



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1171899

**Set out on pages**

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:**

*Jennifer Davies*

**Date:**

30/01/2025

**Name:**

Jennifer Davies

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

FCA

**Address:**

DJH Huddersfield Ltd

Colne Road

Huddersfield, HD1 3AG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

# Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust

Charity number: 1171899

## Section A - Receipts and payments account 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grant Income	-	74,829	74,829	7,000
Long Term Hire	12,437	-	12,437	17,517
Regular Hire	11,470	-	11,470	27,247
Private Hire & Functions	10,046	-	10,046	5,047
Bank interest	699	-	699	-
Donations	455	-	455	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>35,106</b>	<b>74,829</b>	<b>109,935</b>	<b>56,810</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Heat and light	17,133	-	17,133	11,275
Maintenance and cleaning	9,677	45,806	55,483	9,069
Insurance	1,918	-	1,918	2,058
Rates	401	-	401	856
Sundry expenses	180	-	180	180
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,309</b>	<b>45,806</b>	<b>75,115</b>	<b>23,438</b>
<b>Net of receipts</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>29,023</b>	<b>34,820</b>	<b>33,373</b>
<b>Cash funds at start of period</b>	<b>159,100</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>188,100</b>	<b>154,727</b>
<b>Cash funds at period end</b>	<b>164,898</b>	<b>58,023</b>	<b>222,920</b>	<b>188,100</b>

## Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust

Charity number: 1171899

### Section B - Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>1. Cash funds</b>			
Cash at bank	165,325	57,570	222,895
Cash in hand	25	-	25
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>165,350</u>	<u>57,570</u>	<u>222,920</u>

#### 2. Investment assets

Slaithwaite Civic Hall - an asset to be maintained by Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust for community use, transferred from Kirklees Council in March 2019.

#### On behalf of the trustees:



Christopher Woodhead - Chair of trustees

Date: 30/01/25

#### NOTES

- 1 The charity benefits from unpaid general volunteers helping out in various roles. This cost is not recognised in the accounts.
- 2 The charity rents space to a company in which another trustee is a director. This trustee is excluded from trustee decisions on rental rates agreed for this company.



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>	01	04	2023	<b>To</b>	31	03	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### 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	Christopher Woodhead	Chair		
2	Gordon Beever			
3	Craig Grimes			
4	Susan Cooke			
5	Margaret Fearnley			
6	William Best		08/11/23 to 31/03/24	
7	Lesley Warner		13/03/24 to 31/03/24	
8	Ian Buchanan		01/04/23 to 20/05/23	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are

(1) to further or benefit the residents of Slaithwaite and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, disability, race or of political, religious or other opinions in accordance with the protected characteristics defined by current legislation by associating together residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with

the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

(2) in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to establish, secure, preserve and hold on trust the establishment of Slaithwaite Civic Hall as a community asset and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

(3) To promote the performing and visual arts for the public benefit.

The Civic Hall continues to be used by a wide cross section of the local community for a variety of different activities. Groups using the facility include a Youth Club which also runs out of school activities at holiday times, fitness classes, dance groups and the local Horticultural Society. Live performances of music and drama continue with events by choirs, bands and an orchestra. Music rehearsals are held regularly within the building. The hall is also used by members of the community for private parties and celebrations. One of the rooms has continued to be used as a Covid vaccination centre for Slaithwaite and the wider community.

The Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust continues to be managed by volunteers from the community. The office space in the building continues to be let and has provided funds which will be used towards refurbishment of the building. Refurbishment of part of the building started this year with the installation of a Changing Places Room within the building, funded by a grant from the local authority.

In making decisions the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where that guidance is relevant.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Civic Hall continues to be well used by a wide variety of groups and individuals from the local area. Bookings for private and community events have continued and new initiatives have been resulted in increased numbers of members of the local community visiting the building.

Regular bookings by community groups included the Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra, Theatre School, choirs and brass bands, fitness and wellbeing classes, a Youth Club, Yoga classes, Scout groups.

This year also saw a continuation of very well supported performing arts events including concerts by the Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra, concerts by the &Piano Music Festival, and workshops/rehearsals by music and drama organisations. A new initiative was launched by the local male voice choir inviting new singers to join training workshops developing their choral skills. The hall again hosted the local Horticultural Show.

One of the rooms continued to be let as a Covid and Flu vaccination facility.

Part of the office space within the building was let to a not-for-profit organisation, Experience Community, which provides leisure activities for disabled people and the wider community.

The Trustees continued to meet regularly. Plans for refurbishment of the building remain in place and were reviewed by the Trustees. Work started in one area of the building and thanks to grant funding, alterations were completed with the installation of a Changing Places Room in the basement and the exterior of the building. This provides an important facility available to the whole community.

Financial reserves were increased and will be used for future renovations and improvements to the building.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves held by the charity have 2 purposes:

1. To hold sufficient capital in reserve to ensure the charity can always meet its financial obligations
2. To build up sufficient capital to carry out much needed improvements and refurbishment of the Civic Hall

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

CHRISTOPHER WOODHEAD

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date

30/01/25