

THIRSK AND SOWERBY TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

England & Wales · Charity number 1055468

Details

Other names	TOWN HALL COMMITTEE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-05-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SUBJECT TO CLAUSE 27, THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR USE BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR: A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: The purpose of the hall is to provide a place where residents of Thirsk & Sowerby can meet for cultural, recreational and charitable purposes. The Town Hall Management Committee are responsible for the day to day running of the building and for its long term well being. The Management committee aims to provide first class facilities at affordable cost to groups serving the community.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THIRSK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,695	£29,692	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,205	£47,374	-	-
2023-03-31	£17,537	£27,306	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,772	£24,942	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,749	£32,029	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Trueman	Chair	2020-02-01
Amy Robinson		2025-01-30
Benjamin Jon Smith		2026-02-01
COLIN NORTHRIDGE MBE		
ELLEN STORM		
FREDA MARY ROBERTS		
JOHN WORLEY		
Janet Watson		2020-09-10
MARK STEWART ROBSON		

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Management Report

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall For the period ended 31 March 2024

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Current Management Committee:

Chairman Cllr David Jackson

Vice-Chairman Cllr Graham France

Thirsk Town Council Members

Cllr Kate Mountford
Cllr Andrew Trueman

Sowerby Parish Council Members

Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Ellen Storm

Co-opted Members

Freda Roberts
John Worley
Colin Northridge MBE
Janet Watson

Secretary/Treasurer

Alexandra Robson

Activities in 2023/2024

Throughout 2023/2024 Trustees have seen the continued development of activities and hirers.

The Council's responsibilities regarding maintenance and insurance have been fulfilled over this year and the only unexpected expense was the external drainage from the recently refurbished toilets, the cost of which was shared between the two councils. A level of reserves has been set by trustees to take account of six to nine months running costs to ensure the financial stability of the hall.

With increased activity comes the need for careful monitoring of the cleanliness of our building. A local cleaning company has been engaged to offer a reliable and professional service.

Following the implementation of a key safe entrance for hirers, the conditions of hire were revised and gave hirers added time to set up and clear equipment and this is working effectively. Trustees have agreed to a variance in hire arrangements where necessary.

The Secretary to Trustees continues to provide excellent service to Hirers and Trustees; and to both councils through regular meetings and thanks are offered to her.

I would like to officially recognise the support that Councillor Robson provides to the facility through his knowledge of the building and its many idiosyncrasies. Many minor repairs and "caretaking" jobs are often undertaken voluntarily by him.

Thanks are offered to all trustees who attended the bi-monthly meetings and continue to work on behalf of the Parish and Town Councils and in the interests of the community as Trustees.

Cllr David Jackson
Chairman

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Financial Activities

April 2023 - March 2024

	Total
INCOME	
Cost To Councils Income	2,885,850
Office Hire	1,000.00
Venue Hire	35,318.90
Total Income	39,204.75
TOTAL	
39,204.75	
EXPENDITURES	
Advertising/Promotional	45.00
Car Park Hire	1,920.00
Insurances	2,8528.85
Office/General Administrative Expenses	11,609.86
Premises Maintenance	14,078.01
Utilities	16,892.38
Total Expenditures	47,374.10
NET OPERATING INCOME	£-8,169.35
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£-8,169.35

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2024

	Total
FIXED ASSET	
Total Fixed Asset	
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	
Current	24,706.15
Total Cash at bank and in hand	24,706.15
NET CURRENT ASSETS	24,706.15
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	24,706.15
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	24,706.15
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£24,706.15
CHARITY FUNDS	
Total Charity funds	£24,706.15

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Cllr Ellen Storm

Secretary/Treasurer

Alexandra Little

Financial Balances

31st March 2021 £ 32,875 (includes grant funding which has been allocated at approx. £5000)

Activities in 2020/2021

The Committee was saddened when Marion Green retired in July 2020 and offered thanks for her sterling work over the time she had worked with the Town Hall and Trustees. Alexandra Little took over the role temporarily and worked on ensuring the building was COVID safe and she has recently accepted the position on a permanent basis.

During each lockdown the hall facility was maintained and kept clean. We assisted with the Foodbank by making the hall available for free, so Community Works could package parcels for vulnerable families at Christmas. Community Works made use of the hall to continue to support a vulnerable group and the NHS made use of the hall at no charge to administer vaccines to pupils that would usually be done in a school setting.

The following items have been actioned:

- Remaining windows replaced
- Electrical Survey, works and NCIS Certification undertaken
- Asbestos Survey undertaken
- Energy Performance Certification completed
- All lighting replaced with LED lights
- Internet provision in place throughout the whole building
- Guttering cleaned and car park/front cleaned
- Works to the tree completed
- Upstairs and stairway carpet fitted
- Annexe, Entrance and Stairway and Main Hall decorated
- Small Office refurbished into a meeting room

The Secretary has successfully applied for a number of grants which have enabled some of the above works to be completed and is currently looking into grant availability and costings for an upgrade of the Main Hall toilet facilities. She has also recently held a styled shoot to showcase the facilities on offer at the Town Hall. Bookings are returning to the hall in line with the lifting of lockdown restrictions and additional hirers have been secured following the promotion of the facilities on social media.

Finally, sincere thanks are offered on behalf of the Vice Chairman to the trustees, Marion Green and Alexandra Little for their support and hard work throughout the challenges of the last year.

Cllr David Jackson

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Financial Activities

April 2020 - March 2021

	Total
INCOME	
Grant Funding	30,731.00
Interest Received	0.35
Office Hire	1,000.00
Venue Hire	8,017.48
Total Income	39,748.83
TOTAL	39,748.83
EXPENDITURES	
Advertising/Promotional	45.00
Car Park Hire	786.00
COVID Safe Expenditure	552.49
Insurances	2,647.90
Office/General Administrative Expenses	6,018.33
Other Professional Services	570.00
Premises Maintenance	18,426.44
Utilities	3,982.96
Total Expenditures	33,029.12
NET OPERATING INCOME	6,719.71
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£6,719.71

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2021

	Total
FIXED ASSET	
Total Fixed Asset	
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	
Current	33,068.38
Total Cash at bank and in hand	33,068.38
DEBTORS	
Debtors	-1,735.39
Total Debtors	-1,735.39
NET CURRENT ASSETS	31,332.99
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	-1,317.94
Total Trade Creditors	-1,317.94
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-1,317.94
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	32,650.93
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,650.93
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£32,650.93
CHARITY FUNDS	
Opening Balance Equity	25,931.22
Retained Earnings	
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,719.71
Total Charity funds	£32,650.93