



**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 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1171899

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

(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 **31/03/2025**.

**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:**

*J Davies*

**Date:**

28/01/26

**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.**





# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1171899		
Charity's principal address	10 SCAPE VIEW GOLCAR		
	HUDDERSFIELD		
Postcode	HD7 4DH		

### 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			
7	Lesley Warner			
8	Rachel Seymour		08/05/24 to 31/03/2025	
9	Andrew Clark		14/08/24 to 31/03/2025	
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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

**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)**

<p>the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) To promote the performing and visual arts for the public benefit.</p>	
<p>The Civic Hall is becoming a vibrant part of the community of Slaithwaite and the Colne Valley as usage of the building increases by a wide variety of groups and individuals.</p> <p>Long term tenant Experience Community continued its activities which include helping physically disabled people enjoy the benefits of outdoor and green spaces. EC offers a range of activities, from rambling and cycling to conservation and the arts. Wheelchair skills courses were also delivered.</p> <p>Performing arts activities increased with rehearsals and concerts by many groups including Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra, Mikron Theatre, Colne Vally Male Voice Choir, &amp; Piano music festival. Alongside this the main hall was used by other groups delivering fitness and wellbeing activities including dance groups, yoga classes, pilates classes and a weekly Youth Club.</p> <p>The Slaithwaite &amp; District Horticultural and Allotments Society held the annual show in the main hall which was attended by many members of the local community. The hall also hosted the final event of the 2025 Slaithwaite Moonraking Festival, a vibrant celebration of community and creativity.</p> <p>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 vaccination centre for Slaithwaite and the wider community.</p> <p>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 continued this year with the completion of a Changing Places Room and the installation of new boilers.</p> <p>In making decisions the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where that guidance is relevant.</p>	

**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**

Slaithwaite Civic Hall continues to be well used by a large section of the community of Slaithwaite and the surrounding area. Interest in the facilities and use of the building continues to increase.

Key achievements during the year:

- Full letting of all available office space within the building
- Completion of Changing Places Room including improvements to external access areas
- Installation of new boilers in upgrade to heating system
- New tenants have established weekly Food Share Scheme to serve the community of Slaithwaite
- Increased lettings for performing arts including orchestras, choirs, theatre group and piano festival
- Increased lettings for wellbeing activities including food share, youth club, yoga classes, fitness and dance classes
- 100 club set up with monthly prize draw to raise funds towards building refurbishment

The Trustees continued to meet regularly. Plans for refurbishment of the building remain in place and were reviewed regularly by the Trustees.



## 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

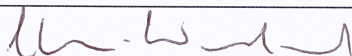
## Section G

## 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

Date

28/01/26



# Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust

Charity number: 1171899

## Section A - Receipts and payments account 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grant income	-	10,236	10,236	74,829
Long term hire	7,429	-	7,429	12,437
Regular hire	14,392	-	14,392	11,470
Private hire and functions	14,531	-	14,531	10,046
Fundraising income	3,711	721	4,432	-
Donations	-	-	-	455
Bank interest	4,626	-	4,626	699
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>44,689</b>	<b>10,957</b>	<b>55,646</b>	<b>109,935</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Heat and light	12,361	-	12,361	17,133
Maintenance and cleaning	28,291	43,489	71,780	55,483
Insurance	2,081	-	2,081	1,918
Rates	932	-	932	401
Fundraising expenses	610	100	710	-
Sundry expenses	180	-	180	180
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>44,455</b>	<b>43,589</b>	<b>88,043</b>	<b>75,115</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>- 32,632</b>	<b>-32,398</b>	<b>34,820</b>
<b>Cash funds at start of period</b>	<b>164,898</b>	<b>58,023</b>	<b>222,920</b>	<b>188,100</b>
<b>Cash funds at period end</b>	<b>165,132</b>	<b>25,391</b>	<b>190,523</b>	<b>222,920</b>

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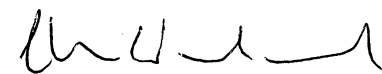
### Section B - Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>1. Cash funds</b>			
Cash at bank	164,838	25,391	190,229
Cash in hand	294	-	294
Total cash funds	<u>165,132</u>	<u>25,391</u>	<u>190,523</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: 28/01/26

#### 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.