

THE CROWCOMBE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1087742

Details

Other names	CROWCOMBE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY HALL, THE CROWCOMBE HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-07-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE LEASEHOLD LAND BEING APART OF THE KESTEVEN GROUND TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER PROPERTY AS MAY BE ACQUIRED BY THE TRUSTEES (HEREINAFTER CALL 'THE TRUST PROPERTY') SHALL BE HELD UPON TRUST FOR THE PURPOSES OF A RECREATION AND COMMUNITY HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF CROWCOMBE IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT') WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The Crowcombe Hall provides a building and open space for local people to participate in recreational and leisure activities and to hold functions. The hall is available for hire and has rooms to accomodate small and large groups. There is a well equipped kitchen and changing facilities for sports' teams.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE, THE PARISH OF CROWCOMBE IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£16,469	£15,517	-	-
2023-12-31	£14,740	£14,903	-	-
2022-12-31	£16,017	£20,313	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,252	£29,154	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,685	£19,818	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR CHRIS STANILAND	Chair	2000-09-12
Alison Mary Bell		2023-08-31
Charlie Sydney Benjamin Baker		2024-01-25
Katy Davis		2024-06-20
MRS GILL BROWN		2006-05-03
MRS JAN LOCK		2007-09-12
Mariele Grace Smith		2013-01-30
Philip John Newton Barker		2023-03-09
Philippa Staniland		2025-03-06
Robert John Kennedy		2017-01-11
Sheryl Ann White		2025-09-23
Terry John Hughes		2017-01-11

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.2021 Period start date

To 31.12.2021 Period end date

Charity name: The Crowcombe Hall

Charity registration number: 1087742

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Trust property shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a Recreation and Community Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Crowcombe in the county of Somerset without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To provide a modern and well-equipped building for the use of the people of Crowcombe and the surrounding area is central to the trustees' aims. Due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been paid and we endeavour to accommodate as broad a range of activities and functions as possible.</p> <p>The Crowcombe Hall is used by a variety of local groups and organisations on a regular basis such as Toddler Group, Pilates and Karate, as well as for one-off events such as weddings, parties, meetings and coffee mornings.</p> <p>The trustees are pro-active in instigating repairs and renewals to make sure that the building is appealing and safe for all users.</p> <p>The Hall is registered with Somerset County Council as a 'Place of Safety'. The trustees will open the building for the benefit of the village and provide 24-hour temporary shelter and refreshments, should there be a need to evacuate local properties.</p> <p>As well as maintaining the Hall for the use of the community, once the Hall was fully open again, post the Covid lockdowns, the trustees resumed the organisation of monthly Film Nights.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	The trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have due regard

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		for this, ensuring that all activities run by the Trustees themselves or by other groups and organisations are for the purpose of improving the quality of life of those living in the parish of Crowcombe and the surrounding area.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The trustees continue to work together to provide a well-equipped and well-maintained building for the benefit of those in the locality and further afield. As a venue, The Crowcombe Hall continues to serve the community by providing a pleasant and flexible space for leisure and recreational purposes and meetings, during the day, in the evenings and at weekends. It provides a focus for all ages in the village and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Due to the Covid pandemic, the Hall was not open to the public in the early part of the year but bookings were taken from April onwards. The trustees took advantage of this quiet period to carry out some significant work in the rolling programme of repairs and renewals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the replacement of the French windows and emergency doors in the main Hall in 2020 so that they open, close and lock more easily for users, the remaining thirteen windows were replaced in February 2021 so that the building has a uniform look. 2. The changing room doors were replaced and now have the benefit of small windows at the top, which greatly improve ventilation. These

hinge inwards rather than from the side so are far safer.

3. The Quantock Room (smaller meeting room) and kitchen flooring was replaced.

4. The interior and the exterior of the building were painted.

5. Minor improvements – the battery-operated hand sanitisers were replaced with an electric version; obscuring plastic film was put on the downstairs storage room windows which are clear glass; the white lines on the steps leading to the main entrance were repainted.

In the summer of 2021, it was agreed that in order to complete all door and window refurbishment, the front door and Quantock Room door and locks should be replaced. (Aluminium was chosen rather UPVC as it is more durable for heavy usage areas. For various reasons, the work was delayed and will be completed in 2022.)

These works have ensured that the premises provide an appealing and safe place for all members of the public who use the Hall.

During the second part of the year, once bookings resumed after Covid lockdowns, as well as regular use by the Pilates, Karate and Toddler groups, the building was also used for a wedding reception, various parties and meetings and a 75th memorial RAF gathering.

From April, cricket matches resumed, with the Hall providing a base and changing rooms for the three village cricket teams, as well as providing a paved terrace area for members of the community to sit and watch matches.

Film Nights continued to be popular and during the second part of the year, eight films were shown with an average attendance of 45. The evenings are overseen by the trustees with the support of local volunteers who help with film projection. Films were shown on Sunday evenings for the benefit of people living in the community and the surrounding villages, providing a social event with the opportunity for people to meet and chat as well as to enjoy the film, accompanied by ice-creams and drinks. In November 2021 a new, much larger screen was purchased which has enhanced the viewing experience for our audiences

It is hoped that as Covid concerns reduce, bookings will rise and the Hall will be used at pre-pandemic levels again. To further promote the Hall, two trustees are now able to update the Hall website diary and upload Film Night information. There is also a link to the village Facebook page in order to notify local people about what is going on.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Significant Repairs and Renewals expenditures were made in 2021 resulting in an overall loss for the year. However, thanks particularly to the Government lockdown grants received, the Charity has a strong financial position at the end of 2021 with accumulated cash funds of £52,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The sinking fund is maintained at £14,000 and the funds are held on bank deposit together with other cash reserves of the Hall. The building is currently insured for fire insurance purposes at £927,600.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's principal sources of funds are from Hall lettings and Film Nights. The Government lockdown grants enabled the charity to weather the severe impact of Covid lockdowns and consequent shortfalls of regular income. Hall lettings and Film Night activities are slowly recovering since the Covid lockdowns.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed (2 nd July 2001) Amendment (22 nd June 2015)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	During the year to 31.12.21, the charity initially had thirteen trustees, plus one ex-officio member all drawn from the local community and elected/appointed by the existing trustees. This number reduced to eleven in the early part of the year, as two trustees moved away. In line with the stipulations of the Trust Deed, three of the trustees were elected, two were co-opted and six were appointed members, representing some of the main user groups of the Hall

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Crowcombe Hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1087742
Charity's principal address	Heather Lea, Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4AE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. C. Staniland	Chairman		
2	Mrs. A. Trollope-Bellew	Vice Chairman		
3	Mr. J. Robertson	Treasurer		
4	Mrs. G. Brown	Secretary		
5	Mr. T. Allen		12.09.2000 – 20.02.21	
6	Mrs. W. Burley		16.04.20 – 03.03.21	
7	Mrs. K. Hughes			
8	Mr. T. Hughes			
9	Mr. R. Kennedy			
10	Mrs. J. Lock			
11	Mrs. M. Smith			
12	Mr. M. Watson			
13	Mr. P. Comer	(ex officio)		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


Signature(s)		<i>G. E. Brown</i>
Full name(s)	Mr. Christopher Staniland	Mrs. Gillian Brown
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	16.10.2022	

N.B. This is the first time that our accounts have exceeded £25,000. This is due to Government Lockdown Grants.


**The Crowcombe Hall
Condensed
Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Income & Expenditure:		
Lockdown & Community Grants	20,520	12,134
Fund Raising Income	1,973	2,636
Hall Hiring & Other Income	4,759	2,915
Total Income	27,252	17,685
Fundraising Expenditures	-1,155	-1,075
Other Expenditures	-27,999	-18,743
Total Expenditures	-29,154	-19,818
Deficit before Depreciation & SFA	-1,902	-2,133
Depreciation	-6,361	-6,617
Sinking Fund Accrual	0	0
	-6,361	-6,617
Total Loss For Year	-8,263	-8,750
Represented By:		
Net Fixed Assets	198,742	205,103
Cash at Bank	52,140	56,574
Other Current Assets	1,715	2,300
Total Assets	252,597	263,977
Trade Creditors		-60
Other Current Liabilities	-312	-386
Prepaid Income	-278	-3,261
Total Liabilities	-590	-3,707
Sinking Fund Reserve	-14,000	-14,000
Total Assets Less Liabilities	238,007	246,270
Operating Surplus		
Brought Forward	246,270	255,020
Surplus For Year	-8,263	-8,750
Balance Carried Forward	238,007	246,270

C. Staniland (Chairman)


(Signed)

M. Smith (Honorary Examiner)


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