



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/2023

Period start date To 29/02/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Horseman's Green Community Group

Charity registration number: 1165691

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To provide a community hall within the hamlet for the use of residents of Horseman's Green in Wrexham County Borough, and those residents in its surrounding area</p> <p>To secure the establishment, maintenance and management of a community building and equipment in the furtherance of these objectives</p>
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Trustees strongly believe that the community needs a Community Hall on which to build the cohesion of the community and engender a sense of belonging amongst residents. HGCG purchased the building, originally a Scout Hut with a grant from the National Lottery in 2018</p> <p>Several local Activity/Interest groups exist and have expanded in number over the year. All except one are managed by local volunteers. We have 10 such groups now. They include: exercise classes, creative and artistic classes, choir, gardening and a book club. We also host the Mobile Library Service every 3 weeks</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees ensure they work to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission</p> <p>To guide Trustees in exercising their duty of care the following policy statements have been adopted: Health & Safety & Risk Assessment; Safeguarding; Equal Opportunities; Volunteering; Trustee Terms of Reference; Management Team Roles & Terms of Reference; Handling Cash & Donations; Acceptance & Refusal</p>

		<p>of cash & Donations; Accountancy & Transparency Guidance; Data Protection Policy & Procedure; Hall Hiring Agreement; and Reserves Restricted & Unrestricted Accounts.</p> <p>All policies are reviewed annually or as agreed by Trustees</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Trustees Team (5) and the Management Team (5 plus trustees) are all volunteers.</p> <p>Strengths and skills of HG residents are identified. Residents are then encouraged to take an active role in supporting their community group.</p> <p>HG Community Hall is run and managed entirely by volunteers: Caretaking & maintenance; Cleaning rota; Activity/Interest Groups are all initiated and run by volunteers; Marketing Team – HG and area two monthly Newsletter; event photos, Facebook postings, Newspaper reports, & HG Community Website</p> <p>All events and activities are well supported by residents of HG and the wider community</p>
Other		<p>The Working Group has continued to meet in its bid to review how the hall can be preserved for future generations of residents in HG.</p> <p>Following on from the Structural Survey and pre planning application, they commissioned a Feasibility Study to look at the pros and cons of a total rebuild V renovation. This report was discussed at a Public Meeting in November 2023. The trustees recommended a total rebuild which was supported by the majority of residents.</p> <p>Work has begun by the Secretary and</p>

		<p>Chair on grant applications for this. The community submitted letters of support to the trustees for inclusion in grant applications. All echoed how residents had become dependent on the Community Group with its Activity groups and Socials to help relieve loneliness and isolation in the rural area.</p> <p>In a move to reduce the anxiety of many of the elderly residents, the Working Group has also become a Continuation Group to help plan for continuity of events should the grant applications be successful</p>
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>The Activity/Interest Groups have continued to thrive and expand their numbers. We continue to offer new groups the first 6 sessions at a reduced hall hire fee. Special consideration is also given to Activity groups deemed valuable for social reasons but which might be unable to meet the hall hire fees. A Community Arts & Craft group has used this to become established. We also offer reduced hire charges when Activity Group leaders wish to put on extended interest sessions for their groups.</p> <p>Charity work – supporting Royal British Legion and Macmillan</p> <p>We continue to plan a wide breadth of monthly socials such as: our regular Quiz & Bingo Nights. We've also had a Drama performance, a Jigsaw Night, a Summer Party and a Coronation Lunch; several guest speakers – evening sessions organised by our Lads and Ladies Activity Groups; the Choir Activity Group continues to put on an evening of song and the Gardening Club helped support our Open Gardens afternoon. Our previously sporadic but popular Posh Coffee Morning has now become an eagerly anticipated monthly event. Our festive activities include a Christmas Lights switch on by a chosen member of the community and Community Christmas carols.</p> <p>This year we received a kind donation from a resident of a weekend in the</p>

		<p>Cotswolds. With this we held a 'Secret Bid'. Monies raised were then used by the Activity Groups who were invited to apply for funds to purchase consumables to aid and enhance their group activities.</p> <p>Both the events and activities are for the residents of HG and its wider community. Attendance figures are returning to pre covid levels. All events are strongly supported and we are increasing our numbers from the wider community indicating we are building up a strong reputation for welcoming new comers. Indeed new residents to HG are presented with a 'Welcome' pack and a free invitation to a planned social.</p> <p>Our Community Newsletter has improved its format and is now produced bimonthly. It is distributed within HG itself; surrounding areas and left at key centres. This too has increased public awareness of the HGCG.</p> <p>In order to be all inclusive some of these events and activities are free of charge. Where charges are raised fees are kept to a minimum enabling access for all. For this reason only a limited number of socials are planned per month. Without doubt the Activity Groups and socials have helped reduce loneliness within an isolated rural community and also worked to strengthen the community and create a 'sense of belonging' amongst residents.</p> <p>General maintenance work continues on the hall with the majority, if not all being carried out by volunteers.</p> <p>In July 2023 new furniture (tables and chairs) was purchased as a result of a successful grant application.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	HGCG continues to function as a viable economic concern providing a range of interest groups and socials for a relatively isolated small rural community with a mainly elderly population. (Above National average in 55+ age group)
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity had a greatly improved year to that of 2022 – 2023.</p> <p>Income exceeded expenditure by approx £1000 despite some heavy costs. This greatly exceeded the previous year's £100</p> <p>Activity Group Rentals raised £2,648.50 (previous year - £791). Private rentals brought in £500, (previously £480). Social events raised £ 4,977.17 (previously £3524.14)</p> <p>A grant of £8,199 was received for the new furniture</p> <p>In December 2023 we launched a 200 Club which has been extremely well received by the HG and wider community</p> <p>The Charity received £1.131.50 in donations. This included the weekend Secret Bid</p> <p>At the start of 2024 following an enquiry from a local business we began to sell space for adverts in the newsletter. This is very much in its early stages, but it raised £50</p> <p>For 2023 to 2024 TOTAL INCOME was £17,686.17 and TOTAL EXPENDITURE was £16,687.79</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Restricted reserves are for charities supported through activities held. Grants as for the Seniors Exercise Class are also held in this account. This particular grant has now expired and new funding is being investigated.</p> <p>Reserves are also required for any future re build or renovation of the hall</p> <p>The physical condition of the hall needs to be addressed through refurbishment on a large scale or a complete rebuild if the HGCG is to be available for the benefit of future generations into the mid / late 21st century</p> <p>The Trustees intend maintaining unrestricted reserves at a level of at least six months operational expenditure and have done so having due regard for its manner of operational expenditure and likely funding stream</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At Feb 2024 the Working Account had

		reserves of £ 3219.73 and the Reserve Account had funds of £13,362.29 The latter was down on last year due to withdrawal of funds to pay for pre-planning application £250, the Feasibility study £8340 and a Quantity Surveyors report £990
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>HGCG has a very positive outlook with income expected to cover running costs. All socials held to date have covered expenses thanks to local enthusiasm and genuine interest in supporting all HGCG activities.</p> <p>Although the hall is quite well equipped, the physical state of the hall makes Private rental difficult.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Funds are raised through several different types of activities: Social events; Activity Groups hall rental, Private hall rental and donations.</p> <p>The Trustees ensure there are always some events which are free so allowing access for all socio-economic groups</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The rising cost of electricity and the withdrawal of government support regarding this is a concern given the age of the building; the lack of insulation and the inefficiency of the current heating system.</p> <p>The costly issues around the physical maintenance of the building itself need to be addressed</p> <p>Hopefully there will be no further enforced closures due to a pandemic</p>
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The success of the HGCG in the wider area has made us consider recruiting future trustees from this wider community Election is by members ie residents of Horseman's Green

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>Trustee vacancies are advertised on the Newsletter in addition a recruitment flyer is distributed to all residents</p> <p>Anyone who expresses an interest receives the relevant documents: A Trustee overview; Main duties of a Trustee; Trustee terms of reference.</p> <p>Possible candidates are invited to attend a Management meeting and a Trustees meeting as an observer. They should also have had a proven record of having attended socials and so are acquainted with HGCG philosophy in addition to being 'team players'.</p> <p>New trustees serve a year 'dipping their feet' and developing their niche contributions before specific roles and responsibilities are delegated.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Currently there are five Trustees: Chair; Vice Chair; Treasurer and another. This group meet approx. every 6 /8 weeks</p> <p>Trustees also meet with the Management Team a group of 5: Caretaker, Bookings officer; Social Media Co-ordinator; Community liaison person. This group meet approx every 8 to 10 weeks depending on circumstances.</p> <p>Trustees are mindful all are volunteers with many being retired but having spouse and family commitments.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Horseman's Green Community Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1165691
Charity's principal address	Clandoyin House Horsemsn's Green Whitchurch Shropshire SY13 3DY

Names of the charity 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)
1	Barbara Weeks	Chair		
2	Hilary Andrews	Vice Chair		
3	Andrea Porter	Secretary		
4	Jackie Edwards	Treasurer		
5	Jim Glover			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Barbara Weeks	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	20/11/2024	



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Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st March 2023


To

Period end date
28th February 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,132		-	1,132	-
Grants	-	8,199	-	8,199	600
Event Income	4,977	-	-	4,977	3,524
Hall Booking Fees - Groups	2,648	-	-	2,648	791
Hall Booking Fees - External	500	-	-	500	480
Cash Sales	180	-	-	180	24
Newsletter Advertising	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,487	8,199	-	17,686	5,419
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,487	8,199	-	17,686	5,419
A3 Payments					
office	1,208	-	-	1,208	833
membership/licences	30	-	-	30	51
Professional fees/insurance	724	-	-	724	433
Cost of Events	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,150
Furniture, fittings etc.	1,682	8,199	-	9,881	1,639
refurbishment & maintenance	1,962	-	-	1,962	535
hall running costs	1,745	-	-	1,745	1,706
donation made		-	-	-	689
Seniors instructor	-	-	-	-	286
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,489	8,199	-	16,688	7,322
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,489	8,199	-	16,688	7,322
Net of receipts/(payments)	998	-	-	998	- 1,903
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,409	-	-	15,409	-
Cash funds this year end	16,407	-	-	16,407	- 1,903

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	working account	2,608	-	-
	Deposit account	-	13,799	-
		-		-
	Total cash funds	2,608	13,799	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		A K Porter	06.08.2024	