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## **The Hub Annual Report 2022-2023**

This past year the Hub trustees and management team have focussed on reaffirming the Hub's central role as a vibrant, valued and well-used resource at the heart of our three villages and their communities. Following on from the previous two year's disruption and closure caused by the Covid pandemic it's been a time for redefining and restating the value and usefulness of this great community resource, reminding residents of the Hub's commitment to being accessible to all and to providing opportunities for listening to and participation from all our constituents in the shaping of future activities – to delivering consistently and appropriately the resources and services that local residents are calling for and will most value. Simultaneously the Hub's leadership has been focussing on building its human and financial assets so that we can consistently deliver those resources and services harmoniously and cost-effectively, so that the financial and emotional wellbeing of the Hub and its management team are balanced and secure into the future. So, 2022/23 has been a year for putting in place a new structure and approach for the Hub and its trustees.

Transparency and accountability have been watchwords this past year, so on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 the Hub trustees and management team held their first open evening, to which all residents of the three villages were invited. There was a good attendance, following a short presentation for the trustees on the role and structure of the trustees, with some perceptive questions from the audience, a very positive participation session was held which led to the drafting of some perceived priorities for future activities. Some of these have already been put into action successfully. The meeting ended with a commitment from the trustees to hold more and regular accountability meetings in future, and with a call to all residents to support their Hub positively.

Also significant this year and going forward is the generally adverse economic climate currently afflicting our communities, with substantial increases for many residents in basic living costs. There's been a considerable expansion of the Hub's regular activities during the year, and some losses too, usually caused by those who use the Hub's services curtailing their activities because of the rising cost of living. Despite continuing concerns re the potential impact of local financial pressures on Hub services, the



management team is optimistic about maintaining the current level of services and even the potential for significant growth.

*Expanding regular activities:* For active individuals there's now opportunities galore for sports – yoga, Zumba, table tennis and a variety of leisure pursuits offering rhythm, fun and fitness. For the less physical there's bingo, the monthly brunches and occasional 'specials' – music and social entertainments – all offering a chance to chat, to meet and greet friends old and new. Then there's the Kids' Club every other week, the mobile library, occasional amateur dramatics and other examples of frivolity and fun where anyone and everyone can join in... And there's much more even than all this: rumour has it there are frequent bursts of magic too, because whenever people come together to share in common fellowship, great things often just happen, with fresh friendships and many memories being made. This year saw the last visit of the Rural Coffee Caravan, with a hugely successful pancake day, enjoyed by all.

*Warm space:* Inside the Hub's spectacular space there's light, flair, design, style and often, beautiful sounds. There's also warmth, comfort, opportunities for lots of innovation and invention, with activities and interests to appeal to all appetites. Towards the end of 2022 the Hub was opened for 12 hours each day as a warm space available for all, where people could come and meet friends over tea and coffee in a comfortable, cosy environment. As the anticipated winter weather turned out to be milder than predicted, the take-up wasn't huge, but it was valued and showed clear potential for growth. It was also appreciated as an example of the Hub's willingness to be available to offer practical help to local people under pressure. The book swap facility proved to be particularly popular. Looking forward, the warm room will remain open as a community space.

Towards the end of last year the Hub set up its own web site to improve communication and bookings and is proving to be a good marketing tool for events. The Hub can now be found at [www.hub4all.org](http://www.hub4all.org) or email us at [enquiries@hub4all.org](mailto:enquiries@hub4all.org).

### **Looking forward**

In the coming year we anticipate further growth with more regular classes and events for our communities such as family film and pizza nights. There will be more for the kids to do too with a new youth club and toddler storytime sessions.



*Thanks are due* to all Hub supporters and users, to the management team, Charlie Yule and Alex Dipple and to the dozens of volunteers who give their time and expertise so regularly, consistently and cheerfully to help the Hub put on events and activities for all local people. Two new trustees, Julie Collett and Lauren Moloney, were appointed during the year covered by this report, and two established trustees, Stephen Moorhouse and David Burrows, stepped down after many years of service to the Hub.

On behalf of the Hub trustees:

Sara Back, Jim Wardale, Lauren Moloney, Allan Pike, Julie Collett, Ken Burnett.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Hub Huntingfield, Heveningham & Ubbeston  
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No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2022

To

Period end date  
31/03/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Hall bookings	5,553	-	-	5,553	5,887
Capital transfer from Parish Council	1,218	-	-	1,218	-
Kids Club and Heveningham & Ubbeston Village Hall Educational Fund		5,298	-	5,298	-
Fundraising events	2,690	-	-	2,690	1,011
Other income	47	-	-	47	10,667
Renewable Heating Incentive	1,639	-	-	1,639	2,460
Three Villages Theatre Group		2,688	-	2,688	-
Huntingfield Hare	-	310	-	310	385
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,147</b>	<b>8,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,443</b>	<b>20,410</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,147</b>	<b>8,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,862</b>	<b>20,410</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Hall bookings - deposit returns	700		-	700	1,200
Capital equipment purchases	-		-	-	-
Maintenance	2,612		-	2,612	3,566
Utilities	3,096		-	3,096	2,861
Fundraising/Marketing Costs	3,803		-	3,803	1,710
Wages	6,754		-	6,754	5,680
Misc Expenses	3,144		-	3,144	1,220
Insurance and Licenses	1,306		-	1,306	1,664
Kids Club	350		-	350	411
Huntingfield Hare	-	819	-	819	397
Transfer to Reserves	-	7,645	-	7,645	-
Decorating	-		-	-	4,703
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,765</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,229</b>	<b>23,412</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,765</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,229</b>	<b>23,412</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 10,618</b>	<b>- 168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 10,786</b>	<b>- 3,002</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,220</b>	<b>8,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,275</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,819</b>	<b>12,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,193</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Savings and Funds Set Aside	6,881 #	119	-
	Kids Club, 3 Villages Theatre and Heveningham and Ubbeston VHF	- #	5,903	-
	Huntingfield Hare	- #	529	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,881</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	
		Ken Burnett	01/05/2023	