

BISHOP MIDDLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY 1174380

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR PERIOD FROM

1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objectives

"The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Bishop Middleham without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for (a) meetings, lectures and classes, and (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants."

Activities - Uses of Hall

The uses of the hall are many and varied to cater for all sections of the community. During the year these have included:-

Chair Based Yoga
Dog Training
Youth Club
Children's Discos
Carpet Bowls
Pickleball
Taekwondo
Aikido
BALM bereavement support group
Book group
Social club with bingo
Bizzy Bees (toddler group)
Encantada (songs and activities in Spanish for preschool children)
Brownies/Rainbows
Parish Council meetings
Pilates
Election Polling Station
Allotment Association
Horticultural Show
W I Meetings
Race night
Jewellery event
Music Rehearsals
Model Railway Exhibition
Church Fete

Along with private bookings for parties, funerals etc.

The Trustees have taken regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit

Achievements

In addition to retaining existing regular users the Village Hall was successful in attracting new groups including, a Youth Club, Chair based Yoga and Dog Training. Following a major refresh of facilities utilising grants and volunteers in 2023, the Village Hall Trustees secured funding in 2024 to make improvements to stage lighting. The improved facilities have encouraged more activities, and more diverse users.

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Finance

The Trustees can report total Income for the year at £17,957 and expenditure of £18,170. These figures include the support of four Government Grants totalling £1,709. Income on activities and hirings was £16,248 with expenditure of £13,066. A full review of hire charges and discretionary discounts was undertaken with actions to implemented in 2025 financial year and beyond.

The Bishop Middleham Village Hall reserves policy is to hold back funds equivalent to 3 months total monthly average unrestricted income as Reserves.

The purpose of holding these reserves is to cover the risk of unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funding and/or unforeseen day to day operational costs.

In 2024 the amount of reserves held was £4000.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is a registered CIO (registered 24 August 2017 No 117340).

Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Meetings of the Trustees are held monthly at which members of the public are welcome to attend but not vote. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair as required.

Current policies and procedures include: -

- Health & Safety
- Financial Reserves
- Safeguarding
- Volunteering
- Data Protection
- Equality & Diversity
- Trustee Statement of Eligibility
- Room Hire Charges
- Fire Safety

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

Bishop Middleham Village Hall

Charity ref

1174380

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Address

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Front Street
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Ferryhill
Co Durham
DL17 9AJ

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Trustees

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	Other Trusteeships	Reporting Status of other trusteeships
Jenifer Jane Brownlee	Chair	30 Nov 2018	None on record	
Luke Andrew Bamford	Trustee	31 October 2022	None on record	
John Burrows	Trustee	31 October 2022	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Upper Skerne The Rotary Club of Great Aycliffe Trust Fund	Received on time Recently registered
Jane Dove	Trustee	24 August 2020	None on record	

No Trustee received any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity.

Employees

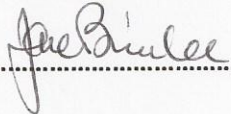
No employees have total benefits over £60k for this charity.

Trading

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries.

Fundraising

The charity raises funds from the public but does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participants.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....

J.J. Brownlee - Chair of Trustees

Date 15/10/25.....



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Bishop Middleham Village Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1174380

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 31/12/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

C Dyer

Date: 11/10/25

Name:

Claire Dyer

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

ACCA

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Farnham

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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.