

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 2024
Financial year ending on 31st December 2024
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 2024 Both regular users and casual bookings showed an increase over 2023, with hire revenue up by £5.1k. Expenses rose by £3.5k, mainly electricity, repairs & maintenance and a new web site. On a cash basis, excluding depreciation and grants, there was a surplus of £7.7k, compared to £4.6k in 2021.

Accounts The Accounts for the year to December 2024 are attached.

Declaration The Trustees have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signature Robin Danielli

Position Treasurer & Trustee

Date May 21, 2025

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources			
Donations, including Gift Aid		0	44
Non-charitable trading – bar income	10	5252	4426
Hiring charges			
Regular Users		10180	6765
- Casual Users		10553	8876
Damage deposits withheld		170	130
Deposit Interest		933	0
		-----	-----
Total Incoming Resources		27088	20241
		=====	=====
Expenditure			
Bar consumption		1729	1452
Bar wages		1088	599
Credit Card Commission		50	39
Water		400	204
Electricity		4026	3080
Phone		150	140
Repairs & maintenance		2588	2043
Servicing Fees		377	618
Cleaning		1960	1096
Purchase of minor equipment		91	1139
Licensing fees		532	354
Insurance		1476	1382
Custodian's fee		2400	2400
Hall Booking Service		253	227
Sundry expenses		736	433
Broadband		349	338
Mowing		262	52
Damage repairs		0	20
Website		833	0
Shortfall on 2023 Debtors		30	0
Depreciation	7	2223	2470
		-----	-----
Total Expenditure		21553	18086
		=====	=====
Net Income/(Outgoing) Resources		5535	-2225
Realised/unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets		0	0
Unrealised gains/(losses) on tangible fixed assets		0	0
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Net movement in funds		5535	2155
Fund balances brought forward		353977	351822
Fund balances carried forward		359513	353977

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Intangible assets		0	0
Tangible assets	7	299030	301253
Investments		0	0
		-----	-----
Total fixed assets		299030	301253
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress	1	605	780
Debtors	8	728	1455
Prepayments	8	100	0
Short term investments and deposits		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		61750	53550
		-----	-----
Total Current assets		63183	55785
Short term creditors	9	2700	3061
		-----	-----
Net current assets/(liabilities)		60483	52724
		-----	-----
Total assets less current liabilities		359513	353977
		=====	=====
Long term creditors		0	0
Provisions for liabilities		0	0
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Net assets		359513	353977
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Total funds		35951	353977
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Signed by: ...Robin Danielli.....			

On behalf of all the Trustees

Dated:

Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2024

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
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

	2024	20223
	£	£
Total emoluments of employees	2400	2400
Average number of employees	1	1

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Notes to the Accounts at 31 December 2024

7) Tangible Fixed Assets

	F'hold Land & Buildings £	Property Improv'ts £	Furniture & Equip £	Playground Equip £	Total £
					51856
Asset Cost b/f	26561	390267	73713	28022	3
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
					51856
As at December 31 2024	26561	390267	73713	28022	3
				127	21731
Accumulated Depreciation b/f	0	137808	66802	00	0
Charge for the Year	0	0	691	1532	2223
					21953
As at December 31 2024	0	137808	67493	14232	3
Depreciation Rate	0% Str Line	0% Str Line	10% Red Bal	10% Red Bal	
					29903
Net Book Value at December 31 2024	26561	252459	6220	13790	0

Depreciation Charge 2024

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 after 2022.

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8) Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:	728	1455
Other debtors	0	0
Prepayments	100	0
	828	1455

9) Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:	2700	3061
Other creditors	0	0
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10) Additional matters

Non-charitable trading – Bar account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	5252	4426
Opening stock / Stock transferred in	780	539
Add purchases	<u>1554</u>	<u>1693</u>
	2334	2232
Less stock carried forward	605	780
Consumption	<u>1729</u>	<u>1452</u>
Gross profit (loss)	3523	2974
Overheads:		
Wages	1088	599
Other overheads – 30% of total	<u>6087</u>	<u>4810</u>
Net profit/(loss)	<u>(3652)</u>	<u>(2435)</u>

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

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, 2024
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 I discuss those matters with 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.

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2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

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