**

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7.00pm.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings, Thursday 11.30 till 2pm.
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to hire upstairs office space.

**All the above followed Covid 19 rules.**

### **Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events in 2021.**

June 18<sup>th</sup> Highlights "Old Herbaceous"

July 9<sup>th</sup> Castle players

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Albert Lee

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Voodoo Room

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Barnard Castle Brass Band

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Highlights "George Egg"

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Xmas community coffee morning, (organized by MiCE new section)

Due to Covid 19 all events and hires were cancelled from January 2021 to May 2021.

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### **Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

**David Hutchinson**

Chairman and Trustee

**Keith Roberts**

Treasurer and Trustee

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

### Year ended 31 December 2020

	2021	2020		2021	2020
<u>Income</u>	£		<u>Expenditure</u>	£	
<i>Voluntary Income</i>			<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>		
Grants:			Fundraising	0.00	
Mickleton Parish Council	500.00	500.00	Lottery	0.00	
Covid-19	19,335.21	13,902.50	<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>		
			Bar purchases	3,123.31	358.29
			Rent	30.00	30.00
			Insurance	654.77	646.23
			Oil, Electricity, Water	1,697.93	1,176.28
<i>Donations:</i>			Repairs & maintenance	2,713.25	859.47
General donations	64.00	200.00	Caretaker & cleaning materials	881.70	1,716.05
Eggleston Carnival Committee	1,000.00	1,000.00	Advertising	333.33	55.44
			Licenses	317.86	495.25
<i>Other Income</i>			Subscriptions	50.00	50.00
Gift Aid	0.00	914.05	Projects	250.00	7,804.11
			Other	2,152.38	50.00
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>					
Miscellaneous	1,814.56	-			
Fundraising	0.00	-			
Lottery	0.00		<i>Section Expenditure</i>		
Book Sales	0.00	13.50	Cinema Club	128.50	254.50
Solar panel Income	2,460.32	1,611.94	Mickleton Live	4,199.66	3,843.94
			PerformMickleton	1,532.21	998.35
<i>Investment Income</i>			Teesdale Ladies Choir	0.00	83.80
Bank interest receivable	3.91	15.62	Table Tennis Club	0.00	
			MiCE	35.20	
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>			Gardening Club	0.00	
Cinema Club Subs	72.00	115.25	Ceilidh	0.00	
Mickleton Live Subs	82.00		Carnival	0.00	
PerformMickleton Subs	101.75	66.75			
Teesdale Ladies Choir Subs	100.00	51.50	<i>Governance Costs</i>		
Table Tennis Subs	40.40	52.00	Accountancy fees	30.00	50.00
MiCE Subs	50.00		Postage & stationery	0.00	
Gardening Club Subs	42.50	12.50	Telephone	483.49	470.91
Carnival Subs	0.00				
Ceilidh Subs	0.00				
Hall Hire	3,274.00	3,811.75			
Bar	5,506.03	884.50			
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00				
				<b>£18,613.59</b>	<b>£18,942.62</b>
<i>Other Income</i>			<u>Capital Expenditure</u>		
			Storage Building	1,732.28	
<i>Section Incomes</i>					
Cinema Club	296.00	541.75			
Mickleton Live	4,305.00	1,608.15			
PerformMickleton	1,686.50	1,138.75			
Teesdale Ladies Choir	150.00	129.80			
Table Tennis Club	40.40	52.00			
MiCE	370.90				
Gardening Club	0.00				
Carnival	0.00				
Ceilidh	0.00				
			Excess of Income for the year	<b>£20,949.61</b>	
	<b>£41,295.48</b>	<b>£26,622.31</b>			

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### Notes to accompany the Financial Statement for FY 2021

Year ended 31st December 2021

Income	£41,295
Expenditure	£20,346
Excess of income over expenditure	£20,950

Note: As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic the Hall was closed until July when we began to re-open. We benefitted from the Governments support grants which has meant a positive impact on the Hall's finances since expenditure has been reduced whilst closed. However, once re-opened the Hall has seen a return to near normal income and expenditure levels.

#### Highlights:

- Covid grants £19,335, Mickleton Parish Council £500 and general donations of £64
- Eggleston Carnival Committee donated £1,000 towards the storage building costs

The Halls cash position increased by £15,094 to £51,272. Breakdown of the cash position on 31st December 2021:

- Contingency Fund - £6,000
- Owing to Sections - £6,160
- Project Fund (ring fenced) - **-£21,171**
- Operating Cost (1 year) - £4,500
- Covid-19 Restart Support (ring fenced) - £3,000
- Hall Cash Balance - £31,612

#### Project Fund

Project Fund stands at **-£21,171**. On completion the total cost of the storage building was £40,686

#### Section Data & Balances

Section	Income	Expenditure	Balance at YE 2020	Balance at YE 2021	Increase/Decrease from PY
Cinema Club	£296.00	£128.50	£1,149.47	£1,320.97	£171.50
Mickleton Live	£4,305.00	£4,199.66	£1,557.01	£1,829.35	£272.34
PerformMickleton	£1,686.50	£1,532.21	£588.70	£1,024.49	£435.79
Teesdale Ladies Choir	£150.00	£0.00	£150.18	£300.18	£150.00
Table Tennis	£40.40	£0.00	£301.30	£341.70	£40.40
MICE	£370.90	£35.20	£0.00	£335.70	£335.70
Gardening Club	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	£0.00
Carnival	£0.00	£0.00	£309.71	£309.71	£0.00
Ceillidh	£0.00	£0.00	£648.26	£648.26	£0.00

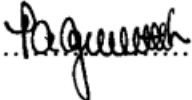
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### Independent Examiner's Report

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Mickleton Village Hall Association as presented without carrying out an audit, but having been given all the information and explanations necessary, in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of Mickleton Village Hall Association for the twelve month period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

Signed .....  ..... Date..... 25.5.22

### Funds available to the Association at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**In bank account No. 20331066 - £2,407.74**  
**No. 60954330 - £48,364.76**

**Total in bank accounts £51,272.50**

**Float kept in safe £500.00**

**Total available £51,272.50**

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### SECTION REPORTS

#### The Village Halls Consortium



The Directors of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2021 we had no meetings in the office, the Hall committee did not charge any hire costs. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

**Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC**

#### Mickleton Lunch Club

On Thursday lunch time, while the hall was closed, the lunch club staff used the hall's kitchen to prepare a weekly takeaway lunch, delivered by volunteers to members during Covid 19 lock down. The club opened on July 8<sup>th</sup> to all club members, it was lovely to catch up with everybody's news.

**Marion Hutchinson**

#### Ceilidh Club

None this year.

**Angela Gillings**

#### Cinema Club

Due to Covid restrictions we started showing films again in August with 'The Windermere Children'.

We've then shown two films on the first and third Friday evenings for the rest of the year.

Numbers for the films have been lower than before the pandemic, we hope they will pick back up in due time.

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall.

The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

**Steve Brown & David Hutchinson**

#### Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club

We have had 2 events, 'Albert Lee' on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept and 'Voodoo Room' on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. It was great to have music back in the village hall, there was a real buzz in the room, and it was nice to catch up with our guests.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ [www.mickletonlive.uk](http://www.mickletonlive.uk). We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

**Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson**

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### Mickleton Gardening Club

The Gardening Club activities continued to be disrupted though 2021 due to the COVID19 pandemic but it has gradually got back into its stride and at the time of writing, meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Some of the highlights from 2021 follow.

In August members of the club travelled to visit the gardens at Harlow Carr. The weather was good to us and we had a lovely day touring the gardens, eating at Betty's Tea Room and returning with plants from the shop.

We played host to John O'Reilly who gave an illustrated talk '**Dr Margaret Bradshaw's Teesdale Special Flora project**'. There was much interest and several questions. We also held slide shows, prepared by members of the Club.

We held our ever-popular sunflower and potato growing competitions, and awarded trophies for outstanding gardens.



Again, we had beautiful weather for the open gardens and also our annual garden party, where members contributed to the picnic whilst sitting in the garden of our very generous host, Paul Hunter, and admired the view.

The annual show was held in September, with many vegetable, flower and produce entries available for judging and inspection by club members and the general public.

Mickleton Gardening Club welcomes new members. Please contact the new chair of the club, Martin Ingall ([martin.ingall@sebringsprite.com](mailto:martin.ingall@sebringsprite.com) or 01833 640980). Martin was elected in 2022 following the retiral of Audrey Townsend, the previous chair, after many years of hard work in the role.

**Simon Froom (Hall Representative)**

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### PerformMickleton

Perform Mickleton section was set up in 2018, to bring more live performances, especially theatre, to Mickleton Village Hall. We work in association with Highlights Rural Touring, who select top-class acts from around the world, to come and perform in rural village halls across the north of England. In addition, we are very happy to host other performing groups, such as The Castle Players, in line with our aims. We are currently preparing for our 14<sup>th</sup> show.



Following the Covid19 Pandemic, we began our 2021 season with a workshop delivered by *The Cabinet of Curiosity Studio*. We created origami lampshades as we explored this ancient Japanese paper craft.

In June, we hosted Peter Macqueen from *PMac Productions*, with his show *Old Herbaceous*. This show was hugely popular, and combined story-telling, with gardening live on stage.



In July, we were thrilled to be picked as one of only 3 venues for The Castle Players' outdoor performance of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)*. The weather was kind, and an audience of more than 100 picniced in the field before enjoying the performance, with the backdrop of the Teesdale hills.

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Our season ended with a performance of *Movable Feast* by the chef-comedian George Egg. He created a three-course meal using items more usually at home in planes, trains and automobiles.

Performers tell us how much they enjoy the warm welcome and facilities offered by Mickleton Village Hall, and audience members enjoy the range of performances on offer.

We have more great shows coming up and you can find more information about these by emailing [MickletonVH@gmail.com](mailto:MickletonVH@gmail.com) and requesting that you be added to the mailing list. Follow us on Twitter @**MickletonVH**, on Instagram **mickletonvillagehall**, on Facebook at **MickletonVillageHall**; or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

**Libby Thompson**

**MiCE - Mickleton Community Events** : a new section formed in 2021



Over 40 people turned out on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October to help plant the 1100 daffodil bulbs, we 'won' in the Teesdale Action Partnership competition, all enjoying free refreshments in the hall afterwards. We decided to form this new village hall section to build on the community spirit really evident in Mickleton during Coved, lockdown and the Big Bulb Plant. The fruits of their labour have been much admired for the first time over the last few weeks of March 2022.

A small group of bakers, thinkers and doers then put their heads together – and MiCE was born. We next planned a Christmas Coffee Morning, again with free refreshments, to encourage villagers to meet together in the hall decorated in truly magical festive spirit. A Christmas tree festival was inaugurated and 12 were duly on display for the last 2 weeks of December, much admired by all hall users. We hope to make this an annual event, and already have 23 donated trees stored in readiness for 2022. Funds were raised through donations, a raffle and manning a book/CD stall. Surplus cakes were taken to villagers unable to leave their homes or attend the event. Barbara Wilson approached Lord Strathmore to obtain a beautiful outdoor tree for the top of the car park, something we have not seen in Mickleton for many years.

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### **MiCE Christmas Coffee Morning - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

We now have a very gifted bunch of 15 MiCE members all willing to give up their time to advertise, print, bake, sew, organise raffles and children's activities, decorate the hall, brew cups of tea, wash up etc. We are keen to organise more events for Mickletonians to look forward to. Just let us know what you would like us to put on! We plan to hold 4 or 5 events in 2022. Our next event is a Curry and Quiz fundraising night on February 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a themed Easter coffee morning.

**Angie Gillings & Barbara  
Wilson**

### **Table Tennis**

No meetings after March.

**Chris Gillings**

**MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1011422

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement**

**For the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**



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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and their independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The Association's formal constitution was adopted at a public meeting convened at Mickleton Church Institute on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1992. Charitable status was sought and this was conferred on the Association on 29/7/ 1992 Number 1011422.

At the 1994 Annual General Meeting the constitution was amended to enable various groups to become sections of MVHA with representatives on the management committee, further minor changes were made in 2015.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council.

Organisations affiliated to the MVHA during the year were: Teesdale Village Halls Consortium, Durham County Council, Mickleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Association of Teesdale Day Clubs..

#### **The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:**

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne  
John Carrington  
David Philbrick

#### **The Management Trustees and Officers for 2020 were:**

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Keith Roberts	Treasurer
Marion Hutchinson	Secretary/Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	Sue Brown
Anne Routledge	Terry Wilson
Angie Gillings	Chris Gillings
Libby Thompson	Simon Froom

#### **The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:**

Carnival Committee	Sue Brown
Ceilidh	Angie Gillings
Cinema Club	David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE	Steve Brown
Table Tennis	Chris Gillings
Lottery for project	Marion Hutchinson
Gardening Club	Simon Froom
Perform Mickleton	Libby Thompson
Teesdale Ladies' choir	Sue Kelly

#### **Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:**

Durham County Council	Richard Bell
Mickleton Parish Council	Marion Hutchinson
Parochial Church Council	: Keith Roberts

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Teesdale Village Halls Consortium : David Hutchinson  
The Association of Teesdale Day Club : David Bailey

**The principal address of the Association is:** The Secretary:  
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Kelton  
Middleton in Teesdale  
DL12  
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Hodgson & Angus  
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Stanhope  
Bishop Auckland

Bankers: Barclays Bank, Middleton in Teesdale

Independent Examiner: Mrs Pat Asquith  
Caretaker / Cleaner: Carolyn Foster  
Gardener/Grounds man: Chris Stamp  
Field grass cutting: Colin Hutchinson

The main objective of the Association is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, to advance education with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. Additionally to acquire such land as necessary, vested in the name of the Holding Trustees, and to provide a Village Hall and to manage and maintain such buildings and land so acquired and to raise and hold money in furtherance of the above objectives.

In 2007 the hall registered with the Inland Revenue to be able to claim Gift Aid. HMRC. No. XN87766.

The Management Committee have put in place a Financial Governance Policy,  
All deeds and leases are held in safe keeping by the Association's solicitors.

The Association is run by a management committee of four elected officers and at least six elected committee members together with a representative from each of the Sections, (all sections are covered by the hall's insurance), and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

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Mickleton Village Hall is well known both locally and further afield as an excellent venue for meetings and private parties through word of mouth and the Hall's web site [www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/](http://www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/)

### **2020 Activities**

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we only had 7 meetings.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011, raised £1611.94 in 2020, which goes towards the hall's running costs and maintenance.

We produce a Cinema Club Newsletter which as well as listing all films, gives details of all forthcoming fundraising events and details of our regular clubs. Due to Covid-19 we only produced a newsletter for the beginning of the year.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June this year the carnival was cancelled because of the Corvid 19 lock down.

We only had a limited number of events in the hall and all the wedding and private bookings were cancelled.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

### **Volunteers**

The Committee would like to thank all volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Carolyn Foster, Chris Stamp and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises, grounds and field looking immaculate..

### **Project**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions all fund raising events for the project had to be cancelled.



Taking advantage of the lovely weather in April and May the outside space around the north and east sides of the hall and the new building was completed and the field landscaped and reseeded.

The new entrance to the field was tarmacked and a new ramp to west door was made so that equipment can easily be moved form the hall to the storage building, this ramp also give access for the disabled right around the village hall.

The floor of the storage space was laid, the inside walls were painted and shelving installed thus enabling carnival equipment to be moved from the cellar in the hall.

The electrical work was completed with the lights and sockets in the building and we installed a number of emergency lights on the outside of the building to help with lighting down the disabled path.

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There are a number of people who have donated time and goods towards this project estimated at £12,000.00, a big thank you to all who contributed:

- Margaret Dent            The Stone that the building is built with.
- Michael Tarn             The Electrical installation.
- Richard Atkinson        Water Table for the roof & various drainage items.
- Mickleton Service Station A quantity of sand and aggregate, drainage pipework, scaffolding hire & JCB / Mini digger hire.
- Steve Brown             Floor insulation, scaffolding hire and paint.
- Andrew Atkinson        Disposal of ground waste.
- Chris Gillings            Painting the inside of the building.
- Angie Gillings            Supplying & planting of trees.
- Andrew Hutchinson      Labour for landscaping.
- David Hutchinson        Labour for overseeing the project.

Thanks also to all who helped to raise £18,496 towards the project:

- Mickleton Carnival for a donation.
- Eggleston Carnival for a donation.
- Steve & Sue Brown for a number of music nights.
- The Three Tuns for hosting a curry night.
- The Moorcock for hosting a curry night.
- Geoff & Suzanne Herbert, Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson for running the curry nights.
- All who bought lottery tickets and donated prizes and time in raising funds.

**Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report.**

**Other regular groups who use the hall are:**

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings..
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to hire upstairs office space.

**All the above followed Covid 19 rules.**

**Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events.**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>                        Castle Players

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>                    Highlights Quiz

Due to Covid 19 all events and hires were cancelled from March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### The Village Halls Consortium



The Trustees of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2020 we thank the committee for letting us have this rent free in these difficult times. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

**Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC**

### Mickleton Lunch Club

The lunch club in Mickleton Village Hall normally meet every Thursday but due to Covid 19 meetings after March 23<sup>rd</sup> were all cancelled..

### Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

**David Hutchinson**

Chairman and Trustee

# MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

**Keith Roberts**

Treasurer and Trustee

### Year ended 31 December 2020

<u>Income</u>	2020	2019	<u>Expenditure</u>	2020	2019
	£			£	
<i>Voluntary Income</i>			<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>		
Grants:			Fundraising	0.00	237.63
DCC - Covid 19 grants	13,902.50		Lottery	0.00	265.00
Mickleton Parish Council	500.00	500.00	<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>		
TVHC		250.00	Bar purchases	358.29	4,497.13
			Rent	30.00	50.00
			Insurance	646.23	612.42
			Heat, light & water	1,176.28	2,223.12
			Repairs & maintenance	859.47	1,252.98
<i>Donations:</i>			Caretaker & cleaning materials	1,716.05	2,287.08
General donations	200.00	2,191.85	Advertising	55.44	51.86
Eggleston Carnival Committee	1,000.00	1,000.00	Licenses	495.25	810.95
			Subscriptions	50.00	50.00
<i>Other Income</i>			Projects	7,804.11	24,169.32
Gift Aid	914.05	872.72	Other	50.00	797.36
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>			<i>Section Expenditure</i>		
Miscellaneous	0.00	161.00	Cinema Club	254.50	2,147.01
Fundraising	0.00	351.50	Mickleton Live	3,843.94	6,642.81
Lottery	0.00	530.00	Table Tennis Club	0.00	0.00
Book Sales	13.50	0.00	Ceilidh	0.00	0.00
Solar panel Income	1,611.94	1,538.50	Carnival	0.00	534.54
			Gardening Club	0.00	0.00
<i>Investment Income</i>			Perform Mickleton	998.35	756.05
Bank interest receivable	15.62	57.12	Teesdale Ladies Choir	83.80	598.70
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>			<i>Governance Costs</i>		
Cinema Club Subs	115.25	302.00	Accountancy fees	50.00	50.00
Mickleton Live Subs	0.00	115.00	Postage & stationery	0.00	0.00
Carnival Subs	0.00	0.00	Telephone	470.91	482.29
Ceilidh Subs	0.00	0.00			
Table Tennis Subs	52.00	81.80			
Gardening Club Subs	12.50	88.50			
Teesdale Ladies Choir	51.50	202.00			
Perform Mickleton	66.75	32.25			
Hall Hire	3,811.75	6,277.50			
Bar	884.50	8,686.55			
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	0.00			
<i>Other Income</i>			<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£18,942.62</b>	<b>£48,516.25</b>
<i>Section Incomes</i>					
Cinema Club	541.75	1,449.60			
Mickleton Live	1,608.15	6,812.78			
Table Tennis Club	52.00	81.80			
Ceilidh	0.00	0.00			
Carnival	0.00	1,082.15			
Gardening Club	0.00	0.00			
Perform Mickleton	1,138.75	705.10			
Teesdale Ladies Choir	129.80	593.78			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£26,622.31</b>	<b>£33,963.50</b>			

Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year **£7,679.69** **-£14,552.75**

Approval by the management trustees at their meeting on July 5th 2021

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### Notes to accompany the Financial Statement for FY 2020

Year ended 31st December 2020

Income	£26,622
Expenditure	£18,943
Excess of income over expenditure	£7,680

Note: As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic the Hall was closed for most of 2020. We were eligible for the Governments support grants which has meant the impact on the Hall has been minimal. Not too much can be read into these figures.

#### Highlights:

- Covid grants £13,902, Mickleton Parish Council £500 and general donations of £200
- Eggleston Carnival Committee donated £1,000 towards the storage building costs

The Halls cash position increased by £10,591 to £29,986 Breakdown of the cash position at 31st December 2020:

- Contingency Fund - £6,000
- Owning to Sections - £4,159
- Project Fund (ring fenced) - **-£20,209**
- Operating Cost (1 year) - £4,500
- Hall Cash Balance - £15,326

#### Project Fund

Project Fund stands at **-£20,209** (i.e. previously ring-fenced monies spent). To date we have spent £38,704. It is estimated we need a further £3,000 to complete the storage building project

#### Section Data & Balances

Section	Income	Expenditure	Balance at Year End 2020	Increase/Decrease from Previous Year
Ceilidh	£0.00	£0.00	£648.26	£0.00
Mickleton Live	£3,330.44	£3,843.94	£1,043.51	-£513.50
Cinema	£657.00	£372.75	£1,149.47	£284.25
Table Tennis	£52.00	£0.00	£219.50	-£29.80
Gardening Club	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00
Carnival	£0.00	£0.00	£309.71	£0.00
Perform Mickleton	£1,264.50	£998.35	£588.70	£266.15
Teesdale Ladies Choir	£154.50	£83.80	£150.18	£70.70
			<b>£4,159.33</b>	<b>£77.80</b>

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### Independent Examiner's Report

I certify that I have examined the accounts of The Village Hall Consortium as presented without carrying out an audit, but having been given all the information and explanations necessary, in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of The Village Hall Consortium for the twelve month period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Mrs Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

Signed .....  .....

Date... *22 April 2021* .....

### Funds available to Mickleton Village Hall Association

@ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Current account	£4,125.06
Savings account	£25,860.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>£29,985.91</b>

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### SECTION REPORTS

#### **Ceilidh Club**

None this year.

**Angela Gillings**

#### **Cinema Club**

The Cinema Club has now been running for twenty two years.

We showed two films on the first and third Friday evenings in Jan & Feb, one film night in March, August, September & two film nights in October.

We hope to hold our usual club nights as soon as Corvid 19 rules allow.

We have a very enthusiastic team of volunteers who help at every club night. We try to choose films which we hope our members will enjoy.

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall.

The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

**Steve Brown & David Hutchinson**

#### **Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club**

No gigs in 2020.

We will start holding gigs as soon as Covid 19 rules are lifted.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

All our headline acts are supported by up and coming local artists who appreciate the opportunity to be seen and heard.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ [www.mickletonlive.uk](http://www.mickletonlive.uk). We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

**Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson**

#### **Gardening Club**

We held just two meetings in 2020, and continued to keep in touch online. We shared pictures of our gardens each month, and John Lonsdale kept us informed with his Topical Tips.

The popular Biggest Sunflower Head competition went ahead, as did the Garden judging.

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*Mickleton Gardening Club Trophy winners, 2020*

We were unable to hold our usual September show, so asked members to submit photos of garden produce, along with pictures taken by garden judges, to create a slide show for when we were able to meet again.

**Simon Froom**

### **Table Tennis**

No meetings after March.

**Chris Gillings**

### **Teesdale Ladies Choir**

No meetings

**Barbara Wilson**

### **Carnival**

No carnival due to Covid 19 restrictions

**Steve & Sue Brown**

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### Perform Mickleton

The Perform Mickleton section was set up in 2018, to bring more live performances, especially theatre, to Mickleton Village Hall. We work in association with Highlights Rural Touring, who select top-class acts from around the world, to come and perform in rural village halls across the north of England.



In 2020, we were selected by The Castle Players, one of the leading non-professional theatre groups in the North East, to be one venue for their winter tour of *The Old Curiosity Shop*. We welcomed guests to the February performance, which was much enjoyed by everyone.



Later in the month, in conjunction with Highlights, the village hall was transformed into the Four Horsemen public house, as Box of Tricks Theatre Company brought us *The Last Quiz Night on Earth*. The audience enjoyed a pie and pea supper with a quiz within a play.

For December, we had booked Celtic Christmas Strings, a harp and guitar duo. They were to play us festive tunes, traditional and modern. Sadly, the COVID-19 tier system was imposed and we had to cancel. We hope to book them again in the future; their music is beautiful.

Performers tell us how much they enjoy the warm welcome and facilities offered by Mickleton Village Hall, and audience members enjoy the range of performances on offer. You can find more information about upcoming shows by emailing [MickletonVH@gmail.com](mailto:MickletonVH@gmail.com) and requesting being added to the mailing list; follow us on Twitter [@MickletonVH](https://twitter.com/MickletonVH); or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

**Libby Thompson**