

**St Mary's Village Hall CIO  
The Chapel  
St. Mary Lane  
St. Mary Park  
MORPETH  
NE61 6BL**

**Financial Statements  
For the Year to  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Charity Registered Number  
1176742**

# **St Mary's Village Hall CIO**

## **Charity Details**

### **Charity Registration**

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **The Objects**

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stanington, Northumberland without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity of disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

### **The Trustees**

Maggie Bailey – Chair

Julie Anne Lowe

Jocelyn Bolam – (to 8 May 2024)

Nancy Charlesworth (to 8 May 2024)

Darren Rea (to 8 May 2024)

Neil Armstrong (Appointed 8 May 2024)

### **Registered Office**

The Chapel, St Mary Lane

St. Mary Park, Morpeth

NE61 6BL

### **Independent Examiner**

David Hodgson, MBE, FCA, ACIB

Read, Milburn & Co

71 Howard Street, North Shields

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### **Bankers**

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# **St Mary's Village Hall CIO**

## **Trustees Report**

The charity started the year with five new trustees appointed in March 2023 who have had a successful year -

- The hall reopened in September 23 after many years of closure. It required a lot of deep cleaning and basic maintenance to get it back to a fit state for public access. This took several months from March – September 2023.
- There has been three large community events for children, namely Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties where whole families were able to sit and enjoy the hall with refreshments including a bar and hot food.
- The hall has attracted other local groups such as Womens Institute, Natural England, Yoga, Strictly Dancing to use the facilities for a variety of meetings.
- The hall has been rented as a private venue for large weddings, christenings, birthday parties.

All of the trustees agreed to spend monies to restore the hall to a good state of repair, new kitchen equipment, new carpets, new toilet accessories, new external lighting but also to buy event decorations and accessories that can be stored for many years usage.

It was also agreed to limit the number of private bookings to a small number in this first year to ensure that noise, access, environmental issues and general 'good neighbour' issues were tried and tested to ensure a solid foundation of working practice for ongoing usage of the hall. This has resulted in moving the main entrance and ensuring music levels are reduced at night.

As a result of both agreements above, the hall has had an income of £7,054 but spent £21,166 in this year. The plan is to increase the number of private event bookings going forward to meet the full costs of maintaining and running the hall for long term viability. This requires the ongoing hard work of the volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts to making this happen.

During the year there was a dispute with the energy provider SSE over a bill of over £42,000 which had been run up previously. A lot of time was committed by the trustees to resolving this and with the help of the Energy Ombudsman, this has finally been resolved and a full credit issued. There are still some issues with the supplier which are being continually addressed, with the intent to change supplier as soon as practicable.

Grant applications were put in for secondary glazing and underfloor heating and these are still work in progress.

It has been an arduous year, whilst the volunteers have worked hard, there is little appetite for taking on the legal and compliance responsibilities of trusteeship. Three trustees resigned in May 2024 and the Chair has stayed onto complete a handover with newly found trustees in the summer of 2024.

Community Action Northumberland have been asked to step in to train the new committee and provide support where necessary.

# **St Mary's Village Hall CIO Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees of - St Mary's Village Hall CIO Charity No 1176742**

**On the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024**

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1). Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and

Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

2). To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



**David Hodgson, MBE, FCA, ACIB**

Read, Milburn & Co

71 Howard Street, North Shields, NE30 1AF

Date ..... 5th July 2024

# St Mary's Village Hall CIO

## Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024


Incoming Resources	----- 2024 -----			2023
	Unrestricted £ p	Restricted	Total Funds £ p	Prior Year £
Donations and gifts	200.00	0	200.00	117
Charitable activities	6,854.49	0	6,854.49	2,944
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u><b>7,054.49</b></u>	<b>0</b>	<u><b>7,054.49</b></u>	<u><b>3,061</b></u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Charitable Activities (Note2)	21,166.19	0	21,166.19	4,333
Other expenditure	0	0	0	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>21,166.19</b></u>	<b>0</b>	<u><b>21,166.19</b></u>	<u><b>4,333</b></u>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) INCOME</b>	<b>(14,111.70)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-(14,111.70)</b>	<b>(1,272)</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>	<b>(14,111.70)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(14,111.70)</b>	<b>(1,272)</b>
Total funds brought forward	41,125.78	0	41,125.78	42,398
<b>Total Funds carried Forward</b>	<u><b>£27,014.08</b></u>	<b>0</b>	<u><b>£27,014.08</b></u>	<u><b>£41,126</b></u>

# St Mary's Village Hall CIO

## Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	27,014.08	41,125.78
 Net Assets at 31 March	<u>£27,014.08</u>	<u>£41,125.78</u>
 <b>Represented by:</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>£27,014.08</u>	<u>£41,125.78</u>

Signed by

  
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Maggie Bailey (Chair)

Date

  
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# St Mary's Village Hall CIO

## Notes to the Accounts Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### 1). Basis of Accounts

The financial accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

St Mary's Village Hall CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### 2). Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Expenditure for the period analyses as follows:-

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bank Charges	21.10	173.53
Insurances	248.84	263.35
IT software and consumables	191.57	99.54
Light, Heat & Power	2,701.71	10,785.71
Repairs & maintenance	144.00	3,834.31
Subscriptions	567.33	334.71
Telephone & internet	458.35	547.04
Administration Expenses	-	319.71
Catering & Events	-	4,039.95
Equipment Purchased	-	460.34
Hire of Equipment	-	308.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£4,332.90</u></b>	<b><u>£21,166.19</u></b>