

THE BLEADON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

England & Wales · Charity number 1162543

Details

Other names	BLEADON WI
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2015-07-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF BLEADON WI ARE TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ORGANISATION.

Activities: Bleadon WI is a branch of the national womens institute in the UK. We are based in the village of Bleadon, Somerset and meet monthly to provide friendship, support, learning to Women The WI plays an unique role in providing women with education, build new skills, take part in activities and campaign on issues. We occasionally fund raise for local charities in line with the constitution

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-30	£15,246	£15,270	-	-
2024-08-30	£25,399	£26,786	-	-
2023-08-30	£21,515	£32,547	-	-
2022-08-30	£22,872	£10,176	-	-
2021-08-30	£4,264	£5,687	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Victoria Claire Hart	Chair	2022-10-13
Alison Helen Margaret Chinn		2023-10-12
Hannah Robinson		2018-10-01
Karen Orme		2018-10-01
Kim Sugg		2024-07-04
Michelle Ann Harper		2018-10-01
Moira Catherine Roberts		2022-10-13
Robin Sarah Stockbridge Flavell		2022-10-13
Susan Mary Waterhouse		2024-10-10
TRACY JANE HEPPENSTALL		2018-10-01

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Accounts

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Federation

Avon

Please review the 'Notes to Financial Statement' sheet before completing this Statement.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period

from 01-Sep-23

to 31-Aug-24

Section A

Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Total £	Last year £	A2 Payments	Total £	Last year £
Receipts at meetings	875.90	1,055.11	Meeting expenses	3,529.62	2,131.43
Subscriptions (WI share)	1,953.00	2,379.15	Committee Members' expenses	-	94.85
Gift Aid	-	-	Pooling of fares / expenses	140.57	95.27
Publications	-	14.00	Publications	30.00	81.50
Activities & events	7,510.71	4,698.20	Activities & events	8,060.75	4,317.50
Bleadon Ball	-	810.00	Bleadon Ball	-	10,434.31
WI fundraising			WI fundraising		
Childrens Hospice SW (CHSW)	2,273.65	1,633.31	Childrens Hospice SW (CHSW)	218.90	207.50
In bed by 9' fundraiser	7,531.49	-	In bed by 9' fundraiser	2,030.19	-
Great Western Air Ambulance	-	7,353.63	Great Western Air Ambulance	-	-
Interest received			Insurance	84.36	73.78
Paid into current account	-	-			
Paid into deposit account	-	-			
Grants and donations	20.50	20.00	Donations made	7,650.35	11,066.94
Other income	75.00		Other payments	525.98	638.57
Bleadon Belles Choir	5,158.97	3,552.00	Bleadon Belles Choir	4,516.00	3,405.46
WI-owned hall - total receipts			WI-owned hall - total payments		
Total Receipts	25,399.22	21,515.40	Total Payments	26,786.72	32,547.11

A3 Designated funds included in total receipts	5,158.97	3,552.00	A4 Designated funds included in total payments	4,516.00	3,405.46
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Total Receipts less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)

- 1,387.50

A5 Total cash funds brought forward from last year (equals last year's total at B1)

9,430.95

A6 Total cash funds carried forward at this year end

8,043.45

A7 Total restricted funds at year end included in total cash funds above

789.51

The main purposes of the Women's Institute organisation are:

- (a) to advance the education of women and girls for the public benefit in all areas including (without limitation): (i) local, national and international issues of political and social importance; (ii) music, drama and other cultural subjects; and (iii) all branches of agriculture, crafts, home economics, science, health and social welfare;
- (b) to promote sustainable development for the public benefit by: (i) educating people in the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources; and (ii) promoting sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- (c) to advance health for the public benefit; and
- (d) to advance citizenship for the public benefit by the promotion of civic responsibility and volunteering.

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Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

B1 Cash funds

Total

Last year

		£	£
B1.1	Final bank balance as per Account Book, including uncleared items	8,043.45	9,430.95
B1.2 Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Book to bank statement			
	Bank statement total at year end	8,043.45	
	Plus amounts paid in to bank but not cleared	-	
	Less cheques written but not cleared	-	
	Less any cheques still uncleared from last year	-	
	Total (should equal balance at B1.1)	8,043.45	
B1.3	Savings / deposit account balance	-	-
B1.4	Petty cash in hand	-	-
B1.5	Less any funds held as agent for federation/NFWI, i.e. subscriptions received but not yet paid over <small>enter as a negative amount</small>	-	-
B1.6	Total cash funds	8,043.45	9,430.95

B2 Investments (if any)

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B3 Other monetary assets (e.g. any money owed to the WI)

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B4 Other assets held by the WI

e.g. WI owned hall, other equipment

Value
(optional)*

Original cost
(optional)*

	Value (optional)*	Original cost (optional)*
Keyboard for Bleadon Belles Choir (purchased in 2022)		481.50
Laptop & software (purchased in 2023)		442.98

* cost / value should only be completed if meaningful information is available

B5 Liabilities

Payments due immediately but not paid, or due at a future date, e.g. loans

Date due
(optional)*

Amount due
(optional)*

	Date due (optional)*	Amount due (optional)*

* amount / date due should only be completed if meaningful information available

Signed on behalf of all the trustees (WI Committee members)

Signature

Name

Date of approval



Vicky Hart

31/10/24

President

Robin SS Flavell

ROBIN FLAVELL

31/10/2024

Treasurer

Independent financial examiner's initials:

MH

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Section C

Notes to the financial statement

C1 Funds received and paid as agent

Complete this section with total amounts received and paid over to the federation in the year

	Any balance from previous year	Receipts this year	Payments this year	Any balance held at year end
	£	£	£	£

Federation / NFWI share of subscriptions	0	2,513.20	2,513.20	0.00
Federation event bookings by individual members	0	28.00	28.00	-
NFWI and / or federation raffle	0	-	-	-
Total	-	2,541.20	2,541.20	0.00

C2 Details of designated funds

Complete this section if the WI had any designated funds during the year

	Receipts this year	Payments this year	Any balance held at year end
	£	£	£
Name or description of designated funds:			
Bleadon Belles	146.54	4,516.00	789.51
Total	5,158.97	4,516.00	789.51

C3 Further details of WI activities /fundraising /other

Include additional details that would be helpful to WI members or other readers of the financial statement

	Receipts this year	Payments this year
	£	£
Activities & events (description)		
AFWI Annual meeting (funded 2 members to attend)	-	44.00
Bath meal	50.00	-
Windsor Castle (receipts partly in last year's accounts)	910.10	1,563.10
Birthday meal 22 Feb 2024	1,119.75	1,119.75
Wells cathedral, Bishop's Palace & Light show	334.00	334.00
The Newt garden tour & lunch	440.60	440.60
May Supper club	357.50	357.50
Bath Races Ladies day	1,727.00	1,628.00
SS Great Britain	372.50	372.50
Buckingham Palace	2,199.26	2,201.30
Total WI activities	7,510.71	8,060.75
WI fundraising (description)		
Raffles & donations by members	1,037.10	74.90
Pottery workshops	215.00	-
Bleadon Belles fundraising	1,021.55	144.00
In bed by 9 daytime disco fundraiser	7,531.49	2,030.19
Total WI fundraising	9,805.14	2,249.09
Grants & donations		
Visitors	20.00	
Overpayment donated	0.50	
Royal British Legion		18.50
Bleadon Coronation Halls		25.80
Surfers against Sewage		50.00
Childrens Hospice SW		7,556.05
Total grants & donations	20.50	7,650.35
Other income / expenditure		
Lloyds bank complaint compensation	75.00	
IFE audit fees for 2022/2023		25.00
Laptop & software		460.97
Skittles team fees		18.00
Eventbrite fees		20.00
Sumup fees		2.01
Total other income / expenditure	75.00	525.98

Independent financial examiner's initials: MH

Guidance on completing the WI Financial Statement is available on the My WI website

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of

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WI

Charity number (if registered)

I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on the attached Financial Statement pages 1-3 for the above named WI for the year ended

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, (other than disclosed below*):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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 to be reached.

*Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

Comments:

An Excellent set of accounts.
No Areas of concern.

Signed:

M. Hulance

Date:

21st Sept 2024

Name:

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Your committee has pleasure in reporting on Bleadon WI's activities from September 2023 to August 2024.

Membership

Our WI is still proving popular with a waiting list. Our funds remain healthy with income mainly raised from membership subscriptions, with small amounts from our kitchen and book stall. We have maintained our maximum membership of 105 members; 6 ladies resigned, and we welcomed 6 new ladies. After budgeting for this year's activities, we agreed that we still had enough reserves to reduce the 2024 membership fee by £5 to £43 per person.

AGM - 12th October 2023

A report regarding activities from September 2022 to August 2023 along with our accounts, audited by our WI IFE, were presented to members.

A vote of thanks was given to Veronica Hoare for her time as President in 2022 to 2023.

Members voted and Vicky Hart was elected as President for 2023 to 2024. The rest of the committee was elected unopposed. Your committee and charity trustees for this year have been Vicky Hart (President), Alison Chinn (Secretary), Robin Flavell (Treasurer), Andrea Howells (Assistant Treasurer), Michelle Harper, Tracy Heppenstall, Veronica Hoare, Kate James, Karen Orme, Moira Roberts, Hannah Robinson, Helen Kovacs and Kim Sugg.

Andrea Howells, Veronica Hoare and Kate James stepped down as trustees on 6 June 2024. Three new trustees joined this year – Alison Chinn on 12 October 2023, Helen Kovacs on 4 April 2024 and Kim Sugg on 4 July 2024.

WI Year

Our year started in **September** with a very entertaining and enlightening talk from John Crockford-Hawley about the history and impact of 'Women of Weston' through the ages.

At our **October** meeting following our AGM, we had a chance to meet our local PCSO who gave us a talk about Women's safety.

At **November's** meeting we all enjoyed making a macrame Christmas gnome led by Gill Hills from the Crafty Teacup. In November we purchased a laptop for use by the Bleadon WI secretary, a much-needed resource.

At **December's** Christmas meeting we had a cheese tasting event, comparing and marking cheeses from budget through to luxury brands. Members shared mince pies made by members. We were entertained by Jordan Evans again this year.

Many thanks to the Bleadon Belles who sang at our carol service in December held in Bleadon village church followed by mulled wine, mince pies and more singing at the Queens Arms.

At **January's** meeting Frédérique Wigmore from the Trussell Trust came to talk to us about the work of the foodbank in Weston, how it helps both families and older people and how we can help with our donations of food or money. Over the years Bleadon WI has donated 3 tonnes of food and counting! Thank you to Bev Riddell for being our coordinator and delivering the food every month.

At our **February** fifteenth birthday meeting we reflected on the many achievements of our WI, had fun playing bingo, with delicious cup-cakes baked by Hannah Robinson. Thank you to Tracy Heppenstall for organising our lovely **birthday meal** at the Beachlands Hotel this year which was attended by 41 ladies.

In **March** we were let down at the very last minute by our speaker, so we ran a getting to know you Bingo and a quiz. A good chance for members to find out a little more about each other.

At our **April** meeting, our talented member, Norma Atherton, led a pottery workshop where we had a chance to make and decorate a pinch pot. Over 60 pots survived the kiln.

In **May** we discussed the resolution 'Dental Health Matters'. We had a good discussion followed by a vote. A majority of members agreed in favour of the resolution.

We also had a talk about Plastic Free Communities by Debbi Apted which is part of the Surfers against Sewage campaign. This prompted us to discuss what actions we could take as a WI to reduce plastic usage and help clean up our communities. A litter pick day is being arranged. We donated to the Surfers against Sewage charity in lieu of Debbi's speaker's fee.

At our **June** meeting we enjoyed a keep fit class based on Strictly ballroom dance moves led by dance instructor Paula Stitch.

In **July** we had a fabulous cooking demonstration from professional chef Amy Nancollis. The theme was summer barbecues. We all picked up some great tips and enjoyed sampling the food.

Our WI year was due to end in **August** with a fun social at Weston-Super-Mare Croquet Club in Bleadon. Unfortunately, the dreadful weather scuppered our plans, and the event had to be postponed.



Quarterly competition

We reintroduced a quarterly competition with a new trophy for the winner.

December - Mince pie contest - Maureen Reynolds

March - 'Easter egg' - Robin Flavell, June - 'From your garden' - Tracy Heppenstall

Community

We erected two inspiring poppy displays in the village for Remembrance Day and a wreath was laid on behalf of the WI at the Remembrance Service. Members have been busy during the year making more poppies and are planning some post box toppers to add to the display.

We donated a raffle prize towards the Bleadon Coronation Halls Christmas fundraiser

Members have been very generous this year in donating clothes for families in need at a local clothing bank as well as our regular donations to the foodbank.

Articles about our WI activities have appeared in our Facebook page & local Bleadon Village News.

Sub-groups

Our sub-groups continue to flourish. We have a creative writing group and three fully subscribed book clubs. Thanks to organisers Helen Doulton, Aline Bennett, Karen Low and Mandy Dean.

Well done to our skittles team, captained by Maureen Reynolds, who got through to the semi-finals of the Avon Federation competition being narrowly beaten by Kenn WI.

Thank you to Alison Hillyer for organising interesting and varied walks throughout the year from Bleadon, Uphill and Crook Peak to further afield at Glastonbury, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wrington, Portishead, Wedmore & Compton Dundon.

The Bleadon Belles Choir is thriving with 30 members, some new ladies joining us this year from other WIs in the area. Thanks to the choir committee of Delyth Lloyd-Evans (Chair), Alison Hillyer (Treasurer), Di Eling (Secretary) and Bev Riddell (Events) for all their hard work. Musical Director Naomi Davies and Accompanist Kevin Joint have used their considerable expertise and experience to help the choir find new music and build their confidence for their performances. The Belles re-entered the competitive world at the Highbridge festival and were delighted to be so well received with some excellent feedback. Locally the Choir held very successful events including a Christmas singalong and a summer tea party. Well done ladies.

Trips

A big thank you to Kate James for her organisation of this year's trips. We have visited Windsor Castle, Wells Cathedral and the Bishops Palace, Bath Christmas Markets, The Newt Gardens and Ladies' Day at Bath Races. Helen Kovacs and Kim Sugg have very kindly agreed to take over from Kate to lead a new group organising trips next year.

We have also enjoyed meals at Hadleys, the Queens Arms and the Ship Inn. Thank you to Sue Waterhouse, Tracy and Helen for organising the supper clubs.

Charity fundraising

Our charity this year is The Children's Hospice Southwest (CHSW). We have chosen to donate the profits from our **monthly raffles** to CHSW, along with other donations and have raised £1,177. A special thank you to Norma Atherton who has been running pottery workshops and has very generously donated the profits.

The **Bleadon Belles** choir have raised a magnificent £877 from their events this year.

Our main fundraiser this year has been 'In bed by 9', an over 30s daytime event at a local nightclub. The event was a sell out and attracted a lot of media attention for Bleadon WI and CHSW in local & national newspapers and the TV news channels. The grand total raised by 'In bed by 9' was £5,501

Our fundraising total for CHSW in 2023-2024 was **£7556**.

Thank you

Finally, the committee would like to thank all members who have supported us this year and helped at meetings, organised the book stall, made cakes, manned the kitchen, donated to and helped run the raffle, given to the food or clothing bank, set up or cleared away the hall; everyone's contribution makes a difference. We'd also like to thank those members who have joined in with the sub-groups and choir to keep our WI active and thriving.

We'd especially like to thank Vicky for being such an inspiring president, Alison for stepping up to be our secretary, and Kate, Veronica and Andrea for their contribution on committee over the years.

Together we all make a successful WI, we hope you will all continue to support your WI in the coming year.

Your Bleadon WI Committee

Ri SS Flavell
Treasurer.

VHART
President.