

## PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL

### ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

As the Covid-19 crisis has abated, we have slowly regained our ability to hire our hall with exception of core services. As such, we have resumed with hire to a number of regular hirers with pre-school operating as a key service for the public as restrictions slowly lifted, we began to see some users returning to the hall but also some of our key annual events re-established. Some users still have failed to return which has had some influence on our revenue stream but despite the challenges and increased costs for energy and maintenance, ensuring compliance with the law, we were able to hold a healthy financial balance.

Throughout the year, things have improved through regular community groups returning and others taking advantage of the hall via private hall hire arrangements for parties, christenings etc and our relationship with the parish council continues with a proposal of amalgamation and the parish potentially taking asset ownership of the hall which could provide valuable opportunities in the future. Also our finalising of the CIO legalities.

Our trustees have remained in force, I thank them all for their support during this challenging period, and meetings have been ad-hoc due to medical reasons of our trusteeship. We have been able to secure and maintain regular bookings and maintain the hall with our accounting practices being more effective.

Fund raising has not really taken place in the year however, we held a successful Christmas Light Switch on for the community, which was well received, and a Bingo event. We also have resumed a regular Pub Night. Furthermore, we undertook a large refurbishment programme of our toilets, which was match, funded by the parish council that sees us DDA compliant. This year has had a few problems with building compliance and obtaining contractors for heating fire alarm issues, electrical and gas compliance. We have got these issues in hand and hopefully soon to be resolved.

#### Ongoing:

We have proposed the search for funding for building insulation cavity wall and a solar roof P.V. panel project. We have recently had a bit of a bombshell as the hall flat roof felt has failed and needs immediate repairs. This might negate a solar panel project.

We have also instigated a replacement of all our fluorescent tubes in the building. The fittings are due for a clean and is an opportune moment for replacing them. Most other fittings are already LED low energy.

Sadly, we regret the resignation of Lisa as our booking secretary. We wish Lisa all our best wishes for the future and welcome John to our organisation.

The following year ahead brings new opportunities and considerations for the committee as well as the chance to increase our hiring ability and strengthening work both across the community and the parish council.

Craig Wyna / John Tickle  
Trustees  
Preston Brook Village Hall  
March 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

PRESTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

28/02/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1170996

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

19/11/2023

Name:

LYNNE TICKLE

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:	STATION HOUSE
	CHESTER ROAD, PRESTON BROOK
	RUNCORN WAT 3AQ

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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## Village Hall - Reconciliation

**1/3/22 - 28/2/23**

Opening balance	£26,229.24
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### Income

Rental income (car park)	£ 450.00
Hall hire (Group)	£ 14,157.00
Hall hire (Private)	£ 1,812.00
Bar income	£ 2,837.89
Other credits	£ 357.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 19,614.69</b>

### Expenditure

Accountancy	£ 560.00
Bar costs	£ 1,031.81
Boiler cover	£ 291.86
Cleaning goods	£ 971.32
Electric	£ 1,209.24
Gas	£ 1,977.88
Health & Safety	£ 168.97
Insurance	£ 1,610.65
Legal fees	£ 108.00
Licensing fees	£ 294.99
Maintenance	£ 379.12
Phone costs	£ 20.00
Purchases	£ 475.70
Rates	£ 176.64
Refunds	£ 10.00
Repairs	£ 2,120.20
Stationery	£ 58.47
Subscriptions	£ 40.00
Trade waste	£ 174.95
Wages - Booking Secretary	£ 4,011.66
Wages - Cleaner	£ 2,580.00
Water	£ 594.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 18,866.16</b>

### Summary

Opening	£ 26,229.24
Income	£ 19,614.69
Expenditure	£ 18,866.16
Cash in hand	£ 100.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>£27,077.77</b>
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Balance on statement @28/02/23                    £   26,977.77