

LOW ROW AND FEETHAM LITERARY INSTITUTE

England & Wales · Charity number 1114074

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-05-08

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

Contact

Address Melbecks House
Low Row
Richmond
North Yorkshire
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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR USE BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE 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.

Activities: Maintain building & contents Organise Village Events Let out Hall to local residents, organisations, groups, etc.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE RICHMOND, NORTH YORKSHIRE
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£31,430	£10,398	-	-
2024-01-31	£36,567	£64,574	-	-
2023-01-31	£8,655	£9,668	-	-
2022-01-31	£12,245	£3,578	-	-
2021-01-31	£13,972	£1,573	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Ann Roberts	Chair	2025-03-26
ALAN J THOROGOOD		
ANDREW SILVER		2016-03-16
Gaynor Elizabeth Voice		2025-03-26
Michael James Betterton		2025-03-26
NORMAN JOSEPH SUNTER		
PETER KENNETH ROE		
RAYMOND ALDERSON		
RAYMOND JAMES CALVERT		
SUSAN MARY CALVERT		

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Chairman's Report to the 2025 AGM

I am pleased to report that despite some unforeseen challenges, the institute has continued to thrive both in terms of use and while maintaining a secure financial footing.

Our main challenges this year were dealing with the woodworm in the toilet area and staircase. Thanks to many generous donations both of time and money, we were able to complete treatment of the live woodworm areas.

Additionally, we were able to complete the renewal of the toilet facilities to a very high standard ensuring the hall is fit for use for the foreseeable future.

As part of the process, we also undertook to increase the safety of those attending the hall with new and additional smoke and fire alarms.

We also completely updated the halls fuse board to comply with the latest guidelines.

A new oven was also installed kindly paid for by Alan and Julia Thorogood.

The original water boiler in the kitchen broke and a new one sourced and installed.

The institute continues to be a vital asset for the local community with many public and private functions making full use of the hall's facilities.

New groups have been engaged, and the hall use in the last 12 months has included multiple craft fairs, domino and whist drives, film nights, ballet exam days, hearts and crafts sessions, creative arts, dog training, badminton, local meetings and council events.

A few events to note were the 150- year celebrations which were extremely popular and very interesting. We are grateful for the time that Alan and Julia Thorogood took creating such a unique event.

The first Low Row and possibly Swaledale, open gardens day was a particular success and will be repeated this year also in July.

Like- wise the party on the pasture helped raise some much- needed funds to go towards the woodworm treatment costs.

The challenge for the coming year is fundraising for the continued improvement to the hall's infrastructure including the kitchen and main hall.

Financially we are now on a secure footing with the continued revenue of the 100 club, generating a minimum of £400 profit each month which is essential for the hall's cash flow and to help build up reserves for any unexpected items that may arise this coming year.

The multiple revenue streams are as important and need to be maintained and grown so all the changes we have going forward can be tackled.

Overall, the institute is in a healthy position, and we look forward to seeing how it continues to evolve and engage with the local community over the coming months.

Neil Jackson
Chairman

LOW ROW & FETHAM LITERARY INSTITUTE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1.2.24/31.1.25

STARTING BALANCES AS AT 1.2.24

Current Account	£1,095.54
Cheques/Cash in hand	NIL
	£1,095.54

Add Income for year	£31,429.92
	£32,525.46

Less Expenditure for year	£10,398.29
	£22,127.17

CLOSING BALANCES AS AT 31.1.25

Current Account	£22,127.17
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D. J. Bond
25.2.25

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Chairman's report to the AGM on 12th March 2024

2023 has been a productive year with many highlights worth mentioning:

This year saw the first phase of the Institute renovations completed and within budget, including new windows, doors, roof and roof insulation. We're currently in the middle of an interim redecoration of the main hall walls.

The next phase of building works is mapped out, and fundraising activities are under way. Apart from the progression of further grant applications, the introduction of the new monthly "100 Club" lottery draws has made a huge difference to our income to help fund the ongoing building renovation work.

We currently estimate that we will need to raise around a further £50k to complete the Phase 2 renovation [including the replacement of the large bore Central Heating pipework, the insulation and dry lining of the walls, and the refurbishment of the main toilet facilities]. We are currently planning to break the Phase 2 work into smaller projects to enable us to raise funds on a per project basis. In these circumstances, we do not expect any Phase 2 work to start until Autumn at the earliest.

There has been an increase in use of the hall including 3 Craft Fairs, 2 Film nights, Domino Drives, weekly badminton, 4 x parties and functions as well as the new Rural Arts Hearts and Crafts meetings being held twice every month that have started in February 2024. These provide a social and skills benefit for the community along with rental income for the hall. There have also been more independent parties booked this year as people are noticing the hall is once again "open for business!".

We have been looking at ways to increase usage of the hall still further, including canvassing local people's opinions on what type of events they would like to see us host in the Institute.

It will be the 150th anniversary of the original founding of the Low Row & Feetham Literary Institute and Reading Room organisation in 2024, and it is planned to have a celebratory event and historic exhibition in the Institute over the weekend of the 6/7th July. Several original historic posters for village events have recently been framed and installed on the walls of the main hall together with an original copy of the 1843 parish tithe plan.

We are hoping to create a dedicated website to make it easier for the community to find out what is going on at the hall. This should also make the booking process easier. We are hoping to launch this in 2024, and we are considering the possibility of installing a notice board outside the hall, listing all events and contact details.

Overall the last year has been very positive with the renovations and increased use and we look forward to continuing with the same momentum and enthusiasm from all concerned into the coming year.

Neil Jackson Chairman

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LOW ROW & FETHAM LITERARY INSTITUTE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1.2.23/ 31.1.24

STARTING BALANCES AS AT 1.2.23

Current Account	£27,390.61
Business Premium Account	£1,551.47
Cheques/Cash in hand	£160.00
	£29,102.08



Add Income for year	£36,567.58
	£65,669.66

Less Expenditure for year	£64,574.12
	£1,095.54

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R. J. Ford
26.2.24

LOW ROW & FEETHAM LITERARY INSTITUTE BALANCE SHEET OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1.2.23 / 31.1.24

<u>INCOME:</u>	Y/E Jan 2023	Y/E Jan 2024
All Lets	£1245.00	£741.00
Reeth Rural Radio		£544.00
Fundraising	£2264.41	£5655.85
RDC Election	£200.00	
Donations for Generator Fund	£1095.00	
General Donations	£2169.00	£2501.00
Grants	£1400.00	£27009.00
Northern Powergrid (Storm Arwen – comp. For loss of elec)	£280.00	
Bank Interest	£1.50	£16.73
Misc		£100.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR	£8654.91	£36567.58

2024
 INCOME FROM 100 CLUB INCLUDED UNDER "FUNDRAISING"
 BUT PRIZE MONEY ACCOUNTED SEPARATELY
 - THEY WILL BE SEPERATE LINE ITEMS NEXT YEAR

<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2023</u>	<u>Y/E Jan 2024</u>
Electricity	£466.82	£1048.77
Water	£68.80	£40.75
Insurance	£778.48	£840.81
Oil		£371.70
Electrical Test		£288.00
Electrical Repairs	£342.00	
New Electric Lighting		£299.88
Plumbing Repairs		
Boiler Repairs/Service		£151.14
Purchase new windows	£2640.00	£8872.00
Deposit for new windows/doors	£2000.00	
Building Repairs	£1080.00	
New Roof		£51360.00
Cleaning products etc		£27.47
Pest Control	£83.00	
Purchase Generator	£839.00	
Purchase Film Equipment	£200.00	
Account with Film Licencing Body	£150.00	£104.40
Payment to 100 club winners		£565.00
Coronation Event Expenses		£325.94
Misc Expenditure	£1019.79	£278.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	£9667.89	£64574.12
PROFIT	<u>-£1012.98</u>	<u>-£28006.54</u>

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