

Grassington Hub

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

(Registered Charity Number: 1136898)

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended

31st December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st January 2024

To: 31st December 2024

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 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

Mens Shed

Friday Hub Wellbeing cafe

Knit N Natter

Family History

Community Website

Second Hand Book Shop

Office Services 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 Duke 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.

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.

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.

2024 has been another successful year for Grassington Hub with around 12,000 visits to the Hub. September saw us meet our 15th anniversary; it was good to reflect on how we've developed and all we have achieved since that date.

Grassington Community Library remains successful with a consistent number of active borrowers and number of items issued. Our fortnightly Home Library Delivery service remains popular and is available to all those who aren't able to come into the library in person or may struggle to carry books home. We continue to enjoy regular visits from our local primary schools; this may have contributed to another successful Summer Reading Challenge with 52 children taking part.

January 2024 saw the expansion of the Friday Hub, our well-being café, into two sessions each month. 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, the second and last Friday afternoons of each month. It continues to be a popular time for guests to get together and catch up in a warm and friendly space. Refreshments, conversation, games, art & crafts are available together with a chair based functional movement session and inspiration from our resident talented artist.

Our other established activities remain popular with Grassington Lunch Club hosting up to 40 guests each month. During 2024 the lunch club served over 450 delicious 2-course meals all cooked and served by a team of committed volunteers. Our Community Cinema is well attended with monthly screenings of various genres, and attendances averaging around 45. Grassington Men's Shed continues to attract new members and is hoping to introduce additional sessions. During 2024 its community projects have included renovation of benches, the building of scenery for local productions and the fitting of a new gate for the Methodist Chapel.

In the summer we secured funding through Craven Communities Together for a large piece jigsaw library. The jigsaws, which can be borrowed, have from 12 – 500 pieces, and are for people with motor control issues, reduced visibility and dementia.

New activities and services for 2024 included the launch of our Lego Club in November, which takes place once a week after school during term time. The club is free and open to any child who would like to attend. In the autumn we received funding to become a digital hub to provide support for our service users with the aim of reducing digital exclusion in the area. We are planning to have a trained digital champion available in the Hub every weekday, alongside weekly drop-in sessions and monthly structured training sessions. This project will launch formally in Spring 2025.

We've continued to offer a warm space over the winter months as a response to continued high fuel costs. We've recently added a Chess Club to Knit n Natter and Family History, our regular free drop-in daytime activities in The Hub.

Our financial management remains robust with a diversity of income streams. During 2024 we received donations of over £9,000 from local people and businesses for which we are very appreciative. In March we were delighted to receive a substantial sum of money in a bequest. Our second-hand bookshop continues to be very successful generating an income of almost £4,000 during 2024. The money raised goes towards the running costs of The Hub and we are grateful to everyone who has donated items.

In April we were approached by North Yorkshire Localities Team, (formerly Stronger Communities), and asked to become the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) for our area until March 31st, 2026. We were approached because we have a track record of responding to the needs of our community and a base from where we offer support, deliver activities and collaborate with others. The funding received, from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, will enable us to sustain the services we currently provide whilst investing in us to develop further as an organisation.

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, and the £7,500 CAO funding will help the Hub develop further. We received £5,000 from Transforming Community Mental Health Craven (VCS) to run our wellbeing cafe, The Friday Hub, as part of the Craven Mental Health & Wellbeing Hubs Network. Generous regular donations from local people amounted to almost £9,000., and a bequest of almost £32,000 will support the Hub's future financial security. We are very appreciative of all donations that we receive.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 amounted to £116,102.

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.

Reasons for holding zero reserves

Not applicable

Funds materially in deficit

None

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

No uncertainties.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution Document

How the charity is constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional Co-opted by the Board and ratified at Board Meeting. Appointments confirmed at AGM

Reference and administration details

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 (if any)
Carol Headley	Chair		
Jean Slater			
Lyndsey Earl			
Philip Grady	Secretary		
Neil Todd			
Anne Vetch		From 29/7/24	

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature CA Headley
Full Name CAROL ANN HEADLEY
Position CHAIR
Date 14.07.25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grassington Hub

I report on the accounts of: **Grassington Hub**
for the year ended: **31st December 2024** 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').

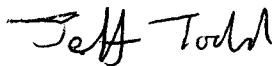
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

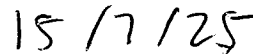
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 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)



Date:

Outsource independent examination services
24 First Avenue
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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	11,500	500	12,000	2,310
SHIC	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Donations	40,788	-	40,788	8,085
Rent	512	-	512	507
Office sales	1,619	-	1,619	1,571
Men's shed	2,244	-	2,244	4,090
Community transport	-	-	-	9,184
Library	2,399	-	2,399	2,470
Commissions	1,008	-	1,008	1,045
Fundraising events	530	-	530	783
Well being café	5,299	-	5,299	7,509
Book shop	3,872	-	3,872	3,174
Web Site fees	2,310	-	2,310	3,020
Cinema	2,953	-	2,953	3,334
Lunch club	1,520	-	1,520	1,070
Digital inclusion project	-	3,246	3,246	-
Interest	1,673	-	1,673	851
Total receipts	93,227	3,746	96,973	64,003
Payments				
Cinema	2,154	-	2,154	2,332
Lunch club	548	-	548	1,011
Mens shed	3,064	-	3,064	3,477
Community transport	-	-	-	1,053
Well being café	-	3,770	3,770	944
Befriending service	-	93	93	380
Digital inclusion	-	1,757	1,757	-
In-house services	-	330	330	133
Fundraising events	-	-	-	79
Staff salaries	25,509	-	25,509	24,003
Staff pensions	2,126	-	2,126	1,982
Staff training & expenses	135	-	135	85
Rent	12,500	-	12,500	12,500
Rates, refuse & water	1,373	-	1,373	289
Electricity & gas	5,483	-	5,483	3,558
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Repairs & maintenance	1,001	-	1,001	113
Website & IT	1,042	-	1,042	660
Printing & stationery	-	2,407	2,407	2,065
Telephone	861	-	861	773
Insurance	1,011	-	1,011	1,317
Computer & software	3,129	-	3,129	1,331
Bank charges	450	-	450	399
Consultancy & professional fees	850	-	850	574
Other office costs	568	560	1,128	1,601
Total payments	61,804	8,917	70,721	60,659
Net of receipts/(payments)	31,423	(5,171)	26,252	3,343
Balance brought forward	84,679	6,660	91,339	87,996
Balance carried forward	116,102	1,489	117,591	91,339

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at:

31st December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current account	5,848	-	5,848	1,403
Savings account	109,689	1,489	111,178	89,405
Petty cash	565	-	565	531
	116,102	1,489	117,591	91,339

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent Examination fee	450	-	450	450
	450	-	450	450

The Charity also holds a bank account with a balance of £366 representing amounts held on behalf of clients of the Hub with a corresponding liability to those clients.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:

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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

2.1 Details of restricted funds

Two Ridings

Purpose

Towards the establishment of a wellbeing café and befriending service

Craven Communities Together

For the purchase of jigsaws and producing publicity for a large piece jigsaw library

North Yorkshire Council

Towards the Digital Inclusion Project

2.2 Movement of major funds

	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General unrestricted funds	84,679	93,227	61,804	-	116,102
	<u>84,679</u>	<u>93,227</u>	<u>61,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,102</u>
Restricted Funds					
Two Ridings	6,660	-	6,660	-	-
Craven Communities	-	500	500	-	-
North Yorkshire Council	-	3,246	1,757	-	1,489
	<u>6,660</u>	<u>3,746</u>	<u>8,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,489</u>
Total funds	<u>91,339</u>	<u>96,973</u>	<u>70,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,591</u>

Approval of accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024

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

July 14TH 2025

Date

CA. Headley

14:07:25

Signed for and on behalf of the trustees Date

CAROL ANN HEADLEY

CHAIR

Print name

Position (e.g. Chair etc)