

**GREAT ECCLESTON VILLAGE CENTRE LTD**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Trustees' Annual Report**

**and**

**Unaudited financial statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Company Number 3920493**

**Registered Charity Number 1085213**

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# **GREAT ECCLESTON VILLAGE CENTRE LTD**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit the annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Financial Reporting Standard FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The charity was entered in the Central Register of Charities with effect from 23 February 2001 and accepted by the Inland Revenue as a charity for tax purposes.

### **Reference and administration details**

Company number	3920493 in England and Wales
Registered Charity number	1085213
Charity Trustees	John Norman Rowe David James Astall Robert Hugh Glover Trevor Browning removed 24/09/2024
Registered Address	The Village Centre 59 High Street Great Ecclestone Preston PR3 0YB
Bankers	National Westminster plc Santander UK plc

### **Structure, governance and management**

The company is governed by the memorandum and Articles of Association of a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company was incorporated on 7 July 1999.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objects are to support and develop community provision in the village of Great Ecclestone and surrounding villages and establish a Community Resource Centre in Great Ecclestone Lancashire.

### **Trustee Induction and Training**

The company seeks to appoint new trustees where a gap in the skill, knowledge, and experience base of the board of trustees is identified, or where there it is necessary to replace trustees who have resigned.

Appropriate induction and training is given to new trustees in line with recommended training by the Charity' Commission.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (continued)**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the Village Centre with the support of Great Eccleston Parish Council continues to promote its offering to the local community.

The Village Centre relies on the help and dedication of volunteers who support its operations.

The trustees would like to record their appreciation to all the volunteers without whom the Village Centre would not be able to operate.

#### **Financial review**

Financial results show a profit for the year of £1,319 on unrestricted activity. The trustees believe that in the short to medium term the continued operation of the centre remains secure. However, it remains evident to the trustees that longer-term the centre will require more support from outside partners, particularly if significant capital expenditure is required.

Grants received during the year was £500. The increase in grants & donations, overall income decreased to £45,041 compared to £47,234 in 2023.

Expenditure for the year was £43,722 (2023: 44,651). The year end unrestricted reserves amounted to £17,665.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have adopted a policy of maintaining minimum unrestricted reserves of at least one month's operating costs which amounts to approximately £2,900.

The Village Centre relies on a number of volunteers to support its operations. The average number of volunteers supporting the Village Centre in 2024 was 12 (2023: 12).

#### **Governance and internal controls**

The trustees meet on a regular basis and are provided with comprehensive financial information including budgets and prior year reports. Overall progress is monitored at these meetings and any concerns addressed.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (continued)**

#### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that year. The trustees must not approve the financial statements, unless they are satisfied that they gave a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the profit and loss of the company for that period.

In preparing those Financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the application of Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity' and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process of business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risks and charity focuses, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of adherence and identifying means of mitigate the risks.

As part of the process the trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the charity's, current internal controls. The trustees are pleased to report that the charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit entities.

#### **Small company exemptions**

Advantage has been taken of the Small Company Exemptions. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and is in accordance with section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The report was approved by the board and signed on his behalf on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

By order of the trustees



R H Glover

# GREAT ECCLESTON VILLAGE CENTRE LTD

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### Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>	14				
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>					
Charitable Donations		28,607	0	28,607	19,939
<b>Income from Charitable Activities:</b>					
Centre hire		15,160	0	15,160	16,280
Grants		500	0	500	10,262
<b>Other Trading Activities</b>					
Draw to Win		774	0	774	753
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>45,041</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>45,041</u></b>	<b><u>47,234</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	3				
Costs of generating Funds		344	0	344	296
Charitable Activities		43,378	0	43,378	44,355
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>43,722</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>43,722</u></b>	<b><u>44,651</u></b>
Net Income/Expenditure}		1,319	0	1,319	2,583
Total Funds brought forward		16,346	0	16,346	13,763
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b><u>17,665</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>17,665</u></b>	<b><u>16,346</u></b>

# GREAT ECCLESTON VILLAGE CENTRE LTD

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### Balance Sheet As at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets	7		13,142	11,549
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	8	5,023		4,860
Cash at bank deposit		0		14
Cash at bank and in hand		66		603
		<u>5,089</u>		5,477
<b>CREDITORS Amounts falling due within 1 year</b>	9	566		680
		<u>4,523</u>		4,797
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
	10		<u>17,665</u>	<u>16,346</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
Unrestricted			17,665	16,346
Restricted			0	0
			<u>17,665</u>	<u>16,346</u>

The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the companies act 2006, (The Act) for the year ended 31 December 2023, and confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Act, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the companies act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the smaller companies' regime within part 15 of the companies act 2006, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:



**Robert Hugh, Glover**

Trustee

Company number 392 0493 Charity number 1085213

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	Note		
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash generated by operating activities	11	<b>3,646</b>	<b>5,006</b>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,197)	(4,414)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<b>(551)</b>	<b>592</b>
increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<b>(551)</b>	<b>592</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		617	25
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<b>66</b>	<b>617</b>



# **GREAT ECCLESTON VILLAGE CENTRE LTD**

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### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **1 a. Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102, financial reporting standards are applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, the statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS space, 102) and the companies act 2006. The financial currency of the counts is sterling.

#### **1 b. Company Status**

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and is a public benefit entity. The company is registered in England and Wales has been registered office at 59 High Street, Great Eccleston, PR3 0YB. The members of the company are the trustees named on page one. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of this charity.

#### **1 c. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

#### **1 d. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities where the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised with the charity when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Turnover is the amount derived from the provision of goods services and is stated after trade discounts other sales taxes and net of VAT.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### **1 e. Resources Expended**

All expenditure (including VAT where applicable) is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to the particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Costs of generating funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **1 f. Tangible Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture and fittings 10% equipment 10%

#### **1 g. Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation on its income and gains.

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### 2 Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost of generating funds		
Draw 2 Win	344	296
Charitable activities (note 3)		
Centre Hire	43,378	44,355
	<u>43,722</u>	<u>44,651</u>

### 3 Cost of charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	15352	13220
Rates & Insurance	2328	2152
Heat & Light	5438	3562
Telephone & Stationery	2488	3090
Maintenance	4911	5911
Refreshments	3117	2814
Other	1256	1634
Depreciation	972	972
Rent	8250	11000
	<u>44,112</u>	<u>44,355</u>

### 4 Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	957	972

No Trustees received or waived any emoluments or received reimbursement for out of pocket expenses during 2024 or 2023. There were no related party transactions during the year.

### 5 Average number of persons employed

The company employed 2 people during the year (2023: 2). No employee received benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: Nil). The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 2).

### 6 Going Concern

The trustees have considered the ongoing impact of Covid 19 there has been some impact on the ongoing use of the facility and future usage cannot be predicted with any certainty. During the year a further business grant wasn't received from Wyre Council and is continuing to receive funding from Great Eccleston Parish Council. This support together with unrestricted reserves of £17,665 as at 31st December 2024 is in the opinion of the trustees sufficient to enable the centre to continue to operate for a period of 12 months from the date of signing these accounts. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis of the company being a going concern.

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### 7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Equipment	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2024	59,206	112,737	168,188
Additions	1,578	0	1,578
<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>60,784</b>	<b>112,737</b>	<b>169,766</b>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2024	50,235	109,187	159,422
For the year	637	320	957
<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>50,872</b>	<b>109,507</b>	<b>160,379</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
As at 31st December 2024	<u>9,912</u>	<u>3,230</u>	<u>13,142</u>
As at 31st December 2023	<u>8,971</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>12,521</u>

### 8 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
Prepayments	312	264
Trade Debtors	103	162
Other Debtors	4,608	4,420
	<u>5,023</u>	<u>4,846</u>

### 9 CREDITORS AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Accruals	250	402
Draw 2 Win annual monies received in advance	316	278
	<u>566</u>	<u>680</u>

### 10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net current assets	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	13,142	4,523	17,665	16,346
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0
	<u>13142</u>	<u>4523</u>	<u>17665</u>	<u>16346</u>

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**11 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net movement in funds	1,319	(481)
Add: depreciation	957	645
(Increase) Decrease in debtors	1,484	901
Increase (Decrease) in creditors	(114)	237
Net Cash generated by operating activities	<u>3,646</u>	<u>1,302</u>

**12 Role played by Volunteers**

In addition to the position of an employed part time Manager and Cleaner the Centre relies upon the support of volunteers, whose role is to man the Centre ranging from office duties and help with financial records, to manning the kitchen for Charity coffee mornings and any other duties needed to keep the Centre open to the public as a community resource.

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**Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Great Eccleston Village Centre Limited**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- « to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be



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