

# **Bowes and Gilmonby Parish Hall**

Bowes  
Barnard Castle  
County Durham  
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TRUSTEES

## **A N N U A L   R E P O R T**

**1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Charity No: 1058050

## **BOWES AND GILMONBY PARISH HALL**

Bowes and Gilmonby Parish Hall is a village hall serving, as the name suggests, the neighbouring civil parishes of Bowes and Gilmonby, near Barnard Castle in the south west corner of County Durham. The parishes are rural and predominantly agricultural, with a total population of only around 500 and huge area of approximately 14,000 acres (one person to every 28 acres).

The village of Bowes is the main centre of population, and whilst fortunate enough to have retained its primary school, pub, church and club, it is heavily dependent on the nearest town, Barnard Castle (five miles away), for other amenities.

The Parish Hall charity was established by Deed of Trust in 1960 and the building officially opened on 24 April 1963. The building consists of a central hall with a stage at one end, together with an adjoining smaller Supper Room which can if necessary be used independently of the main hall for meetings or small functions. There is an upstairs small meeting room. A kitchen, toilets (including a disabled toilet) backstage area and foyer complete the available space in the Hall. There is level access into all areas of the hall except the small meeting room.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The stated aims and objectives of the Parish Hall (defined in the Deed of Trust) are "to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Bowes and Gilmonby parishes and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants".

## GOVERNANCE

The hall is managed by a Committee consisting of volunteers elected at the AGM. They are de facto trustees of the charity. The committee at the start of the year was -

Mike Bettison (Chair), Esther Beck (Treasurer & Minutes Secretary), Joan Coleman, Peter Fisher, Jackie Seddon. Val Smart, Roger Smart and Norma Atkinson.

The committee met online or via the telephone for January, February, March and April due to the continuing global pandemic. Monthly meetings resumed in the hall in May, when the delayed AGM was held. There were no meetings in August or December.

## HALL USERS

Hall users are divided into three distinct groups - section members, affiliated organisations and outside hirers.

For Sections users each member pays £1.20 per session for each meeting. There are currently no Sections.

Affiliated organisations are the WI and the Bowes Agricultural Society. They pay an annual affiliation fee of £12 and receive in return a discount of 10% on the published hire charges of the Hall. Outside users, who range from the Church to private parties, pay the full published charges.

The Post Office operates a satellite service on Thursdays 9.30 – 12noon.

## CURRENT RATES

The rates were reviewed during the year and were set as follows:

Affiliated Membership	£12 per annum
Sections	£1.20 per person per session
Main Hall	£7 per hour
Supper Room	£6 per hour
Committee Room	£5 per hour
Private Hire	£75

### For Hirers from outside the Village

Whole Hall	£20 per hour (including Kitchen)
Main hall only	£15 per hour (excluding Kitchen)
Supper Room	£10 per hour (including Kitchen)
Supper Room	£8 per hour (excluding Kitchen)
Committee Room	£7 per hour

For the course of Covid-19 restrictions if the Main Hall had to be used where normally the Supper room would have been adequate, Supper room rates were charged.

## **NETWORKS**

The hall is a member of The Village Hall Consortium (TVHC) which has been instrumental in providing small amounts of finance for various activities. TVHC is also working to increase hall income through marketing the halls to potential users.

The hall is also represented at the Teesdale Action Partnership Forum.

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

Again the Hall received a number of grants during the year due to the pandemic. These were partly used for some improvements and repairs. The main fire exit door had the step removed to make it fully accessible. All the wooden flooring was repaired, sanded and oiled. The lighting in the supper room was replaced with LED lighting. The electrics were given the full 5 year check.

## **EVENTS 2021**

Slowly things began to happen during the year. The Post Office service on a Thursday morning continued. Local elections were held in May. The Parish Council held a few meetings in the hall when their usual venue, the School, was unavailable. Bowes Agricultural Show, Bowes Carnival and the Bowes Book Club held meetings. The WI resumed meetings in June. The monthly Ukulele / Social sessions resumed in September. St Giles Harvest Auction took place in September. A twice-weekly keep fit session began in October. An evening of local pictures taken by Joyce Press in the 1980's was held.. There were three Family discos organised by the Carnival committee. The Christmas Lights committee held 'Graham's Gallery' ( a display and auction of local art) and a Country & Western night. The School Nativity returned for two performances. We had one Highlights event – Martin Harley, a blues guitar virtuoso. The final event of the year was the Carols night with the Barnard Castle Band.

Mike Bettison, Chairman 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

EXPENDITURE

	<u>Y/E 2020</u>	<u>Y/E 2021</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Y/E 2020</u>	<u>Y/E 2021</u>
Repairs and Renewals:			Lettings	816	2200.65
Building and Decoration	3480	10859.11	Sections	15	-
Equipment and General	77	867.19	Wayleave	17	17.08
		11726.30			2217.73
Water Rates	308	456.12			
Heating and Lighting	848	1643.97			
Insurance	521	532.37	Fund Raising	209	9.22
Cleaning, Cleaning Materials and Sundries	152	484.60	Event Income	-	294.00
Licences and Subscriptions	185	168.22	Bar Takings	983	3840.35
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	-	17.24	Donations	82	62.12
Wifi	-	106.96			4205.69
Bar Expenses	576	2271.21	Project Grants:		
Event Costs	-	223.80	DCC	2000	3410.59
Grass Cutting	450	450.00	DCC Council Grants	17609	16335.21
		6354.49			19745.80

Bank and Building Society Interest

0.64

Excess of Income over Expenditure  
for the year carried to Accumulated  
Fund

15139

8089.07

21736

26169.86

21736

26169.86

Certified that the management accounts of Bowes and Gilmonby Parish Hall are in accordance with the books of account and agree with such documents and receipts as are available.

C R Bell

C R Bell (Auditor)

(Treasurer)

19 March 2022

# BOWES AND GILMONBY VILLAGE HALL

## BALANCE SHEET:

31 DECEMBER 2021

as at

	Y/E 2020	Y/E 2021		Y/E 2020	Y/E 2021
<u>ACCUMULATED FUND:</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>		
Balance as at 31 December 2020	51233	66371.67	<u>FREEHOLD PROPERTY: At Cost</u>		
Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021	15139	8089.07	Site	50	50.00
	66372	74460.74	Hall	4843	4843.17
			Car Park	550	549.91
				5443	5443.08
			<u>GAS INSTALLATION:</u>		
				342	341.86
			<u>NEW TOILETS: At Cost</u>	16005	16005.27
			<u>EMERGENCY LIGHTING: At Cost</u>	333	333.50
<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS AND UNPRESENTED CHEQUES:</u>			<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:</u>		
	145	203.02	As at 31 December 2019	14170	14169.60
				36293	36293.31
			<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
			<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>		855.21
			<u>AND PREPAYMENTS:</u>	622	6226.79
			<u>BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT:</u>	6226	200.00
			<u>FLOAT:</u>	200	30536.62
			<u>CASH AT BANK:</u>	22617	551.83
			<u>CASH IN HAND</u>	559	38370.45
	66517	74663.76		66517	74663.76



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

BOWES AND GILMONBY PARISH HALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1058050

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2021.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

C R Bell

Date:

02-04-22

Name:

CHRISTINE RUTH BELL

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

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