

THE LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1091921

Details

Other names	THE LITTLE ASTON CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PURPOSES OF A VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE MEETINGS, LECTURES, AND CLASSES OR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS..

Activities: This Charity manages the Little Aston Village Hall providing educational, social and leisure facilities for the residents of Little Aston and the surrounding areas.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ELECTORAL AND PAROCHIAL PARISH OF LITTLE ASTON AND THE SURROUNDING LOCALITY.
- Birmingham City
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,685	£20,052	-	-
2023-12-31	£42,062	£19,144	-	-
2022-12-31	£37,045	£34,057	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,971	£20,019	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,392	£12,933	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Richard George Paxton	Chair	
ELISABETH PAXTON		2018-07-01
Gavin Alexander Ross Clement		2018-04-01
Jane Griffiths		2024-04-02
Jennifer Cassell		2022-04-14
Leighsa Marie Wrack		2018-04-01
MARGARET IRENE PYE		2013-04-17
Narinder Rajput		2023-03-30
Neil Rankine		2022-04-19
Peter Jackson		2022-04-12
Peter Stanley Sutton		2023-11-17
Roger Willis Walker		2023-10-20
Sara Bradbury		2022-03-17
Simon Nicholas Fisher		2025-05-13
Stuart Harrison		2025-05-13

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Report for the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2019).

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Trustees during the Reporting Period:

	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Role</u>
Dr R G Paxton	Little Aston Lane	Chairman
Mr G Clement	Elected	Treasurer
Mrs E Paxton	Elected	Booking Secretary
Mrs L Wrack	Elected	
Mrs M Pye	St Peter's Church	
Mr R Walker	Little Aston Bowls Club	
Mr P Jackson	Little Aston Table Tennis Club	
Mr P Sutton	Little Aston Tennis Club	
Mrs S Bradbury	Little Aston Pre-School	
Miss J Griffiths	Little Aston Women's Institute (appointed 2 nd April 2024)	
Mrs J Cassel	Aikido	
Mr N Rankine	Tai Chi	
Mr N Rajput	Co-opted 30 th March 2023 and elected 21 st March 2024	
Mr D Salter	Shenstone Parish Council (appointed 7 th May 2024)	
Mrs R Graham	Shenstone Parish Council (appointed 7 th May 2024)	

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and consist of up to four elected members, elected at an Annual General Meeting and who may serve for up to three years prior to re-election or replacement; plus representatives from Shenstone Parish Council (the Custodian Trustee), from St. Peter's Church, from the principal regular users and from the immediate neighbours; and not more than three co-opted members.

Independent Examiner:

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1.2. Objectives and Activities

The provision of a village community hall for the use of the persons residing in the Electoral and Parochial Parish of Little Aston and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, religious or other opinions, including use of the property for meetings, lectures and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said persons.

1.3. Review of Charitable Activities in 2024

Over the year, the Hall has been able to welcome some new regular users. We are also pleased to report that there has been a steady increase in the number of occasional bookings, especially for children's parties. These additional bookings are creating a valuable increase in the income to the Hall. Unfortunately, Elisabeth Paxton, the Booking Secretary, is still having to turn away an increasing number of enquiries from potential regular and occasional users because all the suitable slots within the Booking Diary are already being used by others. The conversion of the loft space above the Committee Room and the Kitchen into an Additional Room is urgently needed.

At the beginning of November, we were informed that the building contractor who we were proposing to use for the Additional Room had been put into Administration. However, one of the senior managers contacted us to say he was setting up a new company, and he was willing to take on the work for the same price. Two Management Committee members met him and felt reassured that he could carry out the work using the originally planned sub-contractors.

Towards the end of November, a total of £216,000 had been secured, of which £100,000 had been accumulated towards the project within the Village Hall's own funds. The remainder was a combination of grants already received and a promised grant of £30,000 from the Enover Community Trust (ECT) and a promised grant of £39,000 from the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund (PJF).

These promised grants had a condition requiring the promised funds to be drawn down before 31st March 2025 against invoices for completed construction work or the promised money would be withdrawn. As some of the remaining grant applications were not due to be decided until March 2025, these two grant sources were contacted to see if they could give us a few months grace. ECT were prepared to allow a little grace, but PJF stated that they could not as the funds were coming from the Government. This meant the work had to start before the end of January 2025 which was before the remaining grant applications would be decided. Otherwise, the £39,000 would be withdrawn and we would have to return all the other grant money.

However, we were still short of sufficient funds. Further cost savings were identified and the contractor re-quoted with the air source heat pump and the acoustic attenuation coating as a follow-on project. Then, ahead of their expected decision date, the Garfield Weston Foundation gave us a grant of £5,000. The re-quote plus this £5,000 meant that we had sufficient funds, inclusive of a 10% contingency. This allowed us to apply to the Lichfield Diocesan Trust, (our Landlord) for Landlord Permission. This permission was granted on 16th December, and it enable us to apply to ECT and PJF for permission to start. Permission to start was granted a few days later.

Over the Christmas break a draft contract was prepared with a start date of 10th January. However, the contractor decided to go to a different principal sub-contractor and that sub-contractor requested an opportunity to review the costings. The revised quotation was almost 15% higher but still within the available funds and the 31st March deadline could still be achieved. The draft contract was modified and a meeting to sign the contract was scheduled.

Then, the contractor sent an email saying he could not carry out the work for the re-quoted price. We asked for a breakdown of his latest costings so that we could see what else could be taken out of the specification for it to fit within the available funds. He agreed to do so and on 10th February he submitted a further re-quote. Within this quotation, the cost of the principal sub-contract had more than doubled and it alone exceeded the available funds. The contractor was unwilling to consider any form of cost reduction.

Review of Charitable Activities in 2024 - continued

In the meanwhile, we had gone back to the other contractors who had originally provided quotations. One was no longer trading and the other wanted more than the latest quotation. We also approached other contractors and one, Build and Construct Ltd (BAC) provided a quotation for £285,000 for the whole project inclusive of the air source heat pump and the acoustic attenuation coating and they assured me that they could meet the 31st March deadline, weather permitting. We explained that we only had £218,000 available and that it was essential that once the main structure was built, secure and watertight, the refurbishment of the committee room had to be completed and the room back in use before the completion work within the additional room, kitchenette and toilets is undertaken. Also, work within these areas would have to stop when the available funds ran out.

We also explained that four other grant applications had been made and that these should all be decided before the end of April. BAC agreed to this and provided a revised quotation of £226,680 to complete the main construction; to complete all the external works; to complete the committee room and the other work affected areas; to complete all the new areas up to and including the first fix for all the electrical and plumbing items; and to complete all the insulation and plaster boarding but not the plaster skim. This price did not include the installation of the acoustic attenuation coating in either room. They also agreed that if additional funds became available, they would continue the work as far as the additional funds would allow.

Based on this quotation and the associated assurances regarding the financial limitations, the Management Committee agreed that the work should go ahead and for a suitable contract to be signed.

The contract was finalised and signed on 17th February 2025. The work started on site on 17th February 2025 and is progressing well. Invoices totalling more than the promised funding and a progress report have been submitted to the PJF and the ECT and the promised funding has been received.

Whilst the work is underway, sheds have been erected at the front of the Hall as temporary storage for the equipment that has had to be relocated to allow the work to proceed. Also, space has been made available within the chair store for the Bowlers to use whilst the Committee Room is refurbished as part of the building work.

The Tennis Club has continued to develop and is enjoying the benefits of all year-round play and coaching on their all-weather 'clay' courts. Unfortunately, the courts do require regular watering, especially during hot and dry periods. Once the Additional Room Project is complete, it is proposed that a rainwater harvesting scheme will be implemented for supplying water to the watering systems for the Bowling Green and the Tennis Courts.

As always, the Bowling Green and its surrounds are a credit to the Club and the Green has been well used throughout the Bowling Season. Both the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club are keen to welcome new members.

Other than for the normal day to day routine maintenance, no major maintenance activities have been required during the year, and this has enabled the Hall to put more money aside for the Additional Room Project.

The fact that the Hall is in a sound physical and financial position is down to the commitment of the Committee members and in particular to the efforts of the Booking Secretary and the Treasurer. The Hall and its users have benefitted greatly from their efforts.

1.4. Public Benefit

The facilities at the Village Hall are available to everyone with the aim of providing a benefit to the local community.

2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

2.1. Reserves Policy

The Village Hall controls its expenditure to ensure that its financial obligations are covered by its income stream. Activities and improvements only take place if they are financially sound. The policy is to keep approximately £10,000 in reserve to cover contingencies.

2.2. Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and the application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Management Committee:

Trustee

Date March 2025

3. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages seven to nine.

3.1. 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 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

3.2. Basis of the 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 statements below.

3.3. 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 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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

Signature

Date

March 2025

T D Shackleford FCA
Shacklefords Chartered Accountants
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4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources		
Hall, Grounds & Car Park Hire		
Regular Users	34,594.87	33,135.70
Occasional Users	8,343.75	7,514.00
Shenstone Parish Council Rates Refund	174.65	179.20
Shenstone Parish Council Insurance Refund	1,371.61	1,232.68
Donations	10,200.00	0.00
Total Incoming Resources	<u>54,684.88</u>	<u>42,061.58</u>
Resources Expended		
Heating & Lighting	1,352.00	2,361.00
Water & Sewage	1,444.50	1,286.50
Rates	174.65	179.20
Insurance	1,371.61	1,232.68
Caretaker & Cleaning	7,330.95	7,399.94
Grounds & Tree Maintenance	1,080.00	870.00
Repairs & Renewals	6,344.26	841.77
Refuse Disposal	525.00	500.00
Service contracts & equipment replacement	0.00	200.00
Postage, Printing & Stationery	153.98	34.99
New Room Project (designs and fees)	205.60	3,453.60
Bank Charges	69.60	74.80
Miscellaneous including membership fees	0.00	710.00
Total Resources Expended	<u>20,052.15</u>	<u>19,144.48</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	34,632.73	22,917.10
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	<u>72,505.43</u>	<u>49,588.33</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>107,138.16</u>	<u>72,505.43</u>

5. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Sundry Debtors	7,438.39	13,414.81
Cash at Bank	149,595.77	71,285.62
Total	<u>157,034.16</u>	<u>84,700.43</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Grants for New Room Project	(49,356.00)	(10,000.00)
Sundry Creditors	(540.00)	(2,195.00)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>107,138.16</u>	<u>72,505.43</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	107,138.16	72,505.43
Restricted Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>107,138.16</u>	<u>72,505.43</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on March 2025
 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

6. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

6.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6.2. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1st January 2019).

6.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

6.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

6.5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6.6. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

6.7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration, expenses or other benefits paid during the year ended 31 December 2024 or during the year ended 31 December 2023.

6.8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		
At 1 Jan 2024	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2024	At 1 Jan 2024	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2024
72,505.43	34,632.73	107,138.16	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Mrs L Wrack	Elected	
Mrs S Wynn	Elected – resigned 21 st September 2023	
Mrs M Pye	St Peter's Church	
Mrs P Heartland	Little Aston Bowls Club – resigned 19 th October 2023	
Mr R Walker	Little Aston Bowls Club – appointed 19 th October 2023	
Mr P Jackson	Little Aston Table Tennis Club	
Mr S King	Little Aston Tennis Club – Resigned 17 th November 2023	
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1.3. Review of Charitable Activities in 2023

Over the course of the year the trend that was seen during the previous year of declining numbers within some of the regular users appears to have steadied and in many cases membership numbers are increasing. In addition, the Hall has been able to welcome some new regular users, including regular tuition classes for under elevens and mock examination sessions, also for under elevens. We are also pleased to report that the surge that we saw during 2021 in the number of occasional bookings has continued, especially for children's parties. These additional bookings are creating a substantial increase in the income to the Hall. Elisabeth Paxton, the Booking Secretary, continues to do a wonderful job managing the bookings and showing prospective hirers around the Hall. Unfortunately, she is having to turn away an increasing number of enquiries from potential regular and occasional users because all the suitable slots within the Booking Diary are already being used by others. The proposed conversion of the loft space above the Committee Room and the Kitchen into an Additional Room is urgently needed.

Out of the seven contractors who were originally approached for quotations for the proposed Additional Room, only two responded. Their prices were very high, so high in fact that they exceeded the maximum project cost criteria for two of the grant sources from whom, it was hoped, a large proportion of the necessary funding would be forthcoming. However, Support Staffordshire kindly suggested another contractor and they came back with a much more sensible price. We have since worked with this contractor to identify sufficient cost reductions for the project to meet the lowest of the project cost criteria for the available grant sources. These cost reductions have not affected either the size or the quality of what is proposed.

Understandably, most of the potential sources of grant assistance appear to be focussed on supporting projects that are aimed at relieving issues associated with the cost of living crisis. This has resulted in many of the grant applications being rejected, including the application to the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund. Shenstone Parish Council has provided a £5,000 grant and the Enover Community Trust has promised £30,000. So far, we have secured just over half of what will be required, and we are hopeful that by the end of the summer this year, sufficient funds will have been secured for the project to go ahead in full.

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During the year the representatives on the Management Committee from the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club resigned and have been replaced by new representatives. Also, Sarah Wynn, an elected member of the Committee, resigned. The Management Committee would like to record its grateful thanks to these former Committee members for their service and commitment to the Committee and would like to welcome the replacement representatives. It is hoped that a replacement for Sarah will be appointed at the AGM. The fact that the Hall is in a sound physical and financial position is down to the commitment of the Committee members and in particular to the efforts of the Booking Secretary and the Treasurer. The Hall and its users have benefitted greatly from their efforts.

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On behalf of the Management Committee:

Trustee *Richard Paxton*

Date 07th February 2024

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages seven to nine.

3.1. 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 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

3.2. Basis of the 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 statements below.

3.3. 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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature T D Shackleford

Date 07th February 2024

T D Shackleford FCA
Shacklefords Chartered Accountants
6A Little Aston Lane
Little Aston
Sutton Coldfield
B74 3UF

4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources		
Hall, Grounds & Car Park Hire		
Regular Users	33,135.70	23,127.00
Occasional Users	7,514.00	9,165.00
Shenstone Parish Council Rates Refund	179.20	414.72
Shenstone Parish Council Insurance Refund	1,232.68	1,168.49
Donations	0.00	502.86
Grants (Unrestricted)	0.00	2,667.00
Total Incoming Resources	42,061.58	37,045.07
Resources Expended		
Heating & Lighting	2,361.00	3,338.00
Water & Sewage	1,286.50	3,202.00
Rates	179.20	414.72
Insurance	1,232.68	1,168.49
Caretaker & Cleaning	7,399.94	5,976.77
Grounds & Tree Maintenance	870.00	2,880.00
Repairs & Renewals	841.77	9,069.14
Refuse Disposal	500.00	470.00
Service contracts & equipment replacement	200.00	0.00
Postage, Printing & Stationery	34.99	0.00
New Room Project (designs and fees)	3,453.60	7,100.20
Bank Charges	74.80	332.28
Miscellaneous including membership fees	710.00	105.00
Total Resources Expended	19,144.48	34,056.60
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	22,917.10	2,988.47
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	49,588.33	46,599.86
Total Funds Carried Forward	72,505.43	49,588.33

5. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Sundry Debtors	13,414.81	4,831.62
Cash at Bank	71,285.62	44,776.71
Total	84,700.43	49,608.33
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Grants for New Room Project	(10,000.00)	0.00
Sundry Creditors	(2,195.00)	(20.00)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	72,505.43	49,588.33
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	72,505.43	49,588.33
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	72,505.43	49,588.33

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ... 26th February 2024
 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Richard Paxton

6. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

6.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6.1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1st January 2019).

6.1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

6.1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

6.1.4. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6.1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

6.2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration, expenses or other benefits paid during the year ended 31 December 2023 or during the year ended 31 December 2022.

6.3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds		
At 1 Jan 2023	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2023	At 1 Jan 2023	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2023
49,588.33	22,917.10	72,505.43	0.00	0.00	0.00

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THE LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

Little Aston Lane, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3UF
Registered Charity Number: 1091921

Report for the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2019).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

1.1. Registered Charity Number - 1091921

Address:

Little Aston Lane, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3UF

Trustees during the Reporting Period:

	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Role</u>
Dr R G Paxton	Little Aston Lane	Chairman
Mr G Clement	Elected	Treasurer
Mrs E Paxton	Elected	Booking Secretary
Mrs L Wrack	Elected	
Mrs S Wynn	Elected	
Mrs M Pye	St Peter's Church	
Mr S Bennett	Little Aston Community Association – resigned 22 nd February 2022	
Mrs D Clayton	Little Aston Bowls Club – resigned 10 th February 2022	
Mrs P Heartland	Little Aston Bowls Club – appointed 10 th February 2022	
Mr P Jackson	Little Aston Table Tennis Club	
Mr S King	Little Aston Tennis Club	
Mrs S Bradbury	Little Aston Pre-School	
Mrs J Cassel	Aikido	
Mr N Rankine	Tai Chi	

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and consist of up to four elected members, elected at an Annual General Meeting and who may serve for up to three years prior to re-election or replacement; plus representatives from Shenstone Parish Council (the Custodian Trustee), from St. Peter's Church, from the principal regular users and from the immediate neighbours; and not more than three co-opted members.

Independent Examiner:

Shacklefords Chartered Accountants
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1.2. Objectives and Activities

The provision of a village community hall for the use of the persons residing in the Electoral and Parochial Parish of Little Aston and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, religious or other opinions, including use of the property for meetings, lectures and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said persons.

1.3. Review of Charitable Activities in 2022

During the early part of the year the activities at the Village Hall were still being affected by COVID. As the COVID infections reduced, most of the regular users were able to resume their activities again. However, many of the user groups have continued to see progressively dwindling numbers of participants and, unfortunately, some of the groups decided that it was no longer viable for them to continue. In the main, this has applied to the groups who were using the Main Hall, especially those groups that operated at the weekends. Thankfully, as the year progressed, most of the vacant slots have been filled by new activities. Also, the surge that we saw last year in the number of occasional bookings has continued, especially for children's parties creating a substantial increase in the income to the Hall. Elisabeth Paxton, the Booking Secretary, has done a wonderful job managing the bookings and showing prospective hirers around the Hall.

In February, we were successfully able to apply for the Government Restart Grant and this helped us to avoid having to increase the hire rates for the Hall. We are deeply indebted to the Support Staffordshire organisation for keeping us abreast of what was available.

The proposed plans for converting the loft space above the Committee Room and the Kitchen into an additional room were agreed by the Management Committee and Planning Permission was granted in July. It then took a while to find a Structural Engineer who was willing to do the necessary structural calculations. The problem was all to do with the non-normal nature of some of the necessary construction. However, a suitably capable engineering consultancy was found and the appropriate details were prepared and submitted for Building Regulations Approval. These details were also added to a detailed specification for the proposed works and both were submitted to a number of suitable contractors for price estimates. At the same time, grant applications have been prepared and submitted to the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund and to Shenstone Parish Council. Further grant applications are in preparation.

The first of the contractors to respond indicated a price that was very much higher than expected, so high in fact that it exceeded the maximum project cost criteria for two of the grant sources from whom, it was hoped, a large proportion of the necessary funding would be forthcoming. We have therefore had to adapt the proposal to avoid most of the additional structural steel work that would have been required by the original proposal. The Structural Engineer is currently doing the necessary calculations for the revised concepts. The Architect has made the necessary modifications to the plans and has submitted them to the Planning Authority for approval. Once the necessary structural calculations have been completed, the details will be resubmitted to the contractors for detailed costing.

The Tennis Club has continued to develop and is enjoying the benefits of all year round play and coaching on their all-weather 'clay' courts.

During the year the last remaining conifer that was between the Bowling Green and the road began to die and was removed. The Green appears to have recovered well from the crown reshaping work and has been well used throughout the Bowling Season.

During the summer, with the exception of the Committee Room and the Kitchen, the whole of the inside of the building was re-painted and all of the wood work was re-varnished. Also the fence panels between the Children's Play Area and the field were replaced.

Management Committee meetings were mostly back to normal during the year. Also, it was decided to invite representatives from Thai Chi and Aikido to join the Management Committee and we now have two new regular members. The fact that the Hall is in a sound financial position is mostly down to the efforts of the Booking Secretary and the Treasurer's stewardship. The Hall and its users have benefitted greatly from their efforts, THANK YOU.

1.4. Public Benefit

The facilities at the Village Hall are available to everyone with the aim of providing a benefit to the local community.

2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

2.1. Reserves Policy

The Village Hall controls its expenditure to ensure that its financial obligations are covered by its income stream. Activities and improvements only take place if they are financially sound. The policy is to keep approximately £10,000 in reserve to cover contingencies.

2.2. Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and the application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Management Committee:

Richard Paston

Trustee

13th March 2023

Date

3. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages seven to nine.

3.1. 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 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

3.2. Basis of the 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 statements below.

3.3. 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 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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

Signature T D Shackleford

Date 13th March 2023

T D Shackleford FCA
Shacklefords Chartered Accountants
6A Little Aston Lane
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4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	
	£ 2022	£ 2021
Incoming Resources		
Hall, Grounds & Car Park Hire		
Regular Users	23,127.00	12,570.87
Occasional Users	9,165.00	3,659.00
Shenstone Parish Council Rates Refund	414.72	211.70
Shenstone Parish Council Insurance Refund	1,168.49	1,118.09
Donations	502.86	75.75
Grants	2,667.00	16,335.21
Total Incoming Resources	37,045.07	33,970.62
Resources Expended		
Heating & Lighting	3,338.00	2,884.99
Water & Sewage	3,202.00	2,320.00
Rates	414.72	211.70
Insurance	1,168.49	1,118.09
Caretaker & Cleaning	5,976.77	4,677.05
Grounds & Tree Maintenance	2,880.00	2,233.00
Repairs & Renewals	9,069.14	5,357.68
Refuse Disposal	470.00	290.00
Service contracts & equipment replacement	0.00	912.00
Postage, Printing & Stationery	0.00	6.78
New Room Project (designs and fees)	7,100.20	0.00
Bank Charges	332.28	0.00
Miscellaneous including membership fees	105.00	7.40
Total Resources Expended	34,056.60	20,018.69
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	2,988.47	13,951.93
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	46,599.86	32,647.93
Total Funds Carried Forward	49,588.33	46,599.86

5. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2022	2021
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Sundry Debtors	4,831.62	3,858.12
Cash at Bank	44,776.71	42,741.74
Total	<u>49,608.33</u>	<u>46,599.86</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry Creditors	<u>(20.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>49,588.33</u>	<u>46,599.86</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	<u>49,588.33</u>	<u>46,599.86</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,588.33</u>	<u>46,599.86</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th March 2023
 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Richard Paxton

6. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

6.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6.1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1st January 2019).

6.1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

6.1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

6.1.4. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6.1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

6.2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration, expenses or other benefits paid neither during the year ended 31 December 2022 nor during the year ended 31 December 2021.

6.3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2022	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2022
Unrestricted Funds	46,599.86	2,988.47	49,588.33

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**Little Aston Lane, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3UF
Registered Charity Number: 1091921**

**Report for the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2019).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

1.1. Registered Charity Number - 1091921

Address:

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Trustees during the Reporting Period:

	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Role</u>
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Independent Examiner:

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1.2. Objectives and Activities

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1.3. Review of Charitable Activities in 2021

Throughout the whole of the year ending 31st December 2021 the activities that have been possible at the Village Hall have been dominated by the effects of the COVID pandemic. As the restrictions were lifted, most of the regular users were able to resume their activities, albeit with limitations. However, as the year progressed, many of the user groups have been faced with progressively dwindling numbers of participants.

The loss of participants has led to some of the user groups deciding that it was no longer viable for them to continue. In the main, this has applied to the groups who were using the Main Hall, especially those groups that operated at the weekends. Thankfully, the resultant reduction in the regular income for the Hall has been offset to some extent by a surge in the number of occasional bookings, especially for children's parties. Many of these bookings were for events which should have taken place earlier within the pandemic.

As the pandemic continued, we were successfully able to apply for the further Government support grants that were available. We are deeply indebted to the Support Staffordshire organisation for keeping us abreast of what was available. This additional support has been an essential addition to the reduced income from the user groups. However, in the longer term, the Hall will need to find additional regular users.

The Booking Secretary is frequently in receipt of enquiries for the regular use of a room that is smaller than the Main Hall. But most of these enquiries are not able to be accommodated because of the limited availability of the Committee Room during the Bowling Season. The Committee has therefore been looking at options for converting the loft space that is above the Committee Room into another room. The discussions have reached the stage where a preferred option has been agreed and an Architectural and Building Regulations professional has been engaged to convert this option into plans that can be further reviewed and, if agreed, can be forwarded to the District Council for the necessary permissions and approvals.

The Tennis Club have been able to add flood lighting to the bottom court and this has greatly extended the playing and coaching hours during the darker evenings. The lighting consists of a chain of small LED lights supported from the netting on each side of the court and these are orientated so that all of the light stays within the boundaries of the court.

At the start of this last winter, the Bowls Club's groundsman advised that the shrubbery and scrub trees between the Green and the road should be cut back so as to allow better access for the sun on to the Green. The severity of the proposed cut back would have been upsetting to the neighbours and a suitable compromise was agreed and implemented.

Following a request from one of the user groups, the Management Committee have purchased and installed a defibrillator within the Main Entrance Lobby to the Hall.

Because of COVID, there was only one formal Management Committee meeting during the year. Most of the day to day decisions were made following discussions between the Treasurer, Gavin, and myself. Anything that would have exceeded the joint Treasurer's and Chairman's authorisation was resolved by email consultation with the other Committee members. The fact that the Hall is emerging from the pandemic in a sound financial position is mostly down to the efforts of the Booking Secretary, Lis, and to Gavin's stewardship.

1.4. Public Benefit

The facilities at the Village Hall are available to everyone with the aim of providing a benefit to the local community.

2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

2.1. Reserves Policy

The Village Hall controls its expenditure to ensure that its financial obligations are covered by its income stream. Activities and improvements only take place if they are financially sound. The policy is to keep approximately £10,000 in reserve to cover contingencies.

2.2. Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and the application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Management Committee:

Trustee

Date

3. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages seven to nine.

3.1. 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 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

3.2. Basis of the 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 statements below.

3.3. 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 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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

Signature

Date

T D Shackleford FCA
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4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	
	£ 2021	£ 2020
Incoming Resources		
Hall, Grounds & Car Park Hire		
Regular Users	12,570.87	14,432.15
Occasional Users	3,659.00	558.00
Shenstone Parish Council Rates Refund	211.70	829.44
Shenstone Parish Council Insurance Refund	1,118.09	1,116.96
Donations	75.75	121.00
Grants	16,335.21	11,334.00
Total Incoming Resources	33,970.62	28,391.55
Resources Expended		
Heating & Lighting	2,884.99	1,618.31
Water & Sewage	2,320.00	632.00
Rates	211.70	829.44
Insurance	1,118.09	1,116.96
Caretaker & Cleaning	4,677.05	2,975.36
Grounds & Tree Maintenance	2,233.00	2,227.80
Repairs & Renewals	5,357.68	2,872.15
Refuse Disposal	290.00	285.00
Service contracts & equipment replacement	912.00	0.00
Postage, Printing & Stationery	6.78	0.00
Deposit Returns / Refunds	0.00	375.75
Miscellaneous including membership fees	7.40	0.00
Total Resources Expended	20,018.69	12,932.77
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	13,951.93	15,458.78
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	32,647.93	17,189.15
Total Funds Carried Forward	46,599.86	32,647.93

5. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Sundry Debtors	3,858.12	1,899.50
		0.00
Cash at Bank	42,741.74	30,748.43
Total	<u>46,599.86</u>	<u>32,647.93</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>46,599.86</u>	<u>32,647.93</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	<u>46,599.86</u>	<u>32,647.93</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,599.86</u>	<u>32,647.93</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

6. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

6.1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

6.1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1st January 2019).

6.1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

6.1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

6.1.4. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6.1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

6.2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration, expenses or other benefits paid neither during the year ended 31 December 2021 nor during the year ended 31 December 2020.

6.3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2021	Net Movement in Funds	At 31 Dec 2021
Unrestricted Funds	32,647.93	13,951.93	46,599.86

THE LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1091921

Accounts

THE LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

**Little Aston Lane, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3UF
Registered Charity Number: 1091921**

**Report for the Trustees and Unaudited Financial
Statements**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (effective 1st January 2019).

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

1.1. Registered Charity Number - 1091921

Address:

Little Aston Lane, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3UF

Trustees during the Reporting Period:

	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Role</u>
Dr R G Paxton	Little Aston Lane	Chairman
Mr G Clement	Elected	Treasurer
Mrs E Paxton	Elected	Booking Secretary
Mrs L Wrack	Elected	
Mr S Bennett	Little Aston Community Association	
Mrs M Pye	St Peter's Church	
Mrs D Clayton	Little Aston Bowls Club	
Mrs V Booth	Little Aston Table Tennis Club	
Mr S King	Little Aston Tennis Club	
Mrs S Bradbury	Little Aston Pre-School	

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and consist of up to four elected members, elected at an Annual General Meeting and who may serve for up to three years prior to re-election or replacement; plus representatives from Shenstone Parish Council (the Custodian Trustee), from St. Peter's Church, from the principal regular users and from the immediate neighbours; and not more than three co-opted members.

Independent Examiner:

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1.2. Objectives and Activities

The provision of a village community hall for the use of the persons residing in the Electoral and Parochial Parish of Little Aston and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, religious or other opinions, including use of the property for meetings, lectures and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said persons.

1.3. Review of Charitable Activities in 2020

Last year's Annual General Meeting was held a few days before the Covid lock down commenced. The meeting was necessarily brief. By the end of the following week, all of the activities that normally took place within the Hall had stopped. Similarly, the normal planning for the start of the Bowls and Tennis seasons were put on hold. Inevitably, this meant that all of the routine income for the Hall also stopped.

The Tennis Club took advantage of the non-playing period to remove the old clay surface on the top two courts and to replace it with the same type of all-weather 'Clay-like' surface which has proved to be so effective and popular on the lower court. They also installed a new viewing stand at the side of the lower court. These improvements have enabled professional coaching of high quality players to become a regular feature at the club in addition to the coaching and encouragement of those with other ages and abilities. The transformation is a real credit to the Club. It has been wonderful to see and it has attracted many new members to the Club.

As the lock down eased, those users who could comply with the safety rules began to return. To assist them, automatic hand sanitising stations were installed at each entry / exit and automatic soap dispensers were installed within all of the toilets. In addition, many enquiries were received from groups that were unable to return to their normal venues and almost all of the available slots within the Hall's weekly programme were quickly filled.

During the pandemic, we were successfully able to apply for the Government support grants that were available. We are deeply indebted to the Support Staffordshire organisation for keeping us abreast of what was available. The Hall was therefore able to allow all of the users to return at suitably reduced rates during the first few months of their return, so as to compensate for the additional costs that each group had to incur in order to comply with the Covid safety requirements.

In the autumn, the Bowls Club were able to go ahead with the reshaping of the crown within the green. However, the winter was not as supportive to the growth of the re-laid turf as was hoped and urgent specialist help was needed in order to make the green playable at the start of the 2021 season. The green is now its usual credit to the Club.

In the spring, we were able to get the floor within the Hall re-sanded and re-sealed. Also, thanks to a very generous grant from Shenstone Parish Council, we were able to purchase and erect a large wooden sun and rain shelter for the Children's Play Area.

Because of Covid, there were no normal Management Committee meetings. Most of the day to day decisions were made following discussions between the Treasurer, Gavin, and myself. Anything that would have exceeded the joint Treasurer's and Chairman's authorisation was resolved by email consultation with the other Committee members. The fact that the Hall is emerging from the pandemic with a very full weekly schedule of users and in a sound financial position is mostly down to the efforts of the Booking Secretary, Lis, and to Gavin's stewardship.

1.4. Public Benefit

The facilities at the Village Hall are available to everyone with the aim of providing a benefit to the local community.

2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

2.1. Reserves Policy

The Village Hall controls its expenditure to ensure that its financial obligations are covered by its income stream. Activities and improvements only take place if they are financially sound. The policy is to keep approximately £10,000 in reserve to cover contingencies.

2.2. Trustees Responsibility Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and the application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Management Committee:

Trustee

Date

3. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE ASTON VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages seven to nine.

3.1. 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 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

3.2. Basis of the 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 statements below.

3.3. Independent examiner's statement

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

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	£	£
	2020	2019
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Regular Users	14,432.15	27,313.95
Occasional Users	558.00	3,488.50
Events & Fundraising	0.00	0.00
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Shenstone Parish Council Insurance Refund	1,116.96	1,101.61
Donations	121.00	89.00
Grants	11,334.00	0.00
Total Incoming Resources	<u>28,391.55</u>	<u>32,809.54</u>
Resources Expended		
<i>Site Projects</i>		
<i>Play Area</i>		
<i>Children's</i>	0.00	22,858.89
<i>Loft insulation and roof lining</i>	0.00	680.50
Heating & Lighting	1,618.31	1,820.32
Water & Sewage	632.00	494.00
Rates	829.44	816.48
Insurance	1,116.96	1,101.61
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Deposit Returns / Refunds	375.75	
Miscellaneous including membership fees	0.00	85.00
Total Resources Expended	<u>12,932.77</u>	<u>43,246.24</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	15,458.78	(10,436.70)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	<u>17,189.15</u>	<u>27,625.85</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u><u>32,647.93</u></u>	<u><u>17,189.15</u></u>

5. BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2020	2019
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Sundry Debtors	1,899.50	3,654.22
Cash at Bank	30,748.43	14,034.93
Total	32,647.93	17,689.15
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry Creditors	0.00	(500.00)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	32,647.93	17,189.15
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	32,647.93	17,189.15
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