

THE CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN VILLAGES TRUST

Report of the Trustee for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Parish Council as Trustee presents its report for the year ended 31st March 2023

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name	The Churchill and Blakedown Villages Trust
Charity registration number	1163029
Organisation type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Governing document	Foundation CIO, Registered 06 Aug 2015
Registered Office	C/O The Clerk to the Parish Council,
Clerk to the Trust	Louise Sahota, 18 Winds Point, Hagley, Worcestershire DY9 0PN
Auditor to the Trust	George Powell FCCA – Powell & Associates, 28-29 New Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1AF
Bankers to the Trust	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The Trust has a sole corporate Trustee (the Parish Council) and has adopted Standing Orders parallel to those of the Parish Council. Councillors sit as a management committee to represent the Parish Council as Trustee.

Management committee	The members of the Parish Council of Churchill and Blakedown
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Our purpose, aims and objectives

The purpose of the Charity is to benefit the residents of the Parish of Churchill and Blakedown as set out in the governing document registered with the Charities Commission as summarised below:

To promote such charities and charitable purposes according to the laws of England and Wales in such ways as the Trustee shall think fit in the Civil Parish of Churchill and Blakedown, in particular but not exclusively purposes concerned with recreation, conservation and local heritage.

What are our permitted activities in the Parish?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Charitable Purposes• Environment/Conservation/Heritage• Recreation
Who can benefit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The General Public/Mankind
How do we deliver our objectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Buildings/Facilities/Open Space

Our aim is to improve the wellbeing of residents in the Parish through general charitable purposes, including providing and maintaining facilities, and to support other Parish organisations which do the same.

The primary focus of our work during the year

The Trust's main current activity is to hold and manage the reconstructed former Churchill and Blakedown Signal Box as a community asset on a long lease from the Parish Council as a locally listed heritage asset.

The site was maintained and supervised by the Historical Society during the year in accordance with the Occupation Agreement dated 20th February 2019. After the business interruption caused by the Covid pandemic, April 2022 to March 2023 was in effect the first full year of operation for the Signal Box, with the possibility of developing regular bookings and patterns of use. Throughout the year the Historical Society was very effective in opening the Box on two occasions in every month for coffee mornings which aimed to inform visitors about the story of the Signal Box, stimulate interest in the history of the locality, encourage local use of the facility and regular bookings, and at the same time provide a welcoming and supportive environment.

During the year income to the Trust totalled £1,800 against outgoings of £1,450, showing that the Signal Box is now returning an in year 20% surplus for the Trust. The Trust starts the new financial year (2023/4) with no outstanding debt.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Trust seeks to involve the public in its local heritage by continuing to hold and preserve the Signal Box for community use. Its other powers remain available.

Plans for future periods

In addition to further strengthening the regular income from group and individual room hire, the Trust is looking to make improvements to the Signal Box, especially around heating, which should also help to reduce utility costs. It is hoped that this will be funded from another local Trust set up for general community support. Outside funding will also be sought for any other substantial projects, so that current residual funds can be used to finance ongoing and regular maintenance requirements.

Financial review

The Trust has its own banking facilities, currently under review as a matter of good practice. It is probable that there will be a change of account within the next year to realise the best combination of maximising returns, minimising fees and at the same time easing administration.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee by:

L Sakota .

Date 24th October, 2023

(Clerk to The Churchill and Blakedown Villages Trust)

Churchill & Blakedown Villages Trust
Receipts and Payment Account 2022/2023
Year ending 31st March 2023

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
RECEIPTS		
Private Bookings	£1,796.10	£495.00
Interest	£11.40	
Donations		£500.00
	£1,807.50	£995.00
PAYMENTS		
Bank Charges	£72.00	£96.00
Utilities: Water & Power	£706.00	£312.57
Telephone & communications	£590.30	£484.61
Repairs & Maintenance	£50.00	£317.65
Miscellaneous	£27.40	£0.00
PC Reimbursements: Year 2021-2022		£896.52
	£1,445.70	£2,107.35
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£361.80	-£1,112.35


Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
Current Assets		
Bank	£7,595.01	£8,194.04
	£7,595.01	£8,194.04
Current Liabilities		
Creditors - CBPC:		
Balance for 2021/22 - Per AC		£960.83
		£960.83
Net Assets		£7233.21
Reserves		
Opening Balance	£7,233.21	£8,345.56
Net Surplus for the year	£361.80	-£1,112.35
Balance	£7,595.01	£7,233.21

Notes:

The Trust (1163029) was registered on 6.8.2015
The first meeting of the Trust took place on 20.7.2016

The Charities Aid Foundation Bank Account was opened
on the 13.10.2016

Accounts Audited
Signed  GEORGE POWELL FCCA

Signed  CLERK TO THE TRUST.