

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1087328

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-07-03

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

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Activities

Objects: A) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF LONGWOOD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TOGETHER, DEFINED BY THE PARISH OF LONGWOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, RACE, OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS 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: Establish and run a community centre and with association with local inhabitants, local authorities and voluntary organisations, provide activities 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 inhabitants of Longwood and the surrounding area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCKWOOD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TOGETHER DEFINED BY THE PARISH OF LONGWOOD.
- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,713	£31,201	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,425	£29,716	-	-
2023-03-31	£46,849	£39,611	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,906	£26,262	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,500	£41,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR RAYMOND COLLIER	Chair	
CHRISTINA RANGELEY		
CHRISTINE ANNE COLLIER		
GRAHAM PURNELL		
JEANNETTE SCOTT		
John Whitwam		2024-05-30
Margaret Purnell		2018-05-18
SHEILA HITCHEN		
Sue Beck-Sechi		2019-09-24

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH
2025

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**LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name The Longwood Village Group

Registered Charity Number 1087328

Principal Address Longwood Mechanics Hall
129 Longwood Gate
Longwood
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD34UU

Charity Trustees

Raymond Collier - Chair, acting Treasurer and Leader, Woodchip Project
Sue Beck-Sechi - Secretary
Sheila Hitchen
Christina Rangeley
Christine Collier - Leader, Woodchip Project
John Whitwam - Planning applications
Ged Henighan
Graham Purnell
Margaret Purnell
Jeanette Scott - Publicity and social media
Rev Simon Crook
Derek Fairbank
Dr Jeffrey Carr

Mechanics Hall
Management Team Zoe Greensmith

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on 15 May 2000.

At the AGM the secretary and treasurer are elected along with the hall managers and then those wishing to stand on the committee are elected from those members who are present. At the first committee meeting after the AGM the committee members elect a chair for the year.

The Longwood Village Group committee meets every month to discuss matters of general concern, to plan events and decide how funds will be spent.

The Longwood Sing group have their own Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee and deal with all things regarding the Annual Longwood Sing. The Chair of the Longwood Sing Committee attends the Longwood Village Group committee meetings and reports on matters concerning the organisation of the Longwood Sing.

The LVG Memory cafe has its own bank account, committee and volunteers and reports each month to the LVG Committee.

Aim and Purpose

The constitution of Longwood Village Group (LVG) states that it exists to improve the condition of life for the inhabitants of Longwood and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions, through the provision of educational activities, recreational activities and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare.

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It also states that in furtherance of these aims it will secure the establishment of a community centre and will manage and maintain it in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body.

Finally, LVG will promote such other charitable purposes as from time to time may be determined.

Objectives and Activities

LVG is committed to enabling as many inhabitants as possible of Longwood and the surrounding area to participate in educational, recreational and leisure time activities that improve health, wellbeing and the quality of life.

LVG arranges and provides either alone or with other bodies and organisations, the holding of meetings, talks, classes and training courses. When planning these activities, the LVG committee and trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and does everything it can to ensure that the activities it provides are affordable, accessible, appropriate and safe.

LVG holds in trust for the people of Longwood, The Longwood Mechanics Hall, and maintains, manages and improves the fabric of the building so as to provide a community centre for use by the local inhabitants.

LVG also holds in trust approximately 25 acres of local woodland (Pighill Wood) which forms the focus of a Woodland Conservation and Heritage Improvement Project (Woodchip project) and through training and volunteer work deems to protect and manage the woodland for the benefit of both wildlife and the local residents.

Achievements and Performance

We feel that the COVID-19 Pandemic has now been confined to history and that we have returned to normality and are back to enjoying life in a normal and active way.

Longwood Village Group held its first coffee morning of the 2024/2025 financial year on April 6th with the theme of "Bunnies and Butties". We had bacon butties on sale, Kirk, from Longwood Gardens, selling bedding plants and we had an Easter Egg hunt for the children and a tombola table with lots of prizes raising money to support our Memory Cafe. There was our usual cake stall and raffle and, as at all our coffee mornings, our library was open for the sale of books and novels, and we were also selling jigsaws.

The May 5th coffee morning had a theme of the four Cs (Coffee, Cake, Cookery and Crafts) featuring the usual coffee and cakes plus a sale of cookery and crafting books. Kirk also attended selling spring plants from Longwood Gardens, the library was open for the sale of books and novels, and we had our usual raffle and jigsaws for sale.

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 31st May at the Mechanics Hall at 7.30pm. Reports and accounts for the 2023/2024 financial year were presented and accepted as a true record. All the serving officers of the Group were re-elected to their posts, and all the committee members were re-elected to serve for another year. Attendees were invited to join the committee for cheese and wine at the conclusion of the meeting.

The June 1st coffee morning saw us serving up scones with strawberries, jam and cream, Kirk from Longwood Gardens had a plant stall again and we had the ever-popular cake stall, raffle, and sale of books and jigsaws.

The July 6th *coffee* morning was themed around the fact that The Olympic Games were being held in Paris and that Team GB would be attending. The cake stall had an international flavour, Kirk from Longwood Gardens had a flower stall and we had the usual attractions of a raffle plus jigsaws and books were on sale as usual. Flyers were put out on all the tables announcing the various classes for the Horticulture, Handicraft and Art show which will be held in September.

The August 3rd coffee morning had a beach party theme and everyone was invited to attend in summer clothing again Kirk had a stall selling cut flowers and we also had a raffle with holiday themed prizes and as usual our library room was open for the purchase of books and novels and we had jigsaws on sale.

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The Horticultural, Handicraft and Art show took place on Saturday 7th September with entries being registered at the Hall on Friday evening September 6th between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm, at a cost of 50p per entry. There was a total of 80 entries to the show.

Kirk from Longwood Gardens had a stall again selling cut flowers and there was the usual cake stall and raffle. There was a good turnout of residents who came to see all the entries and the winners' prize giving. The September coffee morning also coincided with Kirklees Heritage Open days, so we also had a display out in the hall showing a history of the hall and its re-development and refurbishment to the community centre that it is today.

The October 5th coffee morning's main feature was Graham's fabulous bacon and/or sausage butties to go with the usual teas and coffees. Kirk from Longwood Gardens had a stall selling cut flowers and we had our usual raffle. The library was open for the purchase of books and novels and we also put out an appeal for donations for the Jubilee Centre food bank for items to be distributed out to those in need or to be used in the provision of free meals at the Jubilee centre.

The November 2nd coffee morning saw a really good attendance at our Christmas stalls coffee morning, where we had a wide variety of stalls selling Christmas Cards, and suitable Christmas gifts. LVG ran its own sale of donated pre-loved items, The Pennine Singers ran a bottle and jar tombola to raise funds for their choir and a sale of handcrafted goods raised money specifically for the Longwood Village Group Memory Cafe.

December 6th was our special Christmas coffee morning with mince pies on sale with the teas and coffees our fabulous Santa's Grotto was on stage again. We had stalls selling Christmas Cards and gifts and a total of 12 children visited Santa outside his grotto and received a small Christmas gift. One of the stalls was a tombola stall raising money for the Memory Cafe. Tina made some beautiful Christmas table decorations which were available to purchase It was good to see the Hall so full of happy, smiling faces!

The January 4th, 2005 coffee morning we had Graham's bacon butties on sale and we had our usual cake stall and raffle we were also selling books and jigsaws.

The February 1st coffee morning was advertised as a half price giant book and jigsaw sale whilst there were also all our usual attractions of the raffle and cake stall.

The March 1st coffee morning had no particular theme but offered all the usual attractions of tea, coffee, cake stall, raffle and sale of books and jigsaws.

On November 10th, members of the LVG Committee attended the service of remembrance at the war memorial. On 3rd December, members of the committee gathered at Outlane Golf Club to enjoy Christmas Dinner.

On 22nd December members of the Committee attended the Carol Service at St Mark's Church where the Chairman gave one of the readings along with other members of the local community.

The Mechanics Hall

The Mechanics Hall provides the venue for a broad selection of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the local population, below is listed the range of activities currently on offer:

Monday

10.00 am -11.30 am Yoga with Jayny 07817465664

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Katie fitness classes 07840042203

Cardio and weight based

Tuesday

10.00 am -12 noon Table Tennis, Main Hall Lesley 0749731774

4.45 pm - 8.00 pm Cat Js Academy of Dance Ballet, Tap, Theatre *craft* musical theatre and aero. All abilities welcome. Opportunities to take IDTA exams and be in annual shows

07908148477 Ca@sacademyofdance@gmail.com
7.00pm -9.00pm TANGO Paul 07772825701

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Wednesday

11.00 am - 2.00 pm LVG Memory Cafe (Dementia friendly cafe open to persons with Alzheimer's or dementia and their carers) Audrey Binns 07403035374

7.00 pm - 10.00 pm Table Tennis Neville Turner 07768991325

Thursday

9.30 am -12 noon Table Tennis, U3A Only during Autumn and Spring rest of year open to all. Margaret 07906159991

10.00 am - 12 noon Family History Society with Margaret (Meet fortnightly all welcome) meggyorks19@outlook.com

1.30 pm - 4.00 pm SPACE project (Youth club for over 55s!) Main Hall Raymond 07792644490 and Christine 07733440859

6.00 pm -7.00 pm Katie fitness classes Cardio and weight based. 07840042203

7.15 pm- 8.45 pm Yoga (all abilities) with Jayny jaynystock@hotmail.co.uk 07817465664

Friday

10.00 am - 11.00 am Pilates with Lynne 07725997600

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Table Tennis Drop-in session with Leslie Bhola 07837014624

Saturday

10.00 am to 12.00 noon LVG Coffee Morning first Saturday of every month

Chairman Ray Collier 07792644490

Sunday

Argentine Tango Milonga Social evening 4th Sunday of each month

These activities take place every week except for Public Holidays but there are always vacant periods that allow for the hire of the hall for one off events and private functions. In the past we have had several children's birthday parties, special celebration events and even funeral teas in the hall. The Hall is hired out at a very competitive rate to the organisers of these activities as a means of raising capital *for* running costs and the upkeep and improvement of the building and the facilities.

Events and Activities

Throughout the past year, Longwood Mechanics Hall has continued to serve as a vital community hub. We hosted a variety of events with local theatre companies, including Huddersfield Thespians and St Mark's Players.

On March 20th a comedy evening was held at the hall with a special guest appearance by Jack Carroll, who first appeared on TV as a contestant on Britain's Got Talent and now appears regularly on Coronation Street playing Bobby Crawford.

St Mark's players presented their annual LAFTAS show, this year entitled "The Whistle Stop World Tour" from the 2nd to the 6th of October.

Professional Entertainer Sandy Smith appeared again at the hall this year on the 8th of November, this time she was accompanied by a colleague, and they presented their show "Shout out to the 60's".

December 11th to 14th Huddersfield thespians were at the hall with "Comedy Crackers" and they were back in March 2025 when they put on their production of "Lady in the van."

These performances not only provide entertainment but also strengthen our community connections. At this time, we have no plans to collaborate with additional theatre companies to minimize disruption for our regular hall users.

Maintenance and Improvements

Several improvements have been undertaken to ensure the hall remains welcoming and functional. Key achievements include:

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- Replaced lighting for the U3A Group.
- Rewired DMX system, increased stage lighting, and replaced the old projector for theatre groups and events.
- Replaced the boiler in the main kitchen for the Memory Cafe.
- Refreshed the downstairs male toilets and fixed the toilet system.
- Upgraded headset microphones for fitness classes.
- Removed costumes from the upper storeroom to create additional storage space for the Memory Cafe (ongoing).
- Replaced a downstairs window and repaired others.
- PAT tested all electrical devices in the building.
- We got a new bin (this is not very exciting, but I fought for months to get that bin).

Community Involvement

Our hall thrives thanks to the dedicated support of community members. Volunteer hours have been instrumental in the success of our activities, and we are extremely grateful to all who have contributed their time and effort.

Financial Overview

Despite challenges, particularly the ongoing rise in energy prices, we have managed to maintain a stable financial position, allowing us to continue investing in the hall's upkeep and services.

Challenges Faced

While we have celebrated many successes, we have also faced several challenges:

- Rising energy prices
- Window repairs and replacements
- Volunteer shortages

These challenges highlight the importance of our continued efforts to maintain and enhance the hall's facilities and services.

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, we have several exciting plans.

Upcoming Events

St Mark's Players will be putting on their 2025 show in October.

We are working with One Community Kirklees to potentially host an event in September, with a grant application currently under review.

Professional singer Sandy Smith will be appearing at the Hall in November with two of her colleagues and they will be entertaining us with Northern Soul and Motown songs.

Facility Improvements

- Continue to seek grants for the replacement of all windows in the building
- Install a hand dryer in one toilet as a trial project in the coming month
- Online banking has been set up and we are awaiting confirmation to begin use
- Plans are in place to replace all the water boilers over the next year as parts for the current models are becoming increasingly difficult to source
- Apply for a grant to replace the main heating boiler within the next year

Community Goals

We are preparing to release a survey to all hall users to gather feedback on how we can better serve their needs.

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Acknowledgements

A huge thank you, to the committee members, volunteers, and community supporters who make the operation of Longwood Mechanics Hall possible. Your dedication and hard work ensure the hall continues to be a cherished and essential part of our community.

We are always looking for new activities that would add to the attraction of our programme.

We should take pride in this Hall, the fact that it's owned by every resident in Longwood (16,764 people). As we continue to seek funding for major refurbishment it is essential that we expand the membership of the Longwood Village Group as the more members on the list, the more this helps us to gain funding for the hall.

Main Hall Availability

We would like to hear *from* anyone interested in starting a new group *or* class at the hall. We will assist anyone who wishes to start a new group. What would you like to do? Current availability for the Main Hall is:

Monday 4pm to 7.15pm
Tuesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 8am to 8pm
Thursday 4.30pm to 7.45pm
Friday 4pm to 11pm
Sunday 4pm to 11pm

Other Activities of Longwood Village Group

Woodchip Project

On a few occasions a few coping stones have been dislodged from parts of the walls, and we try and ensure that these are replaced as soon as possible.

Litter is a continuous problem as is the occasional camp and campfire but regularly walking through with a bin bag in hand, and with the help of others who do the same, we manage to keep on top of this problem.

The woodland is currently looking in better health, with beds of ransoms slowly spreading and the beds of bluebells and pink purslane are becoming more numerous.

The top set of steps from the golf course through the woodland have now been taken up and relayed and a fair section of wall that was severely bowed has been taken down and rebuilt.

A large tree that came down in the spring right across the main track has been sawn up and stacked out of the way by Barney and Ian. Another extremely large tree has come down at the bottom of the wood near to the well in the field above the reservoir we need to consider whether the removal of this tree is necessary and within our capabilities.

We *are* planning on planting some wild primroses at selected sites in the woodland over the coming years and we are still bringing on a number of oak trees for planting in the wood. We have asked regular walkers to contact us immediately if they witness any abuse or inappropriate behaviour in the woodland.

Recently the secretary of Outlane golf club got in touch to say that the branches of the trees that overhang the edge of the golf course were in desperate need to be trimmed back. The project leaders met with the secretary and the green keepers and a schedule of work was agreed. This work has now been completed and both parties are extremely pleased with the results.

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Longwood Sing

The 2024 Longwood Sing was held on Sunday 8th September. Musicians involved were Golcar Band, St John's School, Crow Lane School and Moorlands School. This year's Musical Director was Peter Simons, from Musica Kirklees. The guest speaker was the Archdeacon of Halifax, the venerable Bill Braviner (Church of England). The 151st anniversary of the Sing was also a sad day as our long-time President, Dr Bert Jindal, had recently died; we held a minute's applause in his memory.

The Sing programme included; O when the saints go marching in, Autumn days, The Longwood Sing song (written by Moorlands School), Jerusalem (Dr Jindal's favourite hymn), Our eyes have seen the glory (Glory, glory hallelujah!), the Hallelujah chorus, the National Anthem, and pieces from the schools.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the schools' poetry competition. To honour Bert's memory, the charity was the National Autistic Society, to whom we donated £300.

The Longwood Sing is known as "The Mother of all Sings" and back in 1893 the whole hillside would have been covered with the 5000 people who attended. In 2024 the Sing was held in St Mark's Church, which was filled to capacity (although rather fewer than 5000 people!).

As usual the Sing was followed by refreshments in St Mark's Parish Centre.

The Longwood Sing Committee comprises of Fr Simon Crook, Cir Andrew Marchington, Peter Simons, Paul Couchman and James Bex. Our historian is Chris Marsden. We would welcome new members with the skills, experience and time to support this historic community event.

Many thanks to Susan Sechi, who has been secretary of the Longwood Sing for a number of years, and who has now retired from that role.

Longwood Village Group Memory Cafe

The memory cafe, now in its second year at the hall, provides a familiar, safe and stable environment in which dementia sufferers and their carers can *enjoy* a freshly prepared meal and be involved in crafting and other stimulating activities. The customers are supervised by their carer and/or by trained and qualified staff and enjoy the support of specialists from Kirklees Council.

There are usually games of Bingo before the lunch and various mentally stimulating books, magazines and games available to use.

The cafe is well supported financially by LVG and other organisations that use the hall on a regular basis and is supported by a small band of volunteer staff that the customers are familiar with. On two occasions during the year, the "Memory Lane Singers" have attended the cafe and after the meal they have entertained everyone with songs from the 1950s and 1960s, Abba songs and other songs that everyone knows and that everyone can *join* in and sing and dance.

There has been one great concern during the year, while preparing the accounts for presentation at the AGM in May, the LVG treasurer noticed that there were some anomalous subscription payments that had been taken from the LVG memory cafe account on a regular basis since March 2024.

These subscription payments were for Amazon Prime, Amazon Video, Amazon ad free and a company called Yezspot and they had all been set up on the same one of the three cards that were linked with the account.

The Trustees of Longwood Village Group were appraised of the situation and investigations by the treasurer with help and assistance from Lloyds Bank and Simpson Wood (our accountants) identified one of two possibilities either:-

1. A fraudulent third party had managed to access the account and had set up these subscriptions.
2. The users of the account card had fallen into the trap of inadvertently setting up these subscriptions without realising what they had done. (This is apparently a common error due to modern online business practises of having these offers as the default option on their purchases)

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Whichever is the situation, the actions to be undertaken were set out as follows:-

1. The company Yezspot was contacted via an online chat, and a request was made to cancel the subscription immediately.
2. The user of the Amazon account logged in to their account and cancelled the Amazon Prime subscription with immediate effect.
3. Lloyds Bank were informed of the situation, and the offending bank card was cancelled, and a request was made for a new card to be issued.
4. Changes to the way that the bank statements are checked have been initiated to ensure that any anomalous or fraudulent payments are noticed sooner.
5. The users of the other cards linked to this account were made aware of the possibility of this happening again and were asked to ensure that they were extremely careful when ordering anything online so that they did not fall into the trap.
6. The fraud department at Lloyds Bank were contacted by telephone and the situation was explained to them, after investigation they re-credited £787.71 to the account which they identified as having been fraudulently debited from the account.

As these issues were discovered at the time of the AGM and the financial year end, the refund and recovery will appear in the accounts of the 2025/2026 financial year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity


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John Raymond Collier
Chairman
Longwood Village Group

Date: 13 November 2025

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Longwood Village Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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C M Stratford FCA

Simpson Wood Limited
Chartered Accountants
Bank Chambers
Market Street
Huddersfield
HD1 2EW

Date: 13 November 2025


LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
CHARITY NUMBER 1087328
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Fund 2025	Restricted Fund 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
LVG income per schedule	3,994.51		3,994.51	4,184.38
Mechanics Hall income per schedule	19,139.71		19,139.71	18,760.15
Longwood Sing income per schedule	1,238.16		1,238.16	4,448.44
Memory Cafe income per schedule -	7,341.00		7,341.00	5,032.00
	£31,713.38	£-	£31,713.38	£32,424.97
<u>Payments</u>				
LVG payments per schedule	3,537.57		3,537.57	3,186.61
Mechanics Hall payments per schedule	22,045.16		22,045.16	22,691.55
Longwood Sing payments per schedule	743.99		743.99	2,405.00
Memory Cafe payments per schedule -	4,874.23		4,874.23	
	£31,200.95	£-	£31,200.95	£29,716.34
Net receipts/(payments)	512.43		512.43	2,708.63
Opening balances at bank	23,161.85		23,161.85	20,453.22
Closing balances at bank	£23,674.28	£-	£23,674.28	£23,161.85

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<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	22,886.57		22,886.57	23,161.85
Debtors	787.71		787.71	
Liabilities				
Accountancy fees	612.00		612.00	612.00
Net Assets	<u>£23,062.28</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£23,062.28</u>	<u>£22,549.85</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 13 November 2025 and signed on behalf of all the Trustees by:



 John Raymond Collier
 Chairman
 Longwood Village Group

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 NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>LVG Receipts</u>		
Coffee mornings	3,968.13	3,859.45
Grants received		
Donations		300.00
Bank interest	26.38	24.93
	<u>£3,994.51</u>	<u>£4,184.38</u>
<u>Mechanics Hall Receipts</u>		
Hire of Hall	14,884.00	14,286.15
Grants received	3,111.71	2,500.00
Donations	400.00	1,230.00
Co-op		
Building Fund donations	744.00	744.00
	<u>£19,139.71</u>	<u>£18,760.15</u>
<u>Longwood Sing Receipts</u>		
Donations	847.00	1,187.90
Advertising & Sponsorship		1,140.50
Ticket Sales	391.16	750.00
Fundraising events		32.00
Refreshments		95.00
Programme sales		246.50
Transfer from previous charitable body		996.54
	<u>£1,238.16</u>	<u>£4,448.44</u>
<u>Memory Cafe Receipts</u>		
Sales	3,546.00	4,230.60
Raffles		661.50
Grants received		139.90
Donations	3,295.00	
	<u>£7,341.00</u>	<u>£5,032.00</u>

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

CHARITY NUMBER 1087328

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>LVG Payments</u>		
Hire of Mechanics Hall		1,300.00
Printing and stationary	259.35	100.90
Refreshments	643.10	795.61
AGM sundries	93.59	115.42
Repairs	1,380.00	68.70
Donations	300.00	150.00
Prizes		
Accountancy	612.00	594.00
Sundry expenses	249.53	61.98
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	£3,537.57	£3,186.61
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<u>Mechanics Hall Payments</u>		
Annual Running Costs:		
Light and heat	5,877.17	10,967.57
Insurance	3,245.98	3,167.87
Water	323.00	216.00
Cleaning & Caretaker costs	1,920.26	1,927.27
Hall sundries	593.36	43.36
Stationery		289.18
Fire equipment & alarm maintenance	192.00	
Gas maintenance	138.00	60.00
Window cleaning	180.00	200.00
Computer equipment and running costs	525.03	
Repairs and maintenance	3,129.31	2,106.27
Stage Project	2,400.00	2,353.03
Fund repairs and maintenance	3,442.55	1,291
Licensing	70.00	70.00
Bank charges	8.50	
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	£22,045.16	£22,691.55
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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Longwood Sing Payments</u>		
Prizes		40.00
Insurance	89.74	93.00
Refreshments		150.00
Donations	350.00	2,122.00
Band payments	300.00	
Bank charges	4.25	
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	£743.99	£2,405.00
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<u>Memory Cafe Payments</u>		
Purchases	2,908.35	1,258.18
Cleaning		25.00
Sundry Expenses	120.87	150.00
Rent	1,525.00	
Bank charges	7.51	
Postage	42.50	
First Aid course	270.00	
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	£4,874.23	£1,433.18
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LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

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LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Registration No. 1087328

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**LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name The Longwood Village Group

Registered Charity Number 1087328

Principal Address Longwood Mechanics Hall
129 Longwood Gate
Longwood
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD3 4UU

Charity Trustees

Raymond Collier - Chair, acting Treasurer and Leader, Woodchip Project
Sue Beck-Sechi - Secretary
Sheila Hitchen
Christina Rangeley
Christine Collier - Leader, Woodchip Project
John Whitwam – Planning applications
Ged Henighan
Graham Purnell
Margaret Purnell
Jeanette Scott - Publicity and social media
Rev Simon Crook

Mechanics Hall
Management Team Zoe Greensmith

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on 15 May 2000.

At the AGM the secretary and treasurer are elected along with the hall managers and then those wishing to stand on the committee are elected from those members who are present. At the first committee meeting after the AGM the committee members elect a chair for the year.

The Longwood Village Group committee meets every month to discuss matters of general concern, to plan events and decide how funds will be spent.

Aim and Purpose

The constitution of Longwood Village Group (LVG) states that it exists to improve the condition of life for the inhabitants of Longwood and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions, through the provision of educational activities, recreational activities and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare.

It also states that in furtherance of these aims it will secure the establishment of a community centre and will manage and maintain it in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body.

Finally, LVG will promote such other charitable purposes as from time to time may be determined.

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
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Objectives and Activities

LVG is committed to enabling as many inhabitants as possible of Longwood and the surrounding area to participate in educational, recreational and leisure time activities that improve health, wellbeing and the quality of life.

LVG arranges and provides either alone or with other bodies and organisations, the holding of meetings, talks, classes and training courses. When planning these activities, the LVG committee and trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and does everything it can to ensure that the activities it provides are affordable, accessible, appropriate and safe.

LVG holds in trust for the people of Longwood, The Longwood Mechanics Hall, and maintains, manages and improves the fabric of the building so as to provide a community centre for use by the local inhabitants.

LVG also holds in trust approximately 25 acres of local woodland (Pighill Wood) which forms the focus of a Woodland Conservation and Heritage Improvement Project (Woodchip project) and through training and volunteer work deems to protect and manage the woodland for the benefit of both wildlife and the local residents.

Achievements and Performance

As we moved into early 2023 the memories of the pandemic and the lock downs that we endured started to fade in people's memories and we began to see attendances at the Mechanics Hall return to the levels that we were familiar with prior to the Covid Pandemic.

Longwood Village Group held its first coffee morning of the 2023/2024 financial year on April 1st, we had Kirk from Longwood Gardens selling bedding plants, Chocs away selling confectionary and we had an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and there was our usual cake stall and Raffle as at all our coffee mornings our Library for the sale of books was open and we were also selling jigsaws

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 5th May 2023 at the Mechanics Hall at 7.30 pm. All the serving officers of the Group were re-elected to their posts and all the committee members were re-elected to serve for another year.

Attendees were invited to join the committee for cheese and wine at the conclusion of the meeting...

May coffee morning was a special coffee morning as it was held on the Coronation Day of King Charles III and we had the full service projected on to our full stage size screen, we had a coronation themed red, white and blue tombola plus our usual cake stall, and as usual we were selling books and jigsaws. The room was set out to represent a street party with red, white and blue bunting decorating the room and we also had a throne, ermine robe, sceptre and orb so that people could dress up for photographs.

June coffee morning saw us serving up Grahams delicious bacon butties, Kirk from Longwood Gardens had a plant stall again and we had the ever-popular cake stall, raffle, and sale of books and Jigsaws.

July coffee morning featured Kirk's flower stall again plus the usual cake stall, raffle, jigsaws and books

August coffee morning had a Yorkshire day theme again Kirk had a stall selling plants, we had Yorkshire tales and jokes on all the tables, and we served Yorkshire tea there was also all the usual attractions

The Horticultural, Handicraft and Art show took place on the first Saturday in September with entries being registered at the Hall on Friday between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm, at a cost of 50p per entry. Kirk from Longwood Garden had a plant stall again and there was the usual cake stall, there was a good turnout who came to see all the entries and the winner's prize giving.

October coffee morning's main feature was the opening of the new porch at the lower entrance to the Hall by Councillor Andrew Marchington.

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
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November saw a really good attendance at our Christmas Stalls coffee morning, where we had a wide variety of stalls selling Christmas Cards, and suitable Christmas gifts. LVG ran its own sale of donated pre-loved items. The Pennine Singers ran a bottle and jar tombola to raise funds for their choir and a sale of handcrafted goods raised money specifically for the Longwood Village Group Memory Café.

In November LVG also took part in the Remembrance Day parade at the Longwood war memorial with the Chairman laying a wreath at the War memorial during the service.

December was our special Christmas coffee morning with our fabulous Santa's Grotto on stage. Again, we had stalls selling Christmas Cards and gifts and a total of 20 children visited Santa outside his grotto and received a small Christmas gift. One of the stalls was again selling handcrafted goods to raise money for the LVG memory Café.

Tina made some beautiful Christmas Table decorations which were available to purchase It was good to see the Hall so full of happy, smiling faces!

At the January coffee morning we had Grahams Bacon Butties on sale, and we had a food bank table, collecting items that were donated to the Jubilee centre at Paddock for use in their own kitchen or for distribution to the needy in the local area. As usual we were selling books and jigsaws.

February coffee morning was advertised as a winter warmer coffee morning at which we would be selling vegetable soup with a roll, there were also all our usual attractions

March coffee morning had a general theme of "Mother's Day" with Kirk present selling spring bulbs and plants and the cake stall selling a delicious array of cakes and tray bakes.

The Mechanics Hall

The Mechanics Hall provides the venue for a broad selection of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the local population, below is listed the range of activities currently on offer:

Monday

10.00 am ~ 11.30 am Yoga with Jayny 07817465664
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203

Tuesday

10.00 am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
4.00 pm ~ 7.30 pm Academy of Dance for ages 3 to 7 with Catriona 07908138477

Wednesday

10.00 am ~ 11.00 am Sweaty Mamas for Mums and Babies with Jodie 07973423708
11.00 am to 2.00 pm LVG Memory Café (Dementia friendly café open to persons with Alzheimer's or dementia and their carers)
8.15 pm ~ 9.30 pm Table Tennis Drop in session with Lesley 07497371774

Thursday

10,00am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Family History Society with Margaret (Meet fortnightly -E-mail megyorke19@outlook.com)
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm SPACE project (Youth club for over 55s!) Main Hall 07792644490
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203
7.15 pm ~ 9.00 pm Yoga with Jayny 07817465664

Friday

9.45 am ~ 10.45 am Pilates with Lynne 07725997600
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Knit and Knatter with June 07714171758
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm Table Tennis Drop in session with Lesley

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Saturday

10.00 am ~ 12.00 noon LVG Coffee Morning – first Saturday of every month

Sunday

Argentine Tango Milonga Social evening 4th Sunday of each month

These activities take place every week except for Public Holidays but there are always vacant periods that allow for the hire of the hall for one off events and private functions. We have had several children's birthday parties, special celebration events and even funeral teas in the hall during the last 12 months. The Hall is hired out at a very competitive rate to the organisers of these activities as a means of raising capital for running costs and the upkeep and improvement of the building and the facilities.

We are always looking for new activities that would add to the attraction of our programme.

We should take pride in this Hall, the fact that it's owned by every resident in Longwood (16,764 people). As we continue to seek funding for major refurbishment it is essential that we expand the membership of the Longwood Village Group as the more members on the list, the more this helps us to gain funding for the hall.

The Longwood Mechanics Hall Management team wish to thank all supporters and volunteers for their efforts.

The Hall is listed as Kirklees Evacuation Centre No 46, should it ever be required. This means the Hall can be called into use at any time 24/7 in the event of a crisis.

Hall Licence

In 2015; we obtained the licence we need to sell Alcohol on and off the premises. Our nominated member is Raymond Collier who passed a suitable qualification for a drinks bar person. Personal Licence Holders are due for renewal in November 2024.

Bar

Due to the pandemic we had to dispose of all stock for the bar. We feel that currently there is insufficient demand for us to run our own bar on the premises. The Slip Inn and the Dusty Miller would consider running a bar at any events we require.

Policies and Procedures

The Policy and Procedure booklet for the hall is kept on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall. These were all updated in February 2024.

Fire Alarm

The fire alarm is tested monthly by Mr Rodney Hirst. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall. Please note that this system does not link directly to the fire station.

Defibrillator

Longwood Village Group funded the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator which is attached to the front of the building and has been deployed on three occasions since its installation.

Junior Pads expire 28th May 2025

Adult pads expire 22nd August 2026

Batteries to replace 2027

Emergency Lighting

Is tested annually by Mr Barney Harle. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall.

Lift

This continues to be serviced on our maintenance plan with Niche.

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Ground Rent

The annual ground rent for the Hall is £4 per year.

Website

Our many thanks to Conna and Zoe of TF Productions who look after the website for us.

The Big Plan

As agreed at a meeting in 2014 this is on hold until there is any movement on the sale/development of the allotment site.

The Building fund

This fund was started to put funds on one side for any major structural repairs or possible purchase of land in the future (possibly the allotments).

Hall Users

Over the past year there have been a few changes. The Argentine Tango classes and monthly milonga are doing very well. We have also welcomed monthly Modern Jive Night. The LVG Memory Café has become a regular feature on Wednesday afternoons providing a light lunch for Dementia and Alzheimer sufferers and their carers. Our thanks to our volunteers who have stepped up to help at these events.

Grants

The Kirby Foundation funded the building of a new porch to the lower entrance to the building, representatives of the organisation visited the hall in July to see the completed work and the porch was officially opened by Councillor Andrew Marchington at the October Coffee morning.

Theatre Productions at the Hall

We have welcomed Huddersfield Thespians to the hall again this year with their productions of "Around the World in 80 days" and "Sheila's Island". Longwood Amateur Operatic Society have rebranded themselves as "Longwood Theatre Productions" and have entertained the public with "an evening of Cole Porter Songs". St Mark's players presented their annual LAFTAS show, this year titled "There's Trouble at T'mill" to a full house on four consecutive nights in November. Professional Entertainer Sandy Smith has appeared twice at the hall this year, on 12th May she presented her show "A night with the Stars" and she returned on November 9th with her show "A night at the Musicals."

Cleaning

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Vicky, the cleaner, for the work she does at the Hall.

TF Productions

Sincere thanks to Zoe and Conna for their support and the help they give us at the Hall. Zoe has settled in well to the role of manager at the hall and is currently on a mission to have a major sort out of everything that is in storage at the Hall. Conna is great for his extensive knowledge of the stage lighting and sound systems and for that extra bit of muscle when moving things around.

CCTV

This was upgraded during lockdown with extra cameras put on the front of the porch. The police have accessed footage on four occasions lately, Insurance companies three times and residents across the road on two occasions. We may not feel the benefit in the Hall, but I understand that it has saved the police many thousands of pounds from the public purse. We would at some point like to add ANPR cameras to the system as this would be very beneficial to the police.

Hall finances

The greatest financial headache for the hall has been the massively increase in the cost of the utility bills particularly the cost of gas used heating the hall. We have changed suppliers and have now signed in to a fixed term two year contract with EDF energy and have thus managed to substantially reduce our utility bill

Fundraising

Our many thanks to Nigel and Lucy for hosting a quiz night in January to boost Hall funds.

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Contact

The monthly E-newsletter continues to be a great way to keep in touch with residents. The Hall user groups now communicate via WhatsApp and this is proving to be very useful. The Space group have also set up a WhatsApp group so that the group leaders can notify all attendees of any important information via one single message.

The Seven-Year Plan

In planning ahead, we have put together a seven-year plan of continuing improvements at the hall.

We hope to be able to complete at least one project per year:

Replacing 2 windows in the ladies' toilets and one on the top landing

Replacing 2 windows in the gent's toilets

Replacing 2 windows in the Philip Taylor room

Replacing 2 windows in the library

Replacing 1 window and door in the cellar

Lifting and re-pointing the stone flags in the courtyard and on the paths outside the Hall

New porch and outer door at middle ground floor side entrance leading into the dance studio.

Full re-pointing of the Hall.

We should take pride in all our volunteers and building fund supporters for the support they give to the hall. It is that support that has made all of this possible.

The last two years have been rather difficult for everyone. We really do appreciate how this great team at the Hall have stepped up to help out at these difficult times

Main Hall Availability

We would like to hear from anyone interested in starting a new group or class at the hall. We will assist anyone who wishes to start a new group.

What would you like to do?

Current availability for the Main Hall is:

Monday 4pm to 7.15pm

Tuesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 8am to 8pm

Thursday 4.30pm to 7.45pm

Friday 4pm to 11pm

Sunday 4pm to 11pm

Other Activities of Longwood Village Group

Woodchip Project

On a few occasions a few coping stones have been dislodged from parts of the walls, and we try and ensure that these are replaced as soon as possible.

Litter is a continuous problem as is the occasional campfire but regularly walking through with a bin bag in hand, and with the help of others who do the same, we manage to keep on top of this problem. The woodland is currently looking in better health, with beds of ransoms slowly spreading and the beds of bluebells and pink purslane are becoming more numerous.

A small group of Explorer Scouts from Slaithwaite who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh award have continued clearing brambles, ferns, tree branches and other intrusive vegetation from the track that leads from Moleshead on into the wood and have also helped with the replacement of some of the broken fence posts. The project leaders recently undertook a survey of the woodland and produced a list of work that required to be addressed, several of the Slaithwaite Explorer Scouts have attended work parties and have addressed most these issues.

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In 2019 the Kirklees Badger Group constructed an artificial badger sett in the woodland. The area that they worked in has now regenerated and it is quite difficult to tell where they had been. In the later part of the 2022, an orphaned badger cub was introduced into the sett and its progress is being monitored by them. The top set of steps from the golf course through the woodland are in desperate need of rebuilding and may need the expertise of a professional!

We are planning on planting some wild primroses at selected sites in the woodland over the coming years and we are still bringing on a number of oak trees for planting in the wood.

We continue to have a problem with a group of bikers who seem to think that it is OK to dig up the woodland floor and construct various ramps so they can race around and jump their bikes in to the air, without thought of the danger to themselves and others.

We have asked regular walkers to contact us immediately if they witness these people so that we can discuss this issue with them.

Recently the secretary of Outlane golf club got in touch to say that the branches of the trees that overhang the edge of the golf course were in desperate need to be trimmed back, the project leaders met with the secretary and the greenkeepers, and a schedule of work was agreed. This work has now been completed, and both parties are extremely pleased with the results.

Longwood Sing

Last year, Longwood Sing Committee had approached the LVG committee to enquire if it would be possible for them to be incorporated as part of Longwood Village Group. After discussion and with the approval of the Charity Commission it was decided that Longwood Sing would become a part of LVG but would continue with its own sub-committee and its own bank account in a similar manner to the way that the Mechanics Hall operates.

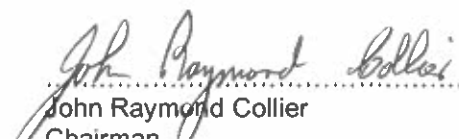
It was the 150th Anniversary of the Longwood Sing in September 2023 and to celebrate the occasion the Sing Committee organised a weekend programme of activities starting with "Home and Away" on Friday evening September 8th. This event featured a local choir, the Huddersfield Ukrainian choir and Lindley Brass Band in St Mark's Parish church.

On Saturday "The Singers Showcase" included bell ringing and an open day with schools and Beaumont Music Academy in attendance. In the evening, a concert by "The Jack Tars" was held at the Mechanics Hall and a pie and pea supper was served to the 90 people who attended.

Sunday afternoon, due to poor weather, the sing was held in St Mark's Parish church and not in the Tower amphitheatre where it is normally held. The service featured the first singing of a new song especially written and arranged for the 150th Anniversary. There was a really good turnout, and the singing and service was enjoyed by everyone.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity


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John Raymond Collier
Chairman
Longwood Village Group

Date: 4 February 2025

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Longwood Village Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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

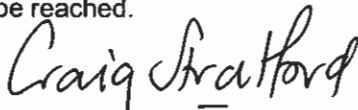
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C M Stratford FCA

Simpson Wood Limited
Chartered Accountants
Bank Chambers
Market Street
Huddersfield
HD1 2EW

Date: 4 February 2025

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
CHARITY NUMBER 1087328
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Fund 2024	Restricted Fund 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
LVG income per schedule	4,184.38	-	4,184.38	22,161.04
Mechanics Hall income per schedule	18,760.15	-	18,760.15	42,757.01
Longwood Sing income per schedule	4,448.44	-	4,448.44	-
Memory Café income per schedule -	5,032.00	-	5,032.00	-
	<u>£32,424.97</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£32,424.97</u>	<u>£64,918.05</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
LVG payments per schedule	3,186.61	-	3,186.61	20,155.38
Mechanics Hall payments per schedule	22,691.55	-	22,691.55	36,785.85
Longwood Sing payments per schedule	2,405.00	-	2,405.00	-
Memory Café payments per schedule -	1,433.18	-	1,433.18	-
	<u>£29,716.34</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£29,716.34</u>	<u>£56,941.23</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	2,708.63	-	2,708.63	7,976.82
Opening balances at bank	20,453.22	-	20,453.22	12,476.40
Closing balances at bank	<u>£23,161.85</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£23,161.85</u>	<u>£20,453.22</u>

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash at bank and in hand	23,161.85	-	23,161.85	20,453.22
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accountancy fees	612.00	-	612	540.00
Net Assets	<u>£22,549.85</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£22,549.85</u>	<u>£19,913.22</u>

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>LVG Receipts</u>		
Coffee mornings	3,859.45	3,348.61
Grants received	-	18,308.00
Donations	300.00	500.00
Bank interest	24.93	4.43
	<u>£4,184.38</u>	<u>£22,161.04</u>
<u>Mechanics Hall Receipts</u>		
Hire of Hall	14,286.15	26,390.08
Family Fund	-	6,500.00
Grants received	2,500.00	4,600.00
Donations	1,230.00	1,788.50
Co-op	-	2,739.43
Building Fund donations	744.00	739.00
	<u>£18,760.15</u>	<u>£42,757.01</u>
<u>Longwood Sing Receipts</u>		
Donations	1,187.90	-
Advertising & Sponsorship	1,140.50	-
Ticket Sales	750.00	-
Fundraising events	32.00	-
Refreshments	95.00	-
Programme sales	246.50	-
Transfer from previous charitable body99	996.54	-
	<u>£4,448.44</u>	<u>£-</u>
<u>Memory Cafe Receipts</u>		
Donations	4,230.60	-
Raffles	661.50	-
Grants received	139.90	-
	<u>£5,032.00</u>	<u>£-</u>

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP**CHARITY NUMBER 1087328****NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>LVG Payments</u>		
Hire of Mechanics Hall	1,300.00	12,308.00
Printing and stationary	100.90	-
Refreshments	795.61	450.14
AGM sundries	115.42	57.75
Repairs	68.70	-
TF Studios	-	6,000.00
Donations	150.00	500.00
Prizes	-	299.49
Accountancy	594.00	540.00
Sundry expenses	61.98	-
	<u>£3,186.61</u>	<u>£20,155.38</u>
<u>Mechanics Hall Payments</u>		
Annual Running Costs:		
Light and heat	10,967.57	9,181.39
Insurance	3,167.87	2,954.75
Water	216.00	216.00
Cleaning & Caretaker costs	1,927.27	1,456.42
Hall sundries	43.36	1,526.07
Stationery	289.18	77.23
Fire equipment & alarm maintenance	-	868.80
Gas maintenance	60.00	210.00
Window cleaning	200.00	195.00
Computer equipment and running costs	-	2,751.67
Bar and Kitchen Stock	-	97.48
Repairs and maintenance	2,106.27	1,500.71
Fire Doors	-	3,303.60
Sound System	-	858.37
Stage Project	2,353.03	1,806.96
Fund repairs and maintenance	1,291.00	8,380.53
Licensing	70.00	70.00
Lift servicing	-	966.60
Donations	-	200.00
<u>Other expenditure</u>		
Advertising	-	164.27
	<u>£22,691.55</u>	<u>£24,425.50</u>

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	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Longwood Sing Payments</u>		
Prizes	40.00	
Insurance	93.00	-
Refreshments	150.00	-
Donations	2,122.00	-
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	£2,405.00	£-
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<u>Memory Cafe Payments</u>		
Purchases	1,163.57	-
Stationery	94.61	-
Cleaning	25.00	-
Sundry Expenses	150.00	-
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	£1,433.18	£24,425.50
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LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

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LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Charity Registration No. 1087328

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**LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name The Longwood Village Group

Registered Charity Number 1087328

Principal Address Longwood Mechanics Hall
129 Longwood Gate
Longwood
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD3 4UU

Charity Trustees

Raymond Collier - Chair, acting Treasurer and Leader, Woodchip Project
Sue Beck-Sechi - Secretary
Sheila Hitchen
Christina Rangeley
Christine Collier - Leader, Woodchip Project
John Whitwam
Ged Henighan
Graham Purnell
Margaret Purnell
Jeanette Scott - Publicity and Social Media
Rev Simon Crook

Mechanics Hall
Management Team Zoe Greensmith

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on 15 May 2000.

At the AGM the secretary and treasurer are elected along with the hall managers and then those wishing to stand on the committee are elected from those members who are present. At the first committee meeting after the AGM the committee members elect a chair for the year.

The Longwood Village Group committee meets every month to discuss matters of general concern, to plan events and decide how funds will be spent.

Aim and Purpose

The constitution of Longwood Village Group (LVG) states that it exists to improve the condition of life for the inhabitants of Longwood and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions, through the provision of educational activities, recreational activities and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare.

It also states that in furtherance of these aims it will secure the establishment of a community centre and will manage and maintain it in cooperation with any local authority or other person or body.

Finally, LVG will promote such other charitable purposes as from time to time may be determined.

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Objectives and Activities

LVG is committed to enabling as many inhabitants of Longwood and the surrounding area to participate in educational, recreational and leisure time activities that improve health, wellbeing and the quality of life.

LVG arranges and provides either alone or with other bodies and organisations, the holding of meetings, talks, classes, and training courses. When planning these activities, the LVG committee and trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and does everything it can to ensure that the activities it provides are affordable, accessible, appropriate, and safe.

LVG holds in trust for the people of Longwood, The Longwood Mechanics Hall, and maintains, manages, and improves the fabric of the building so as to provide a community centre for use by the local inhabitants.

LVG also holds in trust approximately 25 acres of local woodland (Pighill Wood) which forms the focus of a Woodland Conservation and Heritage Improvement Project (Woodchip project) and through training and volunteer work deems to protect and manage the woodland for the benefit of both wildlife and the local residents.

Achievements and Performance

After the official business was concluded, attendees were invited to join the Trustees and Committee members for cheese and wine.

As we moved into early 2022 the memories of the pandemic and the lock downs that we endured started to fade in people's memories and we began to see attendances at the Mechanics Hall return to the levels that we were familiar with prior to the Covid Pandemic.

Longwood Village Group held its first coffee morning of the 2022/2023 financial year on April second, we had Kirk from Longwood Gardens selling bedding plants, Chocs away selling confectionary and we had an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. As at all our coffee mornings our Library for the sale of books was open and we were also selling jigsaws.

May coffee morning saw Kirk return with a flower stall, and we had a cake, bake, and make theme for the morning. We were again selling books and jigsaws.

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 27th May 2022 at the Mechanics Hall at 7.30 pm.

June was the Queens Platinum Jubilee coffee morning; the hall and all the tables were decorated with union jacks and red, white, and blue covers and bunting. We had a cardboard cutout Queen, Guardsman and Beefeater and even a corgi so people could take photographs of each other with the "Royal guests", we also had a red, white, and blue tombola stall. There was entertainment provided by TF productions and Katriona's dance group.

July saw us holding a silent auction of all the large children's toys that were now no longer required as there was no longer a play group at the hall. Kirk was selling flowers on a stall again; his presence has become a very popular feature of our coffee mornings.

August coffee morning was organised as a staycation holiday morning with male committee members attending dressed in Hawaiian shirts and the ladies in their summer frocks. We were also selling books and jigsaws.

The Horticultural, Handicraft and Art show took place on the first Saturday in September with entries being registered at the Hall on Friday between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm, at a cost of 50p per entry. Again, entries were down on the previous year.

October coffee morning's main feature was "Bacon Butties" and we also had a food bank collection which we passed on to the Jubilee Centre at Paddock, where they use the food for preparing meals that are served on site, or which they distribute out to people in need in the area.

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November saw a really good attendance at our Christmas Stalls coffee morning, where we had a wide variety of stalls selling Christmas Cards, and suitable Christmas gifts.

LVG took part in the Remembrance Day parade in November with the Chairman laying a wreath at the War memorial during the service.

December was our special Christmas coffee morning with our fabulous Santa's Grotto on stage and this year we had the exciting addition of an electric train as well! Again, we had stalls selling Christmas Cards and gifts and a total of 23 children visited Santa outside his grotto and received a small Christmas gift. It was good to see the Hall so full of happy, smiling faces!

At the January coffee morning we had a stall selling items that had been donated to the group and Kirk was present again selling winter pansies and other plants. As usual we were selling books and jigsaws.

February coffee morning was a fairly sedate affair although Kirk put in an appearance yet again selling early plants and again our library was open for the purchase of books and jigsaws.

At our February Committee meeting Derek announced that he had been informed that there was an opportunity for him to take early retirement from his position with Royal Mail and that he and Alison had decided that they would be accepting this offer and would be moving to live permanently in Blackpool and would therefore be resigning from their positions as Hall Managers with Longwood Village Group. Derek then said that he had had discussions with Zoe Greensmith of TF productions and that she was willing to take over the position of Hall Manager. It was decided that Zoe would be proposed as Hall Manager at the AGM in May, meanwhile Derek would liaise with her and train her in what would be required.

March coffee morning again saw Kirk in attendance selling flowering plants and strawberry plants and we had the usual raffle, and cake stall, and we were selling books and jigsaws. The Chairman announced Derek and Alison's decision to retire and gave a short speech of thanks for their dedication and hard work and presented them with a commemorative engraved class vase.

The Mechanics Hall

The Mechanics Hall provides the venue for a broad selection of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the local population, below is listed the range of activities currently on offer:

Monday

10.00 am ~ 11.30 am Yoga with Jayny 07817465664
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203

Tuesday

10.00 am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
4.00 pm ~ 7.30 pm Academy of Dance for ages 3 to 7 with Catriona 07908138477

Wednesday

10.00 am ~ 11.00 am Sweaty Mamas for Mums and Babies with Jodie 07973423708
8.15 pm ~ 9.30 pm Table Tennis Drop-in session with Lesley 07497371774
11.00 am to 2.00 pm LVG Memory Café (Dementia friendly café open to all)

Thursday

10.00am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Family History Society with Margaret (Meet fortnightly all welcome)
E mail megorks19@outlook.com
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm SPACE project (Youth club for over 55s!) Main Hall 07792644490
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203
7.15 pm ~ 9.00 pm Yoga with Jayny 07817465664

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Friday

9.45 am ~ 10.45 am Pilates with Lynne 07725997600
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Knit and Knatter with June 07714171758
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm Table Tennis Drop-in session with Lesley

Saturday

10.00 am to 12.00 noon LVG Coffee Morning first Saturday of every month.

Sunday

Argentine Tango Milonga Social evening 4th Sunday of each month

These activities take place every week except for Public Holidays but there are always vacant periods that allow for the hire of the hall for one off events and private functions. We have had several children's birthday parties, special celebration events and even

funeral teas in the hall during the last 12 months. The Hall is hired out at a very competitive rate to the organisers of these activities as a means of raising capital for running costs and the upkeep and improvement of the building and the facilities.

We are always looking for new activities that would add to the attraction of our programme.

We should take pride in this Hall, the fact that it's owned by every resident in Longwood (16764 people). As we continue to seek funding for major refurbishment it is essential that we expand the membership of the Longwood Village Group as the more members on the list, the more this helps us to gain funding for the hall.

The Longwood Mechanics Hall Management team wish to thank all supporters and volunteers for their efforts.

The Hall is listed as Kirklees Evacuation Centre No 46, should it ever be required.

This means the Hall can be called into use at any time 24/7 in the event of a crisis.

Hall Licence

In 2015; we obtained the licence we need to sell Alcohol on and off the premises.

Our nominated member is Raymond Collier who passed a suitable qualification for a drinks bar person. Personal Licence Holders are due for renewal in November 2024

Bar

Due to the pandemic we had to dispose of all stock for the bar. We feel that currently there is insufficient demand for us to run our own bar on the premises. The Slip Inn and the Dusty Miller would consider running a bar at any events we require.

Policy and Procedures

The Policy and Procedure booklet for the hall is kept on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall. These were last reviewed in January 2022 and are due for review in 2024.

Drains

The work on the drains is guaranteed till 2023.

Boiler

This is guaranteed till 2023.

Fire Alarm

The fire alarm is tested monthly by Mr Rodney Hirst. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall.

Please note that this system does not link directly to the fire station.

Defibrillator

Longwood Village Group funded the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator which is attached to the front of the building and has been deployed on three occasions since its installation.

Junior Pads expire 09/23

Adult pads expire 06/23

Batteries to replace 2027.

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Emergency Lighting

Is tested annually by Mr Barney Harle. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall.

Lift

This continues to be serviced on our maintenance plan with Niche.

Ground Rent

The annual ground rent for the Hall is £4 per year.

Website

Our many thanks to Conner and Zoe of TF Productions who look after the website for us.

The Big Plan

As agreed at a meeting in 2014 this is on hold until there is any movement on the sale/development of the allotment site.

The Building fund

This fund was started to put funds on one side for any major structural repairs or possible purchase of land in the future (possibly the allotments).

Hall Users

Over the past year there have been a few changes.

The Argentine Tango classes and monthly milonga are doing very well. We have also welcomed monthly Modern Jive Night. Gwennies Getaway Memory Café has joined us on Wednesday afternoons providing a light lunch for Dementia and Alzheimer sufferers and their carers. Our thanks to our volunteers who have stepped up to help at these events. We have also welcomed Huddersfield Thespians to the hall who put on their first show "A Christmas Carol" in December and "The Titfield Thunderbolt" in early March.

We should also mention that St Marks players presented the show that was originally to be on stage in 2020 but took place in September 2022. We also look forward to welcoming Elementary five productions who will be presenting their show in June having now started on their rehearsals.

Repairs and Improvements

The second curtain track for the stage has now been fitted. The electronic photographic background holder will be installed in the dance studio when time allows. We would also like to thank St Marks players for their generous donation to the Hall which has been used to purchase a third curtain track for the stage, we hope to fit this shortly.

We need to wait for our finances to improve before we start on the 7-year plan

Community support fund

For our neighbourhood we were able to secure a further grant of £6800 to distribute to anyone needing to help with finances and also to help the Hall with the significant increase in the utility bills over the winter. The fund has helped several people who were struggling in the run up to Christmas with food vouchers and with gas and electric vouchers. Thank you to Zoe and the team who dealt with this issue.

Activities Booklet

The feedback on the Booklet shows that it has been very well received by everyone. Initially the booklets were to be distributed by Royal Mail, but due to them increasing the charge that would have to be paid we looked for other distribution alternatives. We wish to thank Salendine Nook scouts who delivered the booklets around the village. In return we purchased spring bulbs which they planted near their Scout Hut down Gilead Road and around the Bus Terminus. Also, local Business distributed copies in return for having a free advert included in the booklet.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Trustees of the following organisations for their support of the Hall.

One 17 Charity

Donated £500 to help us to continue to support the community and the services we provide.

Mbili Charity

Made a one-off donation to Hall funds.

Hadley Trust

Donated £1000 towards window replacement.

Irwin Mitchell Trust

Donated £1000 towards window replacement.

Coop Fund

With customer support this raised £2290 to help with the classes and activities we run at the Hall.

Freemasons Charity

Donated £2500 to replace the laptop computers used by The Family History Group and other users.

Cleaning

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Viky the cleaner for the work she does at the Hall.

TF Productions

Have been hit very hard with the Covid pandemic. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Zoe and Conner for their support and the help they give us at the Hall.

Zoe is a great help as assistant manager stepping in to help as required. Conner is great for that extra bit of muscle when moving things around.

CCTV

This was upgraded during lockdown with extra cameras put on the front of the porch.

The police have accessed footage on four occasions lately, Insurance companies 3 times and residents across the road on two occasions. We may not feel the benefit in the Hall, but I understand that it has saved the police many thousands of pounds from the public purse. We would at some point like to add ANPR cameras to the system as this would be very beneficial to the police.

Hall finances

The last couple of years have been rather concerning with us being unsure how we would cope with the Covid Pandemic. I am pleased to report that we have managed to hold our own and are in a strong position going forward, but with the sudden increase in the rate of inflation and massive energy price rises we are going to have to increase room hire and class charges.

Fundraising

Our many thanks to Nigel and Lucy for hosting a quiz night in November to boost Hall funds.

Contact

The monthly E-newsletter continues to be a great way to keep in touch with residents.

For Hall users the Group chat on What's App is proving very useful. If you would like to join either list, please let me know.

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Events

As things steadily get back to how it used to be, we are seeing a number of shows being put on at the Hall. Some are doing very well, and others seem to require a little more time to get established. It is pleasing to see how well the stage is being used utilising all the new equipment. The Cilla tribute show was booked by the Artis, Sandy Smith, who did all her own advertising, and the event was sold out weeks before the date. She has arranged to return on Friday 12th May 2023.

Introducing: The Seven-Year Plan

In planning ahead, we have put together a seven-year plan of continuing improvements at the hall. We hope to be able to complete at least one project per year.
Replacing 2 windows in the ladies' toilets and one on the top landing
Replacing 2 windows in the gent's toilets
Replacing 2 windows in the Philip Taylor room
Replacing 2 windows in the library
Replacing 1 window and door in the cellar
Lifting and re-pointing the stone flags in the courtyard and on the paths outside the Hall.
New porch and outer door at middle ground floor side entrance leading into the dance studio.
Full re-pointing of the Hall.

We should take pride in all our volunteers and building fund supporters for the support they give to the hall. It is that support that has made all of this possible.

The last two years have been rather difficult for everyone. We really do appreciate how this great team at the Hall have stepped up to help out at these difficult times.

Main Hall Availability

We would like to hear from anyone interested in starting a new group or class at the hall. We will assist anyone who wishes to start a new group.

What would you like to do?

Current availability for the Main Hall is:

Monday 4pm to 7.15pm
Tuesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 8am to 8pm
Thursday 4.30pm to 7.45pm
Friday 4pm to 11pm
Sunday 4pm to 11pm

Other Activities of Longwood Village Group

Woodchip Project

On a few occasions a few coping stones have been dislodged from parts of the walls and we try and ensure that these are replaced as soon as possible.

Litter is a continuous problem as is the occasional camp fire but regularly walking through with a bin bag in hand, and with the help of others who do the same, we manage to keep on top of this problem.

The woodland is currently looking in better health, with beds of ransoms slowly spreading and the beds of bluebells and pink purslane are becoming more numerous.

A small group of Explorer Scouts from Slaithwaite who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh award have continued clearing brambles, ferns, tree branches and other intrusive vegetation from the track that leads from Moleshead on into the wood and have also helped with the replacement of some of the broken fence posts.

The project leaders have done a recent survey of the woodland and have constructed a list of work that requires to be addressed and have arranged with the leaders of the Slaithwaite Explorer Scouts for some of their members to address some of these jobs.

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In 2019 the Kirklees Badger Group constructed an artificial badger sett in the woodland. The area that they worked in has now regenerated and it is quite difficult to tell where they had been. In the later part of the 2022, an orphaned badger cub was introduced into the sett and its progress is being monitored by them. The top set of steps from the golf course through the woodland are in desperate need of rebuilding and may need the expertise of a professional!

We are planning on planting some wild primroses at selected sites in the woodland over the coming years. We continue to have a problem with a group of bikers who seem to think that it is OK to dig up the woodland floor and construct various ramps so they can race around and jump their bikes in to the air, without thought of the danger to themselves and others.

We have asked regular walkers to contact us immediately if they witness these people so that we can discuss this issue with them.

The Bowling Green

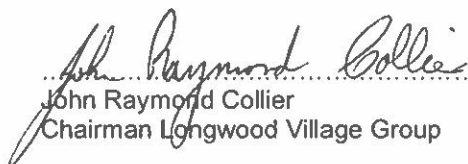
When the rent for the Bowling Green came up for renewal last year, the owner had increased it yet again, the Chairman considered that the amount demanded was far in excess of its value, so offered a lower sum for his consideration. The owner replied saying the reason for the increase was that he had someone else lined up already, willing to pay the amount he was requesting, so he was going to take them on as the new tenant! Over one year on we have still not seen anyone working on the plot nor has any maintenance work been done on there at all!

Longwood Sing

Last year, Longwood Sing Committee had approached the LVG committee to enquire if it would be possible for them to be incorporated as part of Longwood Village Group. After discussion and with the approval of the Charity Commission it was decided that Longwood Sing would become a part of LVG but would continue with its own subcommittee and its own bank account in a similar manner to the way that the Mechanics Hall operates. The LVG committee will offer its help and support in the organisation of the 150th Anniversary of the Sing in September 2023.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity


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John Raymond Collier
Chairman Longwood Village Group

Date: 21 November 2023

**LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Longwood Village Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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

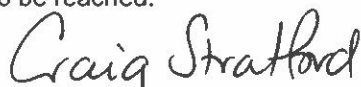
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C M Stratford FCA

Simpson Wood Limited
Chartered Accountants
Bank Chambers
Market Street
Huddersfield
HD1 2EW

Date: 21 November 2023

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
CHARITY NUMBER 1087328
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Fund 2023	Restricted Fund 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
LVG income per schedule	22,161.04	-	22,161.04	2,108.56
Mechanics Hall income per schedule	42,757.01	-	42,757.01	27,797.90
	<u>£64,918.05</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£64,918.05</u>	<u>£29,906.46</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
LVG payments per schedule	20,155.38	-	20,155.38	1,836.21
Mechanics Hall payments per schedule	36,785.85	-	36,785.85	24,425.50
	<u>£56,941.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£56,941.23</u>	<u>£26,261.71</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	7,976.82	-	7,976.82	3,644.75
Opening balances at bank	12,476.40	-	12,476.40	8,831.65
Closing balances at bank	<u>£20,453.22</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£20,453.22</u>	<u>£12,476.40</u>

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
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 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash at bank and in hand	20,453.22	-	20,453.22	12,476.40
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accountancy fees	540.00	-	540.00	510.00
Net Assets	<u>£19,913.22</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£19,913.22</u>	<u>£11,966.40</u>

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>LVG Receipts</u>		
Coffee mornings	3,348.61	1,377.46
Grants received	18,308.00	-
Donations	500.00	730.86
Gift Aid Recovered	-	-
Bank interest	4.43	0.24
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	£22,161.04	£2,108.56
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<u>Mechanics Hall Receipts</u>		
Hire of Hall	17,431.08	13,295.90
Polling Station	-	-
Gift Aid recovered	-	-
Grants received	20,059.00	13,667.00
Donations	4,527.93	62.00
Building Fund donations	739.00	773.00
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	£42,757.01	£27,797.90
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CHARITY NUMBER 1087328

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>LVG Payments</u>		
Hire of Mechanics Hall	12,308.00	-
Printing and stationary	-	-
Refreshments	450.14	179.20
AGM sundries	57.75	-
Repairs	-	120.46
Platinum Jubilee Celebration Entertainment	6,000.00	-
Donations	500.00	308.00
Prizes	299.49	208.55
Accountancy	540.00	1,020.00
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	£20,155.38	£1,836.21
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<u>Mechanics Hall Payments</u>		
Annual Running Costs:		
Light and heat	9,181.39	4,529.97
Insurance	2,954.75	2,695.35
Water	216.00	216.00
Cleaning & Caretaker costs	1,456.42	880.13
Hall sundries	1,526.07	988.97
Stationery	77.23	120.26
Fire equipment & alarm maintenance	868.80	300.00
Gas maintenance	210.00	192.00
Window cleaning	195.00	140.00
Computer equipment and running costs	2,751.67	432.92
Bar and Kitchen Stock	1,894.97	314.64
Repairs and maintenance	1,500.71	4,373.81
Fire Doors	3,303.60	-
Sound System	858.37	49.48
Stage Project	1,806.96	8,189.70
Fund repairs and maintenance	6,583.04	-
Dance Studio	-	374.94
Licensing	70.00	70.00
Lift servicing	966.60	-
Donations	200.00	-
<u>Funding</u>		
Various funding	-	100.00
<u>Other expenditure</u>		
Advertising	164.27	457.82
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	£36,785.85	£24,425.50
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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Registered Charity Number 1087328

Principal Address Longwood Mechanics Hall
129 Longwood Gate
Longwood
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
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Charity Trustees

Raymond Collier - Chair, acting Treasurer and Leader, Woodchip Project
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Management Team**

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LVG also holds in trust approximately 25 acres of local woodland (Pighill Wood) which forms the focus of a Woodland Conservation and Heritage Improvement Project (Woodchip project) and through training and volunteer work deems to protect and manage the woodland for the benefit of both wildlife and the local residents.

Achievements and Performance

The Hall reopened for activities in September 2021 as the pandemic restrictions were slowly lifted.

Longwood Village group held its first coffee morning as a simple social event, an opportunity to meet up again with friends, neighbours and colleagues that we may not have seen for some time. This coffee morning also gave us the opportunity to advertise that the postponed AGM from May 2021 would now be held on Friday 3rd September and that there would be cheese and wine after the official matters had been concluded.

The Horticultural, Handicraft and Art show would be taking place on the first Saturday in October with entries being registered at the Hall on Friday between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm, at a cost of 50 p per entry.

November saw a really good attendance at our Christmas Stalls coffee morning, where we had stalls selling a wide variety of items including locally handcrafted goods.

December was our special Christmas coffee morning with our fabulous Santa Grotto on stage, again we had stalls selling Christmas Cards and gifts and a total of 33 children visited Santa in his grotto and received a small Christmas gift. It was good to see the Hall so full of happy, smiling faces!

Over the Christmas period an advent trail was set up by some of the congregation of St Marks Church around Longwood. Longwood Village Group participated in this event by displaying a scene of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem in the front window of the Mechanics Hall.

January and February coffee mornings were fairly quiet and sedate gatherings, I think that everyone had a really full on Christmas this year to make up for the ones that were so very restricted during the Pandemic Lockdown.

March saw us running a special coffee morning to raise money in support of the Ukrainian refugees who were having to flee from Russian Aggression in their home country. The £308 raised at the event was donated to Disasters Emergency Committee.

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 27th May 2022 at the Mechanics Hall at 7.30 pm.

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The Mechanics Hall

The Mechanics Hall provides the venue for a broad selection of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the local population, below is listed the range of activities currently on offer:

Monday

10.00 am ~ 11.30 am Yoga with Jayny 07817465664
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203

Tuesday

10.00 am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
4.00 pm ~ 7.30 pm Academy of Dance for ages 3 to 7 with Catriona 07908138477

Wednesday

10.00 am ~ 11.00 am Sweaty Mamas for Mums and Babies with Jodie 07973423708
7.30 pm ~ 9.00 pm Table Tennis Drop in session with Lesley 07497371774

Thursday

10,00am ~ 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall (must be registered with U3A)
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Family History Society with Margaret (Meet fortnightly)
E mail megyorks19@outlook.com
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm SPACE project (Youth club for over 55s!) Main Hall 07792644490
6.00 pm ~ 7.00 pm Hiit Steps with Katie 07840042203
7.15 pm ~ 9.00 pm Yoga with Jayny 07817465664

Friday

9.45 am ~ 10.45 am Pilates with Lynne 07725997600
10.00 am ~ 12 noon Knit and Knatter with June 07714171758
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm Table Tennis Drop in session with Lesley

Saturday

10.00 am ~ 11.00 am Legs, Bums and Tums with Katie 07840042203

These activities take place every week except for Public Holidays but there are always vacant periods that allow for the hire of the hall for one off events and private functions. We have had several children's birthday parties, special celebration events and even funeral teas in the hall during the last 12 months. The Hall is hired out at a very competitive rate to the organisers of these activities as a means of raising capital for running costs and the upkeep and improvement of the building and the facilities.

We are always looking for new activities that would add to the attraction of our programme.

It is now over 17 years since we became involved with the Mechanics Hall and we are very appreciative of the support and help that we have been given. The hall has been transformed and the improvements continue.

We should take pride in this Hall, the fact that its owned by every resident in Longwood (16764 people). As we continue to seek funding for major refurbishment it is essential that we expand the membership of the Longwood Village Group as the more members on the list, the more this helps us to gain funding for the hall.

The Longwood Mechanics Hall Management team wish to thank all supporters and volunteers for their efforts.

The Hall is listed as Kirklees Evacuation Centre No 46, should it ever be required.
This means the Hall can be called into use at any time 24/7 in the event of a crisis.

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Hall Licence

In 2015; we obtained the licence we need to sell Alcohol on and off the premises. Our nominated member is Raymond Collier who passed a suitable qualification for a drinks bar person. Ray has a CRB check which was due for renewal November 2020. Personal Licence Holders are due for renewal November 2024

Bar

Due to the pandemic we had to dispose of all stock for the bar. We feel that currently there is insufficient demand for us to run our own bar on the premises. The Slip Inn and the Dusty Miller would consider running a bar at any events we require

Policy and Procedures

The Policy and Procedure booklet for the hall is kept on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall. These were last reviewed in January 2022 and are due for review in 2024.

Drains

The work on the drains is guaranteed till 2023.

Boiler

This is guaranteed till 2023.

Fire Alarm

The fire alarm is tested monthly by Mr Rodney Hirst. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall.

Please note that this system does not link directly to the fire station.

Defibrillator

Longwood Village Group funded the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator which is attached to the front of the building and has been deployed on three occasions since its installation.

Junior Pads expire 09/23

Adult pads expire 06/23

Batteries to replace 2027

Emergency Lighting

Is tested annually by Mr Barney Harle. The log sheet is kept in the Policy and Guidance booklet on the window ledge by the radio in the main hall.

Lift

This continues to be serviced on our maintenance plan with Niche.

Ground Rent

The annual ground rent for the Hall is £4 per year.

Website

Our many thanks to Conner and Zoe of TF Productions who look after the website for us.

The Big Plan

As agreed at a meeting in 2014 this is on hold until there is any movement on the sale/development of the allotment site.

The Building fund

This fund was started to put funds on one side for any major structural repairs or possible purchase of land in the future (possibly the allotments).

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Hall Users

Over the past year there have been a few changes.

We have lost Karate with Josh.

Knit and Knatter is now run by June Gledhill as Alison Cremona has had to step down due to family commitments.

Catriona CJ Dance has taken on an extra teacher to increase classes.

We did also have Cappello theatre dance start at the hall, but unfortunately this has not taken off.

We also welcome Tony and Janette doing Argentine tango practice.

Theatrical Productions

The Hall is used intermittently by TF Productions, Longwood Amateur Operatic Society, St Marks Players and Huddersfield Thespians for show rehearsals and performances.

Repairs and Improvements

A tremendous amount of work was done during lockdown; we tackled some very major projects at the hall.

We have now purchased the second curtain track for the stage that has yet to be fitted and an electronic photographic background holder that will be installed in the dance studio. We need to wait for finances to improve before we start on the 7year plan.

Community support fund

For our neighbourhood we were able to secure a pot of £2000 to distribute to anyone needing to help with finances. The fund has helped several people including a single parent struggling to get a school uniform for her 3 children. Longwood Grange nursing home rely on fundraising events to purchase activity equipment for residents, but covid had stopped this. With our bit of funding we have supported these local residents with a braille scrabble and an Alexa unit for group activities. We have also supported the children who use the hall with equipment for their activities.

Thank you to Zoe and the Team.

Booklet

We have had a few proof copies printed. The feedback on the proof copies has been very well received. We will hopefully get these distributed this summer. We have applied for funding to have these printed and to be distributed by Royal Mail. We are not charging for the adverts in the booklets. We hope that this is a way we can support the local businesses, and in return for them to help support us by distributing the booklets.

Seniors Open Day

People nearing retirement age were invited by local councillors to attend an event at the Briar Court Hotel. We were fortunate enough to be granted table space at this event. Zoe took a display board and flyers. We also gained some 50 names to be added to the e-newsletter circulation list.

Surplus PPI equipment.

This has been donated to the Longwood Grange Nursing Home.

Cleaning

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Vicky the cleaner for the work she does at the hall.

TF Productions

Have been hit very hard with the Covid pandemic. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Zoe and Conner for their support and the help they give us at the Hall.

Zoe is a great help as assistant manager stepping in to help as required. Conner is great for that extra bit of muscle when moving things around.

CCTV

This was upgraded during lockdown with extra cameras put on the front of the porch.

The police have accessed footage on four occasions lately, Insurance companies 3 times and residents across the road on two occasions. We may not feel the benefit in the Hall, but I understand that it has saved the police many thousands of pounds from the public purse. We would at some point like to add ANPR cameras to the system as this would be very beneficial to the police.

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Hall finances

The last couple of years have been rather concerning with us being unsure how we would cope with the Covid Pandemic. I am pleased to report that we have managed to hold our own and are in a strong position going forward, but with the sudden increase in the rate of inflation and massive energy price rises we are going to have to increase room hire and class charges.

Purchases

We have purchased the extra curtain rail for the stage and the photographic backdrop system for the dance studio. These will be fitted by Barney when available. Barney is currently preparing for their team's entry for the land speed record by pedal power in Nevada later this year. We wish them the best of luck, they are the only team entered that does not have a major sponsor behind them, funding their entry themselves.

Fundraising

Our many thanks to Nigel and Lucy for hosting a quiz night in January to boost Hall funds.

Contact

The monthly E-newsletter continues to be a great way to keep in touch with residents. For Hall users the Group chat on Whats App is proving very useful. If you would like to join either list, please let me know.

Events

As we get to the new normal. Longwood Amateurs have done a very successful Cabaret night. St Marks Players are planning on doing a show in October 2022

We also welcome Huddersfield Thespians to the hall for a couple of shows. We may have to close the Hall on the week of these shows due to the amount of preparation and show nights. We appreciate this may cause a little inconvenience to some groups having to close for a week. The Thespians organisation is 102 years old. They have been hard hit with Covid and need to recover their funds. We offer unique local affordable facilities.

Photos

During Covid, with a little time on my hands I sorted through my collection of photos/ documents relating to 'Train in the Park', Greenhead Park, a project which I oversaw.

These documents have now been lodged with the West Yorkshire Archive Service, in Huddersfield Library. We have also deposited a digital copy of the photographs we have of Longwood Mechanics Hall 2005-2022 and the information we have on the history of the Hall.

Introducing: The Seven-Year Plan

In planning ahead, we have put together a seven-year plan of continuing improvements at the hall.

We hope to be able to complete at least one project per year.

Replacing 2 windows in the ladies' toilets and one on the top landing

Replacing 2 windows in the gent's toilets

Replacing 2 windows in the Philip Taylor room

Replacing 2 windows in the library

Replacing 1 window and door in the cellar

Lifting and repointing stone flags in courtyard and paths outside the Hall

New porch and outer door at middle ground floor. Side entrance leading into the dance studio.

Full re-pointing of the Hall.

We should take pride in all our volunteers and building fund supporters for the support they give to the hall. It is that support that has made all of this possible.

The last two years have been rather difficult for everyone. We really do appreciate how this great team at the Hall have stepped up to help out at these difficult times

**LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
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Main Hall Availability

We would like to hear from anyone interested in starting a new group or class at the hall. We will assist anyone who wishes to start a new group.

What would you like to do?

Current availability for the Main Hall is:

Monday 4pm to 7.15pm

Tuesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 8am to 8pm

Thursday 4.30pm to 7.45pm

Friday 4pm to 11pm

Sunday 4pm to 11pm

Other Activities of Longwood Village Group

Woodchip Project

As we have come out of the Pandemic, the numbers of people walking through the woodland has diminished back to the pre pandemic level.

As yet we have not been able to organise the working party to rebuild the steps in the wood, that will have to be a project for 2022.

The Slaithwaite Explorer scouts doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards have been in touch and are eager to get back to clearing the main footpath into the wood which they started on in 2021.

The dog walkers have now placed their own dog litter bin at the entrance to the wood and someone has taken on the responsibility of emptying it on a regular basis.

We have had a few trees come down during the winter gales and some work will be required to cut and stack them to keep the woodland from looking unpleasant and untidy.

The Bowling Green

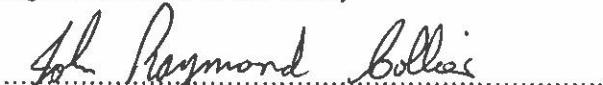
As the owner of the bowling green informed us that he was increasing the rent, yet again, we decided that the amount that he was requiring was too much to pay so we put in a counter offer of an amount that we thought was a reasonable offer for this small piece of land. His reply to that offer was that he was not willing to accept it and that he had already got someone else who was going to pay him the amount he was demanding. We have not as yet seen anyone else doing any work on this land!!

Longwood Sing

The Longwood Sing Committee have written to the Chairman of Longwood Village Group to say that they would like to become a part of Longwood Village Group instead of operating as a separate entity, as this would offer them the protection of the charity status LVG has and possibly better access to grant money through the Longwood Village Groups standing in the community. Several members of the Longwood Sing Committee are also members of the Longwood Village Group Committee, so this seems like a sensible move. This matter will be placed on the Agenda for the AGM.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity



John Raymond Collier
Chairman Longwood Village Group

Date: 10 September 2022

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Longwood Village Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C M Stratford FCA

Simpson Wood Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 10 September 2022

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
CHARITY NUMBER 1087328
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted Fund 2022 £	Restricted Fund 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
LVG income per schedule	2,108.56	-	2,108.56	2,085.61
Mechanics Hall income per schedule	27,797.90	-	27,797.90	29,414.71
	£29,906.46	-	£29,906.46	£31,500.32
<u>Payments</u>				
LVG payments per schedule	1,836.21	-	1,836.21	5,240.40
Mechanics Hall payments per schedule	24,425.50	-	24,425.50	36,035.68
	£26,261.71	-	£26,261.71	£41,276.08
Net receipts/(payments)	3,644.75	-	3,644.75	(9,775.76)
Opening balances at bank	8,831.65	-	8,831.65	18,607.41
Closing balances at bank	£12,476.40	£-	£12,476.40	£8,831.65

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<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash at bank and in hand	12,476.40	-	12,476.40	8,831.65
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accountancy fees	510.00	-	510.00	1,020.00
Net Assets	£11,966.40	£-	£11,966.40	£7,811.65

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	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>LVG Receipts</u>		
Coffee mornings	1,377.46	-
Grants received	-	965.00
Donations	730.86	1,120.00
Gift Aid Recovered	-	-
Bank interest	0.24	0.61
	<u>£2,108.56</u>	<u>£2,085.61</u>
<u>Mechanics Hall Receipts</u>		
Hire of Hall	13,295.90	2,453.75
St Marks Players donation	-	-
Polling Station	-	-
Gift Aid recovered	-	557.84
Grants received	13,667.00	22,500.12
Donations	62.00	3,000.00
Cottage Project donations	-	-
Building Fund donations	773.00	903.00
	<u>£27,797.90</u>	<u>£29,414.71</u>

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP**CHARITY NUMBER 1087328****NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>LVG Payments</u>		
Hire of Mechanics Hall	-	3,000.00
Printing and stationery	-	176.94
Refreshments	179.20	-
AGM sundries	-	-
Repairs	120.46	478.46
Bowling Green Rent	-	620.00
Donations	308.00	965.00
Prizes	208.55	-
Accountancy	1,020.00	-
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Bar and Kitchen Stock	314.64	1,436.16
Repairs and maintenance	4,373.32	3,373.81
Flooring repairs	-	4,856.00
Sound System	49.48	629.97
Stage Project	8,189.70	6,545.65
Cottage Project	-	4,974.97
CCTV Upgrade	-	1,177.27
Main hall Project	-	1,850.00
Brenda Hay Room Project	-	1,930.00
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Achievements and Performance

The Mechanics Hall

The Mechanics Hall provides the venue for a broad selection of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the local population, below is listed the range of activities currently on offer: -

Mondays

9.30 am till 12 noon (except Bank Holidays) Toddler Group, Main Hall
6.00 pm till 6.45 pm Zumba, School Room
7.15 pm till 9.00 pm (September to February) St Mark's Players, Main Hall
6.00 pm till 7.00 pm Ukulele group, The Art Room

Tuesdays

10.00 am till 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall
4.00 pm till 8.00 pm Ballet and Tap Dancing, School Room
7.00 pm till 9.00 pm Martial Arts, Main Hall

Wednesdays

2.00 pm till 4.00 pm Art Society, Art Room
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Spanish Course, Art Room
7.00 pm to 9.30 pm League Table Tennis in Dance Studio
5.00 pm till 8.00 pm Irish dancing for children, Main Hall
8.15 pm till 9.15 pm Table Tennis, Main Hall

Thursdays

10.00 am till 12 noon U3A Table Tennis, Main Hall
10.00 am to 11.00am Family History, Brenda Hay Room
1.00 pm till 4.00 pm SPACE project (Youth club for over 55s!) Main Hall
4.00 pm till 9.00 pm Ballroom dancing lessons, Main Hall
6.30 pm till 8.00 pm Arabic Dancing, School Room

Fridays

10.00 am till 12 noon Knit and Knatter, Art Room

Sundays

9.00 am till 11.00 am Power Hoop in the Main Hall

The Hall currently operates at approximately 75% capacity but with vacant periods that allow for the hire of the hall for one off events and private functions. We have had several children's birthday parties, special celebration events and even funeral teas in the hall during the last 12 months.

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The Hall is hired out at a very competitive rate to the organisers of these activities as a means of raising capital for running costs and the upkeep and improvement of the building and the facilities.

Report from the Mechanics Hall Management Team

It is now 15 years since we became involved with the Mechanics Hall and we are very appreciative of the support and help that we have been given. The hall has been transformed and the improvements continue.

We should take pride in this hall, the fact that it is owned by every resident in Longwood (16,764 people). As we continue to seek funding for major refurbishment it is essential that we expand the membership of the Longwood Village Group as the more members on the list, the more this helps us to gain funding for the hall.

The Longwood Mechanics Hall Management team wish to thank all supporters and volunteers for their efforts.

The hall is listed as Kirklees Evacuation Centre, no 46 should it ever be required. This means the hall can be called into use at any time 24/7 in the event of a crisis.

LVG funded the purchase of a defibrillator which is attached to the front of the building and has been deployed on three occasions since its installation.

Main Hall Availability

We would like to hear from anyone interested in starting a new group or class at the hall. We will assist anyone who wishes to start a new group.

What would you like to do?

Current availability for the Main Hall is:

Monday 4pm to 7.15pm

Tuesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 8am to 8pm

Thursday 4.30pm to 7.45pm

Friday 4pm to 11pm

Sunday 4pm to 11pm

Hall Licence

In 2015, we obtained the licence we need to sell Alcohol on and off the premises. Our nominated member is Raymond Collier who passed a suitable qualification for a drinks bar person. Raymond has a CRB check which is due for renewal November 2020.

Personal Licence Holders are due for renewal in November 2024. We have had a few events with the bar open in the Hall and this has already proved a profitable addition to our facilities.

Ray and the team have done an excellent job with the bar this year and we thank them for their service at the hall.

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Initial Lockdown

In March 2020, the pandemic hit the country and in accordance with Government guidelines the hall closed to all events and activities.

The Longwood Village Group AGM had to be postponed.

The hall was immediately set up as a help and advice centre offering help with shopping, prescriptions and other essential services for residents who required help, support and advice during the lockdown.

A WhatsApp group of the committee members and the people running the help centre at the hall was set up early in the lockdown so that we could quickly and easily keep in touch with each other.

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Come September when restrictions were eased, some activities returned to the hall but only those that could operate safely within current Government guidelines.

During the first lockdown, we took advantage of the fact that the hall was virtually empty and that only a small group of volunteers who formed a 'family bubble' were using the premises so that we were able to get a father and son business to undertake substantial improvement work in the hall. The old cottage rooms were completely stripped out and a new floor, wall and ceilings were constructed to create two new store rooms in the building.

The Brenda Hey room has been refurbished with new tables and chairs, a new sink and cupboard fitted in the corner and the boiler for preparing drinks has been installed. The room has also been fully redecorated and new blinds fitted to the windows.

Next the kitchen storeroom was emptied, the bar stock cupboard was removed to create more space, the windows were boxed out and the whole room repainted. All crockery and utensils were washed and cleaned before being boxed and put back on shelves.

The stage had a complete make over, the main wooden structure of the stage was replaced with metal trussing that bolts together and allows curtain rails, lights and scenery to be clamped to it. The whole of the back stage walls and ceiling was repaired and repainted and anew carpet was fitted to the periphery of the stage. The sound system for the hall has also had a full service.

Several new lights have been installed on the stage, considerable rewiring has been undertaken and a lot of lights have been replaced with LED units.

The fire alarm system, the security system and the disabled lift have all been serviced recently.

The dance studio has had a new CD player with a sound system and four speakers. The system has an aux cable for plugging in phones or laptops, Bluetooth connection and microphone sockets.

The library also received an overhaul with the gap between the ceiling and shelves being sealed and a new fitted carpet was laid.

Derek and Alison spent a day securing cupboards to the walls in the lower storeroom and gave the kitchen a thorough clean.

Unfortunately, in December everything changed again when we went into the second lockdown and the hall had to close again to all users.

Again, we had to postpone the AGM and this has been rearranged for Friday 3rd September to be held in the hall at 7.30pm and will conform to any current Government restrictions or guidelines that are in place at the time.

Volunteer Awards

Some funding became available (up to £100) to reward volunteers who had worked through the COVID-19 lockdown period. An application was submitted and approved; awards of an engraved plaque will be made to 10 volunteers at an open evening that has been arranged for Friday 21st May.

Other activities of Longwood Village Group

To keep residents informed of what events and activities are going on at the hall, the committee produces flyers and newsletters advertising events which are made available at the hall and three or four times a year. Approximately 2,000 newsletters are hand distributed door to door, in the area, by volunteers.

Woodchip Project

During the first COVID-19 lockdown, Raymond and Christine spent several days in the woodland and have replaced all 32 of the old fence posts on the section of fencing that runs along the left-hand side of the track through the wood and have also repaired and replaced sections of the wire fencing where it was required. It is proposed that the best of the old fence posts will be reused as footpath markers through the wood with the tops of the posts having been painted in an appropriate bright colour of paint (probably red or yellow).

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Raymond has also cleared the area at the bottom end of the track and totally rebuilt the wall that had been demolished sometime in the past. Where the wall has now been rebuilt, five new oak trees have been planted in the area behind the wall where they are protected and should hopefully flourish.

It is hoped that during the autumn of 2021 a group of volunteers will be recruited to rebuild the top section of steps that run from the golf course to the central track as they are in a bad state of repair at the moment.

During the summer we were approached by two local residents who wished to plant a tree in the wood in memory of a recently departed relative and we informed them that we would be more than happy to accommodate their request. The couple then very kindly made a generous donation in support of the work that we are doing in the conservation of the woodland.

The Bowling Green

LVG rents an area of the allotments to the rear of the hall known locally as the bowling green as that is what the flat grassed area was originally used for. It uses the flat grassed area during the summer months for outdoor games and activities. Grateful thanks to Flo and Len for the mowing and upkeep of this area.

COVID-19, Lockdown and its effect on the Organisation

With the government announcing the need for Community Buildings to be closed during the COVID-19 pandemic to help contain the spread of the virus, the hall was closed to all activities.

Longwood Village Group, and especially the hall management team, immediately volunteered to set the hall as a community help centre offering local residents assistance in obtaining prescription medicines, food shopping advice and counselling during the lockdown period. Special thanks to Connor and Zoe for setting up, organising and running this community help centre.

We are fully expecting that it will take us quite a while to get back to anything like pre-pandemic normality and we are anticipating that there will be many changes and challenges ahead but the committee are committed to continuing in their endeavours to make Longwood a strong and friendly community.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity



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Mr R Collier
Chairman

Date: 5 October 2021

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Longwood Village Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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;

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C M Stratford FCA

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 5 October 2021

LONGWOOD VILLAGE GROUP
 CHARITY NUMBER 1087328
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Fund 2021	Restricted Fund 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
LVG income per schedule	2,085.61	-	2,085.61	4,399.86
Mechanics Hall income per schedule	29,414.71	-	29,414.71	26,849.37
	<u>£31,500.32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£31,500.32</u>	<u>£31,249.23</u>
Payments				
LVG payments per schedule	5,240.40	-	5,240.40	3,354.21
Mechanics Hall payments per schedule	36,035.68	-	36,035.68	20,263.99
	<u>£41,276.08</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£41,276.08</u>	<u>£23,618.20</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(9,775.76)	-	(9,775.76)	7,631.03
Opening balances at bank	18,607.41	-	18,607.41	10,976.38
Closing balances at bank	<u>£8,831.65</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£8,831.65</u>	<u>£18,607.41</u>

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 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash at bank and in hand	8,831.65	-	8,831.65	18,607.41
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accountancy fees	1,020.00	-	1,020.00	510.00
Net Assets	<u>£7,811.65</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£7,811.65</u>	<u>£18,097.41</u>

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>LVG Receipts</u>		
Coffee mornings	-	3,381.76
Grants received	965.00	239.09
Donations	1,120.00	220.00
Gift Aid Recovered	-	557.84
Bank interest	0.61	1.17
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	£2,085.61	£4,399.86
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<u>Mechanics Hall Receipts</u>		
Hire of Hall	2,453.75	15,284.38
St Marks Players donation	-	1,360.00
Polling Station	-	580.00
Gift Aid recovered	557.84	1,299.31
Grants received	22,500.12	2,335.00
Donations	3,000.00	1,443.68
Cottage Project donations	-	3,500.00
Building Fund donations	903.00	1,047.00
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	£29,414.71	£26,849.37
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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>LVG Payments</u>		
Hire of Mechanics Hall	3,000.00	375.00
Printing and stationery	176.94	78.00
Refreshments	-	353.93
AGM sundries	-	91.98
Repairs	478.46	452.30
Bowling Green Rent	620.00	-
Donations	965.00	2,003.00
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	£5,240.40	£3,354.21
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<u>Mechanics Hall Payments</u>		
Annual Running Costs:		
Light and heat	3,529.66	3,933.37
Insurance	2,618.97	2,543.90
Water	506.00	612.00
Cleaning & Caretaker costs	220.16	1,107.73
Hall sundries	991.12	1,322.53
Stationery	84.02	69.89
Fire equipment maintenance	504.00	708.00
Gas maintenance	279.60	276.00
Window cleaning	140.00	105.00
Computer equipment and running costs	198.32	1,442.11
Windows replacements	-	2,875.00
Bar and Kitchen Stock	1,436.16	757.94
Repairs and maintenance	3,373.81	3,280.17
Flooring repairs	4,856.00	-
Sound System	629.97	-
Stage Project	6,545.65	-
Cottage Project	4,974.97	-
CCTV Upgrade	1,177.27	-
Main hall Project	1,850.00	-
Brenda Hay Room Project	1,930.00	-
Licensing	70.00	70.00
Lift servicing	-	-
<u>Funding</u>		
Various funding	100.00	910.00
<u>Other expenditure</u>		
Advertising	20.00	250.35
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	£36,035.68	£20,263.99
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