

PICKERING WAR MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1045498

Details

Other names	"THE MEMORIAL HALL"
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-03-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL AND WAR MEMORIAL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF PICKERING.

Activities: The provision and maintenance of a unique community facility which is Pickering Memorial Hall. This provides a dynamic focal point for all local charities, businesses and the people of Pickering, at minimal non profit making cost to users.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF PICKERING
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,623	£67,101	-	-
2024-03-31	£61,616	£64,064	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,708	£61,743	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,289	£47,381	-	-
2021-03-31	£82,509	£47,405	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Johnston		2026-01-27
Alison Seaward		2022-06-29
Andrew Gadsby		2024-10-07
Donna Rueth		2026-01-27
HELENE HAYTHORNE		2023-12-07
RICHARD NEIL HAYTHORNE		2023-12-07

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Pickering War Memorial Charitable Trust

Treasurer's Annual Report for the financial year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Registered Address

Memorial Hall
Potter Hill
Pickering
YO18 8AA

Charity Registration Number: 1045498

1 Trustees

The following people served as Trustees during the period of the report:

Mal Danks (Secretary to 08/07/24, retired)
Tony Danks (Treasurer to 08/07/24, retired)
Joan Lovejoy (Chair)
Ishmail Ahmed (Deputy Chair)
Emma Dineen
Alison Seaward
June Haighton (retired 08/07/24)
Gill Colley (resigned 30/09/24)
Chris Colley (resigned 30/09/24)
Ruby D'Alquen
Richard Haythorne (Treasurer from 08/07/24)
Helene Haythorne (Secretary from 08/07/24)
Andrew Gadsby (co-opted from 25/11/24)

2 Objectives and Activities

The current Charity was created in 1994 with the object, as defined in the Charity scheme document, of providing and maintaining a facility for the use of the people of Pickering, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, to be used for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure activities.

The Charity is managed by a Management Committee of Trustees. Pickering Town Council is designated as Custodian Trustee and holds legal title of the Memorial Hall. The remaining trustees are volunteers appointed under the terms of the Charity scheme document.

The Trustees are committed to the provision of the facilities in the Memorial Hall for the benefit of the people of Pickering, at the lowest prices possible while maintaining the viability and integrity of the building and equipment.

While carrying out their duties the Trustees believe they have complied with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

3 Achievements and Performance

The Memorial Hall continues to be an extremely well used asset in the heart of our town providing a meeting place for the community, as well as office space for small businesses, independent groups and the Town Council.

Occupancy rates of rental rooms remains healthy and income from room hire increased slightly since the last reporting period. The Management Committee with the Hall Manager continuously and actively explore ways to increase room occupancy and therefore income.

Towards the end of the reporting period an information gathering exercise carried out by the trustees, using social media, highlighted that the majority of local residents that responded, mistakenly believed that the Memorial Hall is owned, managed and funded by the Town Council. This resulted in the decision to design and produce an information/promotion leaflet for distribution to all Pickering households. The leaflet was funded by a successful grant application to Pickering Town Council.

The Management Committee agreed to broaden the reach of the *Friends Of The Memorial Hall* fundraising scheme by offering an additional online donation option as well as the traditional method. This was publicized in the above mentioned information leaflet, on the Memorial Hall's newly revamped website and on new advertising displays located in the foyer.

The Management Committee agreed to replace an obsolete desktop PC used by the Hall Manager to process room bookings. A laptop and mobile telephone were purchased along with modern multi-function booking software that can be accessed remotely from multiple devices both in the office and remotely. This expenditure was funded by a grant from Pickering Town Council.

Annual fund raising efforts continued including a Quiz Night at the Sun Inn, the Pickering Town Treasure Hunt, and the ever popular book donation scheme located in the foyer of the Memorial Hall.

4 Financial Review

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 are included with this report.

The financial environment in which the Charity operates is increasingly challenging as running costs increase year on year while income remains relatively static due to the constraints of the building and our aspiration to provide low cost facilities to the community.

The Management Committee acknowledged that the net operating loss of £6452.79 is not sustainable and subsequently undertook a review of room hire and long term rental pricing. Both room hire and rent rates were increased during 2025.

Cash reserves fell by £5,269 from £93,004 on 01/04/2024 to £87,735 on 31/03/2025. £5000 was used in June 2024 to bridge a running cost shortfall. Cash reserves were soon to fall by a further £10,000 early in April 2025 to pay for a replacement boiler which was installed in January 2025 following the failure of the old unit.

On 1 October 2024 cash reserves were transferred from a low interest yielding instant access account to higher interest notice accounts. Investment income therefore increased significantly in the second half of the reporting period and thereafter.

The Management Committee is continually exploring ways to reduce running costs:

- During the reporting period the annual cost of insurance was reduced by £1200 by separating Flood Cover from the general business insurance policy.
- A positive consequence of replacing the failed boiler is that the new boiler is less powerful and therefore uses less gas than the old one. Heating engineers confirmed that the old boiler was significantly overpowered for the purpose it was being used for and the thermal demand of the space it heats.
- On investigating the seemingly high electric bills, with the current Supplier British Gas, it was found that the electric supply into the building exceeds the Halls' actual requirements. A process to change the building's electric meter from a Half Hourly Current Transformer (CT) Meter, intended for use in industrial settings, to a standard Smart Meter has begun. The work is complicated by the need to co-ordinate between the suppliers' meter service subcontractor and Northern Powergrid. On completion of the work we will however be able to access more competitive electric tariffs from a wider range of suppliers.
- In December 2024 energy consultants *Synergi Energy Systems* carried out a free energy survey to identify potential savings. Their subsequent report made several recommendations that the Management Committee has considered and will review periodically as funding becomes available.

Richard Haythorne
Treasurer
21 July 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rent	15,389	-	-	15,389	14,736
Room Hire	38,780	-	-	38,780	35,521
Catering	-	-	-	-	454
Fund Raising	334	-	-	334	2,899
Donations	1,687	-	-	1,687	2,581
Bank Interest	2,036	-	-	2,036	876
Sundry	2,397	-	-	2,397	1,202
	-	-	-	-	3,347
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,623	-	-	60,623	61,616
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,623	-	-	60,623	61,616
A3 Payments					
Wages	8,486	-	-	8,486	8,191
Insurance & Utilities	25,568	-	-	25,568	21,556
Stationary/Postage/Telephone	1,965	-	-	1,965	1,244
Renewals & Maintenance	8,614	-	-	8,614	8,987
Fees & Licences	1,033	-	-	1,033	1,763
Caterering Expenses	84	-	-	84	382
Equipment Purchases	897	-	-	897	56
Sundry Expenditure	1,182	-	-	1,182	3,525
Hall Management	19,272	-	-	19,272	18,360
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	67,101	-	-	67,101	64,064
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67,101	-	-	67,101	64,064
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,478	-	-	- 6,478	- 2,448
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 6,478	-	-	- 6,478	- 2,448

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	10,823	-	
	Investment Accounts	76,867	-	-
	Petty Cash	46	-	-
	Total cash funds	87,736	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Pickering War Memorial Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Pickering War Memorial Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I note that the Statement of assets and liabilities of the Trust does not record any value to the Pickering War Memorial Hall nor have I been able to see any evidence of registered title or ownership of this property, I have however seen documentation that supports that Pickering Town Council are custodian trustees of this property.

I have no other concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: John B Harrison

Relevant professional qualification FCA:

Address: The Old Rectory, 23 Hallgarth, Pickering, YO18 7AW

Date: 12th November 2025

RJH 12/11/25

PICKERING WAR MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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Treasurer's report July 2024
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Presented with this report are the final draft accounts for the full financial year ending 31st March 2024. These figures are ready to present to the auditor for verification.

Overall a deficit of £2,448 was made, against a deficit of £11,035 last year. This is the second year since the present management team took over in 2004 that there has been an operating deficit.

At the end of the year the Hall's reserves had decreased from £95,345 to £92,897.

Income: Total income for the year is £61,616 against last year's £50,708. This figure, an **increase of over 21%** is excellent news as it brings overall income back to pre-covid levels.

Room hire is up 5% from £31,521 to £35,521. All three rooms are doing better than last year. Income from Whistler is **up by 7%** to £24,870. Mill is **up by 2%** to £5,705 and Beckett is **up by 85%** to £4,946.

Fund Raising/Donations The overall total here has almost doubled from £2,752 to £5,480.

Rental income has increased by 5% this year to £14,736, as we have again maintained 100% occupancy rates and secured rises when leases were renewed.

Book Sales. A 21% decrease to £876.

Friends. The number of friends remained unchanged with a small decrease in renewal fees/donations from £650 to £620.

Expenditure: Total expenditure for the year is £64,064, an **increase of 3.7%**.

Renewals & Maintenance: This year's figure of £8,987 is a **decrease of 46%** as no major items of expenditure occurred this year apart from a new water boiler and continuing essential external maintenance.

Fees and Licences: This increase is due to PRS/PPL claiming last year's fee rather late.

Insurance & Utilities: Unsurprisingly there is a 16% increase this year to £21,556

Conclusion: As expected, this year's result is far better than last year, but with costs increasing all the time we really will have to consider increasing our room rental rates.

Future prospects:

Although trade is improving, the overall results are still not as good as we would wish. We do, however, continue to attract new regular clients most of whom require the Whistler Hall. Take-up of the smaller rooms remains a problem due to competition in the Town and our lack of easy free parking. In addition the end of War-Weekend and "Through the Ages" is bad news as in recent years the profit has usually been more than the overall surplus for the year.

As I said last year, however, with our strong reserves and our ability to retain excellent staff, I am confident that the Hall is in a viable position to continue its service to the people of Pickering for the next few years.

A.N.Danks. Treasurer.

8th July 2024

PICKERING WAR MEMORIAL HALL CHARITABLE TRUST

ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31 March 2024

	Current Account	Loan Account	Petty cash	Bus Res Deposit	Total
Brought forward	5,145.18	-	200.00	90,000.00	95,345.18
Movement	(2,448.53)				
Interest Adjustment					
Loan repayment					
Transfer	-			=	-
Petty Cash - Hall					
Carried forward	2,696.65		200.00	90,000.00	92,896.65

NET DECREASE IN RESERVES

(2,448.53)

ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD

	2022/23	2023/24
	£	£
Operating Income		
Rent		14,736
Whistler	23,278	
Mill	5,576	
Beckett	2,667	4,946
Room hire		35,521
Catering Receipts		454
Fund Raising	1,533	2,899
Donations	1,219	2,581
Sales-Books & Pens etc	1,112	876
Advance Bookings		
Bank interest	399	1,202
Sundry Income	250	3,347
Total Income	50,708	61,616
Operating Expenditure		
Wages		8,191
Insurance & Utilities	7,448	21,556
Staty/Post/Telephone	15,519	1,244
Renewals & Maintenance	1,060	8,987
Fees & Licences	19,356	1,763
Catering Expenses	597	382
Equipment Purchase	591	56
Sundry Expenditure / Furlough	143	3,525
Hall Management	229	18,360
Total Operating Expenditure	61,743	64,064
Net Operating Income/(expenditure)	(11,035)	(2,448)
Non-operating Expenditure		
Cash Flow	(11,035)	(2,448)

Bal Fwd	11,273
Cash Flow	4,908
Flood damage	
Interest adj	
Bus Reserve	(10,000)
Petty cash	
Bal C/Fwd	6,181

	5,145
	(2,448)

2,697

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	2,697	-	-
	Deposit Account	90,000	-	-
	Petty Cash	200	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,897	-	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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Relevant professional qualification FCA:

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Date: 18th December 2024

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PICKERING WAR MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST.

Registered Charity No 1045498

The Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering, YO18 8AA

Annual Report March 2021.

Trustees: T.Boardman (Chair), A.N. Danks (Treasurer), Mrs M. Danks Secretary), D.Goodliffe, Mrs J. Haighton, Mrs J. Lovejoy, Mrs M. Lowe, A. Smith, Rev. A. Wright.

The trustees are appointed annually by the people of Pickering to whom the Hall belongs.

We continue to look for suitable local people as new trustees.

The trustees manage and direct all activities undertaken at the Hall supported by a small team of staff.

Below is a synopsis of the year's activities and performance.

The Hall has no outstanding debts and has no funds held as custodian trustee.

Overall a surplus of £35,104 was made, against £3,396 last year.

At the end of the year the Hall's reserves had increased from £66,368 to £101,472.

As shown below, however, these two figures have to be taken with a great deal of caution.

Income: Although total income for the year is up by 55% on last year to £82,509,

Room hire is down by 85% to £4,391. Income from Whistler is down by 84% to £2,494, Mill is also down by 84% to £1,501 and Beckett by 87% to £396.

Fund Raising/Donations This combined figure is obviously much reduced as there was no fund raising at all this year and last year we had a generous donation from the Jazz Festival.

Rental income has decreased this year by 12% to £13,632 but is still 2% more than two years ago as we have maintained 100% occupancy rates.

Book Sales. Not surprisingly, a 73% reduction to £334.

Friends. Although there was another slight reduction in the number of friends, to 35, there was a further small increase in renewal fees/donations from £710 to £750.

Expenditure: Total expenditure for the year is £47,405, down just 5% on last year.

Renewals & Maintenance: has increased from £6,439 to £10,573. Over the past two years no major items of expenditure have occurred but this year the front doors have been replaced (£2,640) along with upgrading some toilet facilities and finishing off the general redecoration of the Hall.

Insurance & Utilities: A 20% overall reduction has been achieved but in view of the much lower occupancy rate this year a reduction here is not too surprising.

Conclusion: Obviously, at first glance, this year's result is excellent. However, without government assistance, by way of grants and furlough, the result would have been very different! Instead of the above surplus, there would be a deficit showing in the region of £27,000.

Future prospects: Obviously these are not particularly good.

I think next year could prove to be very difficult. Assuming the overall position regarding covid does not deteriorate alarmingly it is most unlikely that we will again be ordered to close and thus there will be no more government support. On the other hand, early signs are that several of our regular clients are not rushing back. Some of the leisure groups have indicated that they will resume in September but of course others, particularly non-leisure related, may keep to remote meetings in the future.

However, with our stronger reserves, and our ability to retain our excellent staff, I am confident that the Hall is in a viable position to continue its service to the people of Pickering for the next few years..

AN.Danks. Treasurer.

5 January 2022

Year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Income and Expenditure

ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD

	Year ended 31 March 2021				31 March 2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Operating Income					
Rent		13,632			13,632
Whistler	2,494				2,494
Mill	1,501				1,501
Beckett	396				396
<i>Room hire</i>		4,391			4,391
Catering Receipts					456
Fund Raising					5,196
Donations		1,646			1,646
Sales-Books & Pens etc		334			334
Sundries					593
Bank interest		24			24
Grants/Furlough		62,482			62,482
Total Income		82,509	0	0	82,509
Operating Expenditure					
Wages		5,623			5,623
Insurance & Utilities		12,933			12,933
Staty/Post/Telephone		1,146			1,146
Renewals & Maintenance		10,573			10,573
Fees & Licences		1,249			1,249
Catering Expenses					318
Equipment Purchase		281			281
Sundry Expenditure					42
Hall Management		15,600			15,600
Total Operating Expenditure		47,405	0	0	47,405
Net Operating Income/(expenditure)		35,104			35,104
Non-operating Expenditure					
Net Cash Inflow/(outflow)					
Cash balance brought forward		66,368			66,368
Cash balance carried forward		101,472	0	0	101,472

NOTE 1

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Registered Charity Number

1045498

Year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Income and Expenditure

ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD

	Year ended 31 March 2021				31 March 2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£
Operating Income					
Rent		13,632		13,632	15,412
Whistler	2,494				15,495
Mill	1,501				9,211
Beckett	396				2,971
<i>Room hire</i>		4,391		4,391	
Catering Receipts					456
Fund Raising					5,196
Donations		1,646		1,646	2,469
Sales-Books & Pens etc		334		334	1,245
Sundries					593
Bank interest		24		24	101
Grants/Furlough		62,482		62,482	
Total Income		82,509	0	0	82,509
					53,149
Operating Expenditure					
Wages		5,623		5,623	6,411
Insurance & Utilities		12,933		12,933	16,367
Staty/Post/Telephone		1,146		1,146	1,186
Renewals & Maintenance		10,573		10,573	6,439
Fees & Licences		1,249		1,249	1,280
Catering Expenses					318
Equipment Purchase		281		281	3,310
Sundry Expenditure					42
Hall Management		15,600		15,600	14,400
Total Operating Expenditure		47,405	0	0	47,405
					49,753
Net Operating Income/(expenditure)		35,104		35,104	3,396
Non-operating Expenditure					
Net Cash Inflow/(outflow)					
Cash balance brought forward		66,368		66,368	62,972
Cash balance carried forward		101,472	0	0	101,472
					66,368

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