

Grassington Hub

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

(Registered Charity Number: 1136898)

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended

31st December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st January 2023

To: 31st December 2023

Charity's full name

Grassington Hub

Registered Charity number

1136898

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

To further or benefit the residents of Grassington and its surrounding communities and visitors without distinction of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or religion by associating the said residents and visitors and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents and visitors. In furtherance of these objects, the organisation will have the power to provide a community centre and maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of the centre for activities undertaken or promoted by the organisation in the furtherance of the above objects.

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

Community Library, including Home Library.

Grassington Lunch Club

Community Cinema

Men's Shed

Friday Hub Wellbeing Café

Knit N Natter

Family History

Community Website

Second Hand Book Shop

Office Service and Ticket Sales

Warm Space

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities

A full-time manager gives administrative support and consistency, coordinating and training a team of local volunteers. Placements are offered for work experience for students and undergraduates, and experience of volunteering for Duuke of Edinburgh students. Our volunteers are our strength and the Hub's success is undoubtedly due to the hard work and dedication of its management team and its volunteers.

Achievements and performance

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.

January saw the official opening of our second-hand bookshop, which had a very successful first year generating an income of over £3000. This is proving to be a very valuable facility both for those wishing to recycle books/DVDs and for those who wish to pick up a bargain! The money raised goes towards the running costs of The Hub.

January also saw the launch of the Friday Hub, our well-being café. Working in partnership with Pioneer Projects, the Friday Hub is part of the Craven Mental Health & Wellbeing Hubs network. The café takes place at Church House and has been a great success. It will increase from one session a month to two sessions in January 2024.

We've continued to offer a warm space over the winter months as a response to high fuel costs. Our upstairs activity room has board games, jigsaws and craft materials for people to use. In our bookshop downstairs, we have chairs and a coffee table next to a radiator. In addition to Knit n Natter and Family History, our regular free drop in daytime activities in The Hub, we've also run other activities in 2023 including needle felting and silk painting.

In March we were honoured with a Craven District Council Legacy Award. This award recognised our organisation for providing an exemplary service to the district, going above and beyond to serve the community and making a significant difference to the lives of Craven residents.

During 2022 we took part in a pilot project, Staying Healthy, Independent and Connected (SHIC) which seeks to enable residents to continue to live healthy, happy, and independent lives within their communities and to reduce, delay or prevent their need for long-term statutory social care or health service care and support. The pilot finished on 31st March 2023, and the Hub has been contracted to continue this work from 1st April 2023 for a further three years. This project is funded by North Yorkshire Council Health & Adult Services. This work is an extension of the work we have been doing for the last few years and is a good fit for our objectives.

2023 has been another successful year for Grassington Community Library showing an increase in active borrowers and in the number of items issued. Our fortnightly Home Library Delivery service remains popular, and we have increased the number of routes to include Gills Top Nursing Home. We continue to enjoy regular visits from our local primary schools; this may have contributed to the record number of children (52) signing up for the Summer Reading Challenge and the excellent successful completion rate. Grassington Men's Shed has continued to thrive twice weekly. Some members of The Shed work on their own projects; others work on recycling wood to make items which can be sold and on community projects including renovating the benches around Grassington and building sets for local productions. In 2023 the shedders made the PRIDE letters for the first Pride in the Dales event.

We have secured funding for a Befriending Service and during 2023 have been working on the policies, processes and training needed. This service will be introduced in 2024.

Our community minibus had been increasingly used during the year by Upper Wharfedale School who in September approached us with an offer to buy. After seven years' use by The Hub we are very pleased to see it remaining in the community. The funds raised by the sale will support our other community projects. Grassington Community Cinema, our second longest running community activity, continues to be successful with its monthly screening of popular films in The Octagon.

The monthly lunch club is still going strong after seven years. With 42 guests attending the Christmas lunch in December where each guest enjoyed a spectacular Christmas lunch and received a Christmas gift.

In 2023 the trustees were approached by Grassington Devonshire Institute trustees and asked to consider a move to an area at the Town Hall which is to be redeveloped, with possible availability late 2024. The trustees diligently examined this proposition, do not consider that area to be either practical or financially viable and consequently have declined the offer.

Our volunteer numbers remain buoyant and none of our activities would be possible without their support. Whether it be helping in The Hub on reception, in the library, second-hand bookshop, Lunch club, Friday Hub, cinema, Men's Shed or running other activities, all are valued and all support is greatly appreciated.

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

At the end of the period, the Hub is in a stable financial position. The SHIC funding provided £15,000 towards our community work. We received £7,500 funding from Transforming Community Mental Health Craven (VCS) to run our wellbeing café, The Friday Hub, as part of the Craven Mental Health & Wellbeing Hubs Network. (This funding is for 18 months.) The £5,000 from the sale of our minibus has given us additional monies for our other services. Generous regular donations from local people amounted to over £8,000. We are very appreciative of all donations that we receive. Our reserves are healthy and put us a strong position to start 2024.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

It is our policy that at least 9 months reserves are held to give our paid employee some job security.

Amount of reserves held

Unrestricted funds were £84,679 at 31 December 2023.

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Funds materially in deficit

N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

None

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Consitution document

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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

Co-opted by the Board and ratified at Board meeting.
Appointments confirmed at Annual General Meeting

Charity's full name Grassington Hub

Other names the charity is known by

Charity's principal address Manor Hill Barn
Garrs Lane
Grassington

Postcode BD23 5AT

Names of the 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
Carol Headley	Chair		
Jean Slater			
Lyndsey Earl			
Philip Grady	Secretary	From 19th June 2023	
Neil Todd		From 19th June 2023	
David Isaac		1st January - 19th June 2023	
Heather Williams		1st January - 19th June 2023	
Pamela Serjeant		1st January - 18th December 2023	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees CA Headley

Signature

Full Name CAROL ANN HEADLEY

Position CHAIR

Date 28.08.24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grassington Hub

I report on the accounts of: **Grassington Hub**
for the year ended: **31st December 2023** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jeff Todd (FCA)

Outsource independent examination
services
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR



Date:

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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended:			31st December 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	2,310	-	2,310	17,060
SHIC	15,000	-	15,000	-
Donations	8,085	-	8,085	17,501
Contracts	-	-	-	35,611
Rent	507	-	507	507
Office sales	1,570	-	1,570	344
Men's shed	4,090	-	4,090	2,193
Community transport	9,184	-	9,184	1,649
Library	2,470	-	2,470	2,403
Commissions	1,045	-	1,045	509
Fundraising events	783	-	783	5,371
Well being café	7,509	-	7,509	-
Book shop	3,174	-	3,174	-
Web Site fees	3,020	-	3,020	2,080
Cinema	3,334	-	3,334	-
Lunch club	1,070	-	1,070	-
Interest	851	-	851	59
Total receipts	64,002	-	64,002	85,287
Payments				
Cinema	2,332	-	2,332	-
Lunch club	1,011	-	1,011	-
Mens shed	3,477	-	3,477	4,232
Community transport	1,053	-	1,053	1,462
Well being café	944	-	944	-
Befriending service	380	-	380	-
In-house services	133	-	133	-
Fundraising events	79	-	79	3,031
Website	660	-	660	-
Staff salaries	24,003	-	24,003	31,634
Staff pensions	1,982	-	1,982	-
Staff training & expenses	85	-	85	18
Rent	12,500	-	12,500	12,500
Rates, refuse & water	289	-	289	402
Electricity & gas	3,558	-	3,558	2,110
Equipment	-	-	-	1,970
Repairs & maintenance	113	-	113	138
Website & IT	-	-	-	680
Printing & stationery	2,065	-	2,065	907
Telephone	773	-	773	701
Insurance	1,317	-	1,317	975
Computer & software	1,331	-	1,331	-
Photocopying	-	-	-	2,213
Bank charges	399	-	399	-
Consultancy & professional fees	574	-	574	580
Other office costs	1,601	-	1,601	858
Total payments	60,659	-	60,659	64,411
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,343	-	3,343	20,876
Balance brought forward	81,336	6,660	87,996	67,120
Balance carried forward	84,679	6,660	91,339	87,996

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:		31st December 2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current account	1,403	-	1,403	6,438
Savings account	82,745	6,660	89,405	81,064
Petty cash	531	-	531	494
	<u>84,679</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>91,339</u>	<u>87,996</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	450	-	450	450
	<u>450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:

31st December 2023

1 Basis of accounts

Registration and comparative figures

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Restricted funds

These funds from the Two Ridings Foundation are towards the establishment of a wellbeing café and befriending service in 2023.

Approval of accounts for the year ended:

31st December 2023

The report and accounts were
approved at a meeting of the trustees
held on:

28 : 08 : 24

Date

CA. HEADLEY

28 : 08 : 24

Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

Date

CAROL HEADLEY

Print name

CHAIR

Position (e.g. Chair etc)