

Milnsbridge Village Hall CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees Report for Year Ending 31/12/2024

Charity Reg. No. 1172735

2024 was an extremely busy one, not only in terms of a very high level of usage of the Hall, but also in terms of building improvement. The Hall was closed for a period of 3 to 4 weeks in the springtime in order for some major building work to be carried out. The existing porch was completely refurbished inside and out together with new entrance doors. Internal steps were replaced by a ramp with handrails into a newly created lobby, with a doorway into the library and double fire doors into the main hall. Access is now much better for those with limited mobility coming to the Hall. A new fire alarm system was installed, and the intruder alarm was updated.

Volunteers carried out painting work to the new and refurbished areas. The work cost approximately £20000 – good value for money achieved in no small part thanks to good discounts on many of the materials and the work being carried out by our usual trusted trader. Just over £10000 of the cost was funded by grants, the remainder coming from our own resources.

Careful stewardship of the finances by our treasurer helps to ensure that our organisation remains financially sound. The outgoings in 2024 exceeded the income due to grants received in 2023 being spent in 2024. Income from regular hirings, parties and other 'one off' bookings, together with committee fundraising and events, ensure that the Hall and all its activities remain sustainable.

The heart of Milnsbridge Village Hall is its band of volunteers who carry out huge amounts of work and activity – maintaining the building, its grounds, community orchard and community garden, organising food collection for the local food banks, running the library, maintaining the website and providing publicity, facilitating the party bookings and other bookings, running stalls, organising events, providing a Christmas Dinner, jam making, cake baking, taking bookings, managing the finances, carrying out admin and compliance tasks. The list is huge, some will have been missed – apologies for that. Any that have been missed is because the volunteers 'just get on with it' without fuss or drama. - Thank you all. - Everything you do is appreciated.

Our Objectives as set out in our Constitution and registered with the Charity Commission are

1. To establish or secure the establishment of a community
2. Promote for the inhabitants of Milnsbridge and neighbourhood, working with the local authority, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the

conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
The Trustees consider that we are achieving and exceeding the objects of our constitution.

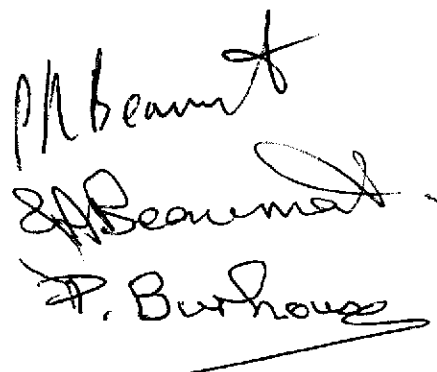
As mentioned previously this is only made possible by a fantastic group of individuals who fit together to make a great team, who make sure that Milnsbridge Village Hall continues to thrive and develop.

Notable Achievements during 2024 include

1. Building access improvement
2. Building has been available for hirers such as
 1. a kurling group
 2. dancing classes
 3. seated zumba
 4. yoga
 5. tai chi
 6. boogy bounce
 7. slimming group
 8. dancing group
3. Further development of the orchard and grounds
4. The library continues to be available for book borrowing and is well used
5. Successful seasonal fairs have been held, also monthly coffee mornings
6. A free Christmas Day Lunch was provided for individuals or couples on their own on Christmas Day
7. The friendship and crafting group continues to thrive
8. A warm, comfortable, welcoming space is provided for anyone coming to the Village Hall for whatever purpose
9. A number of local organisations have used the building for their AGMs
10. Provision of a space for hire for children's and family parties
11. Opportunities have been provided for volunteers to work together for common goals.

Milnsbridge Village Hall Trustees (2024)

Patrick Robin Beaumont
Robert Christopher Iredale
Pauline Burhouse
Janet Anne Beaumont
Jill Batley

The block contains three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'PR Beaumont', the second is 'R. Beaumont', and the third is 'P. Burhouse' with a long horizontal line underneath.

Milnsbridge Village Hall Balance Summary 2024

Income

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| Cash in | £4,595.59 |
| Grants | £4,358.20 |
| Parties | £2,294.50 |
| Bookings | £348.00 |
| Artventurer | £243.00 |
| Slimming World | £590.00 |
| Tai Chi | £280.00 |
| Yoga | £1,232.00 |
| Tristan | £900.00 |
| Dogs | £1,215.00 |
| Wildlings | £2,314.00 |
| Pennine Academy of Dance | £3,249.50 |
| Boogie Bounce | £206.00 |
| Hoofers | £1,575.00 |
| Zumba | £801.75 |
| New Age Kurling | £1,017.75 |
| Friendship and Crafting Group | £270.00 |
| Bank Interest | £312.52 |

TOTAL **£25,802.81**

Outgoings

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| Gas | £479.41 |
| Electricity | £930.41 |
| Broadband | £649.33 |
| Water | £2,040.00 |
| Insurance and PPL/PRS | £774.27 |
| Energy Innovation | £360.00 |
| Alarms | £177.00 |
| Cleaning | £2,600.00 |
| Maintenance | £2,548.60 |
| Building work | £17,954.76 |
| Sundries | £2,966.74 |

TOTAL **£31,480.52**

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| Bank Balance Dec 2024 | £9,401.34 |
| Bank Balance Dec 2023 | £10,041.57 |
| Deposit Acc Dec 2024 | £25,300.34 |
| Deposit Acc Dec 2023 | £30,337.82 |

Both current account and deposit account balances are down this year because we had structural work done to the hall, and we had to close to all users for a month while this was being carried out.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Milnsbridge Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Milnsbridge Village Hall for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Milnsbridge Village Hall 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 Milnsbridge Village Hall 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Milnsbridge Village Hall as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: David Lewis

Relevant professional qualification: FCA

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Date: October 2025