

# THE WITCOMBE AND BENTHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Charity Name The Witcombe & Bentham  
Village Hall  
Registered Number 1154722  
Financial year commencing on 1st January 2023  
Financial year ending on 31st December 2023  
Charities principal address The Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall  
Pillcroft Road  
Witcombe  
Gloucester  
GL3 4TB

## Names of the Trustees

Name	Position	Dates acted if not whole year	Who can appoint Trustee
Jane Wintle	Chairman		Trustees
Steven Hawkins	Vice-Chairman		Trustees
Robin Danielli	Treasurer		Trustees
Caroline Hope	Secretary		Trustees
David Hitchcock	Trustee		Trustees

**Constitution** The Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on September 24, 2013.

**Objects** A Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants (the beneficial area mainly comprises the villages of Little Witcombe, Great Witcombe and Bentham, all in the County of Gloucestershire).

**Activities and Achievements in 2022** Both regular users and casual bookings showed an increase over 2022, with hire revenue up by £3.5k. Expenses rose by £2.0k, mainly electricity and purchase of minor equipment. On a cash basis, excluding depreciation and grants,, there was a surplus of £4.7k, compared to £2.7k in 2021.

**Accounts** The Accounts for the year to December 2023 are attached.

**Declaration** The Trustees have approved the Trustees' Report above.

**Signature** Robin Danielli

**Position** Treasurer & Trustee

**Date** May 7, 2024

# **The Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall**

**Registered Charity No.1154722**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

# Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations, including Gift Aid		0	0
Fundraising activities		0	0
Non-charitable trading – bar income	10	4426	3831
Hiring charges			
- Regular Users		6765	5620
- Casual Users		8876	6900
Covid Grants		0	3971
Damage deposits withheld		130	110
Sundry Income		44	0
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<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>20241</b>	<b>20432</b>
		=====	=====
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bar consumption		1452	1352
Bar wages		599	630
Credit Card Commission		39	42
Water		204	1508
Electricity		3080	1936
Phone		140	114
Repairs & maintenance		2043	2094
Servicing Fees		618	382
Cleaning		1096	812
Purchase of minor equipment		1139	65
Licensing fees		354	338
Insurance		1382	1322
Custodian's fee		2400	2400
Hall Booking Service		227	227
Sundry expenses		433	191
Broadband		338	349
Mowing		52	73
Damage repairs		20	0
Depreciation	7	2470	8922
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>18086</b>	<b>22657</b>
		=====	=====
<b>Net Income/(Outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>2155</b>	<b>-2225</b>
Realised/unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets		0	0
Unrealised gains/(losses) on tangible fixed assets		0	0
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>2155</b>	<b>-2225</b>
Fund balances brought forward		351822	354047
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>353977</b>	<b>351822</b>

# Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

Unrestricted Funds	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible assets	7	301253	303723
Investments		0	0
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<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>301253</b>	<b>303723</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks and work in progress	1	780	539
Debtors	8	1455	690
Short term investments and deposits		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		53550	49030
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<b>Total Current assets</b>		<b>55785</b>	<b>50259</b>
Short term creditors	9	3061	2160
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<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>52724</b>	<b>48099</b>
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<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>353977</b>	<b>351822</b>
		=====	=====
Long term creditors		0	0
Provisions for liabilities		0	0
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<b>Net assets</b>		<b>353977</b>	<b>351822</b>
		=====	=====
Funds brought forward		351822	354047
Net movement in funds in year		2155	-2225
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<b>Total funds</b>		<b>353977</b>	<b>351822</b>
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Signed by: .....

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On behalf of all the Trustees

Dated:

# Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2023

## 1) Accounting policies and financial year end

**Basis of accounting:** These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and the Charities SORP 2005. The financial year end is December 31.

## 2) Trustees

No trustee has received any remuneration during the financial year. There were no transactions undertaken by the charity in which a trustee has a material interest.

## 3) Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Examination fee paid	0	0

## 4) Endowment or other restricted funds

The charity has no endowment or other restricted funds.

## 5) Investment assets

The charity has no investment assets.

## 6) Paid employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Total emoluments of employees	2400	2400
Average number of employees	1	1

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## Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2023

### 7) Tangible Fixed Assets

	F'hold Land & Buildings £	Property Improv'ts £	Furnitur e & Equip £	Playgroun d Equip £	Total £
Asset Cost b/f	26561	390267	73713	28022	518563
Additions	0	0		0	0
<b>As at December 31 2023</b>	26561	390267	73713	28022	518563
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	0	137808	66034	10998	214840
Charge for the Year	0	0	768	1702	2470
<b>As at December 31 2023</b>	0	137808	66802	12700	217310
Depreciation Rate	0% Str Line	0% Str Line	10% Red Bal	10% Red Bal	
<b>Net Book Value at December 31 2023</b>	26561	252459	6911	15322	301253

### **Depreciation Charge 2023**

The Property Improvements section of this Note refers entirely to Village Hall building. Since the building is in a good structural state, and is insured for £1030000, the Trustees have decided that further depreciation is not required.

### 8) Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:	1455	690
Other debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
	<b>1455</b>	<b>690</b>

### 9) Creditors and accruals

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:	3061	2160
Other creditors	0	0
	<b>3061</b>	<b>2160</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2023

### 10) Additional matters

#### Non-charitable trading – Bar account

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	4426	3831
Opening stock / Stock transferred in	539	519
Add purchases	<u>1693</u>	<u>1372</u>
	2232	1891
Less stock carried forward	<u>780</u>	<u>539</u>
Consumption	<u>1452</u>	<u>1352</u>
<b>Gross profit (loss)</b>	<b>2974</b>	<b>2479</b>
Overheads:		
Wages	599	530
Other overheads – 30% of total	<u>4810</u>	6638
<b>Net profit/(loss)</b>	<b><u>(2435)</u></b>	<b><u>(6554)</u></b>

The above figures do not include any value for the notional cost of volunteers, who attend the hall in the opinion that if such time were valued at a reasonable hourly rate, then the bar would always in

The Inland Revenue (FICO) has stated that the bar account results are not material for their purposes in this case.





**Report to the trustees/members of  
Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall  
on accounts for the year ended December 31, 2023  
set out on pages 2 to 6**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the matters specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, if any matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the results of those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**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 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting standards.

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.

Signed by:

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