

**The Hope Edwardes Institute
(Dorrington Village Hall)**

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Dorrington Village Hall
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	The Hope Edwardes Institute
Other names	Dorrington Village Hall
Charity Number	1108683
Principal Address	Dorrington Village Hall The Maitlands Dorrington Shrewsbury SY5 7LD
Trustees	Ruth Michelle Lawrence Thomas Frederick Williams Angela Parkinson Edward Whitaker Marvin
Custodian Trustee	Condover Parish Council
Accountant	Community Accounting Services Ltd 7 Napoleon Drive Shrewsbury SY3 5PH

**Trustees' Report
of Dorrington Village Hall
on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) together with Update Bulletin 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hope Edwardes Institute is registered with the Charity Commission and is regulated by the Scheme of the Commissioners dated 24 June 1982. In May 2008 the original Village Hall which was not suitable for disabled access was replaced by a new single storey Community Centre with a Doctors surgery included.

Trustee selection methods

The Parish Council of Condover is the Custodian Trustee. The trustees are appointed by the Committee of management. Members of the Committee of Management are elected annually at the Annual General meeting. They comprise representative members from the various groups and societies that use the Village Hall and elected members.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a community facility for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dorrington. Our objectives and activities are without distinction of political, religious, and other opinions. It is used for:

- (a) Meetings, lectures and classes, and
- (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of Dorrington.

Achievements and Performance in the year

The Hall has continued to be a popular venue for parties and weddings. One of the regular users retired at the start of the year and a couple chose not to continue to use the Hall. However with no Covid 19 restrictions being imposed during the year there has been an increase in income from regular users compared to the previous year.

In June 2022 the Hall invited local residents to come along for a fun afternoon to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. There was a hog roast, tea & cakes, Bouncy castle, Music, a Jive demonstration, Games for all including an egg & spoon race and much more.

To provide a 'safe and warm space' for people during the Winter's energy crisis a sewing, patchwork, knitting & craft workshop has been introduced on Wednesday afternoons. People can bring their existing project or learn a new one, enjoy a free Coffee/tea & biscuit and a chat. Tabletop gardening workshops were also added after a local instructor had been found.

The Hall held a 'Wash away the Winter Blues Ceilidh in February. This was very successful. The Ceilidh band reported that they had never seen so many enthusiastic dancers at an event. A special thank you goes to the administrator and her team of helpers who provided a most enjoyable meal.

In June 2022 the Shropshire Good Food Partnership chose Dorrington Community Garden as one of its three nature Connection feature projects for the summer. They gave a donation of £500 to make the site more accessible & comfortable for all. This was used to buy materials to create a sheltered area in the Community Garden in the form of a Pergola with a noticeboard.

An additional Grant of £1.4K was also awarded to the Community Garden by Cambrian Railway Partnership for the creation of an all-weather 50 metre accessible path from the entrance to the garden to the garden Hub.

It was identified that the website required updating to make it easier to navigate. A new homepage was designed and has been well received. An informative tri-fold leaflet to promote dates and activities was also designed and distributed to local residents.

Our Caretaker resigned at the end of February. It was decided to take this opportunity to change the role name to cleaner and adopt an outsourced maintenance policy for repairs & routine work.

Armed with the knowledge that the 3-year fixed price contracts for the supply of gas & electricity are due to expire in Autumn 2023 priority has been given to looking at alternative energy sources. An energy report was obtained at the start of the year and the following five courses of action were identified to mitigate expenses and make the Hall a greener establishment:

- Solar panels
- Remote control thermostats
- Loft Installation
- EV charging points
- Upgrade or replace gas cooker, it was also noted that it is rarely used so savings would be minimal

A local company, ESP Sales & Service, very kindly agreed to provide the hall free of charge with an 8kW Photo Voltaic system. An inverter has been installed and approval to connect to the grid obtained. At the same time, it was agreed to pay to have an immersion controller fitted.

New energy efficient lights have been installed in the Hall and new outside lights fitted in the front and down the side of the Hall to replace the malfunctioning old ones.

After many failed attempts the car park drain has successfully been repaired and a regular annual maintenance plan put in place to stop a re-occurrence of the problem.

Financial Review

This year saw a surplus in funds of £13.

To comply with new VAT legislation, it was decided to subscribe to an online Cloud based accountancy package. This allows trustees to have read only access to view finances easily at a time that suits them, safely stores important financial data without the need to print off copies and allows invoices to be sent electronically thereby saving on postage & printing.

It was recognised that it is expensive to maintain the Hall surrounds. To reduce costs a decision was made to introduce a "no mow" policy and go out to tender for someone to maintain the green spaces in front of the hall.

The long hot summer has been challenging for the bowling club green. Thankfully their new irrigation system has enabled it to be kept in good condition, but this has seen a significant increase in the amount paid on their behalf for water usage.

Reserves Policy

A sum of £58K is held in a designated fund. This is to cover the cost of future improvements and/or major maintenance work that may be required in the future such as replacing the Hall floor or kitchen appliances etc.

The restricted fund is the balance of grants remaining for the cost of developing the Community Garden next to the bowling green. Plans are in place to use these monies during 2023/4.

Future Plans

We continue to try to encourage more of the local residents to get involved in the running of the hall and to participate in activities at the hall.

The current 8kW solar installation supplies 50% more energy than required so the next step is to look at fitting a battery to store the energy so that it can be reused by the Hall.

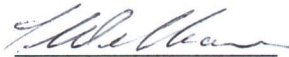
A free survey has been secured to see if Broadband coverage can be improved in the Hall as this is affecting cashless transactions.

Declaration

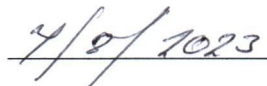
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Thomas Frederick Williams



Date



**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Management Committee of Dorrington Village Hall
on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Basis of independent examiner's report

We report on the accounts of Dorrington Village Hall for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The Group's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Group's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to follow the general directions for the conduct of an independent examination
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions for an independent examination. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee 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 a committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep appropriate accounting records; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with applicable financial reporting standardshave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Community Accounting Services Ltd
7 Napoleon Drive
Shrewsbury
SY3 5PH**

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Date:

25/8/23

**Dorrington Village Hall
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

Note	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-Current Assets		
Freehold Property: Village Hall	475,000	475,000
Plant & Machinery	<u>515</u>	<u>687</u>
	475,515	475,687
Current Assets		
Current Account	9,981	15,012
Liquidity Account	66,480	66,189
Cash in Hand	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	76,464	81,204
Current Liabilities		
Deposits Held	(657)	(339)
Value Added Tax	<u>(503)</u>	<u>(1,074)</u>
	(1,160)	(1,413)
Non-Current Liabilities		
Mortgage Account	<u>(245,200)</u>	<u>(249,872)</u>
	(245,200)	(249,872)
Net Assets	<u><u>305,619</u></u>	<u><u>305,606</u></u>
Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted fund	247,296	247,541
Designated fund	58,000	58,000
Restricted funds	323	65
	<u><u>305,619</u></u>	<u><u>305,606</u></u>

The Trustees approve the accounts which comprise of the SOFA, the Balance Sheet and the related notes and acknowledge their responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework, and for providing Community Accounting Services Ltd with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Thomas Frederick Williams



Date

7/8/2023

**Dorrington Village Hall
Income & Expenditure Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Grants	-	-	1,900	1,900	10,667
Rental Income					
Doctors Surgery	23,250	-	-	23,250	23,250
Regular Users	6,636	-	-	6,636	5,738
Misc Rents	2,968	-	-	2,968	2,088
Donations	48	-	-	48	10
Utility recharges	1,447	-	-	1,447	3,044
Fundraising	817	-	-	817	-
Investment Income					
Bank Deposit Interest	291	-	-	291	6
Total Income	35,457	-	1,900	37,357	44,803
Expenditure					
Mortgage Interest	4,335	-	-	4,335	4,416
Insurance	4,141	-	-	4,141	-
Maintenance	4,705	-	1,642	6,347	3,944
Subcontractors	10,012	-	-	10,012	8,773
Accountancy	275	-	-	275	250
Computer Costs	206	-	-	206	-
Rates & Utilities	6,069	-	-	6,069	5,453
General Expenses	1,283	-	-	1,283	436
Telephone & internet	509	-	-	509	558
Website	2095	-	-	2,095	265
Licences and Subscriptions	114	-	-	114	104
Fundraising	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
Recreation Association	756	-	-	756	274
Depreciation	172	-	-	172	229
Total Expenses	35,702	-	1,642	37,344	24,702
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	(245)	-	258	13	20,101
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming Resources	(245)	-	258	13	20,101
Fund balance brought forward at 1 April 2022	247,541	58,000	65	305,606	285,505
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 March 2023	247,296	58,000	323	305,619	305,606

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.