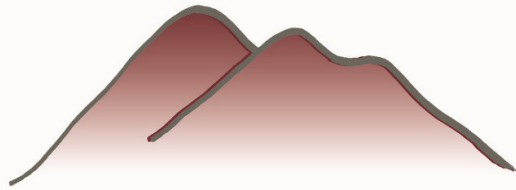


The Battersby Hall Charity

Financial Statements

31 December 2023

Charity Number 1177023



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Charity Information for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Number 1177023

Board of Trustees Mr Steve Harwood (Keswick Town Council)
Mrs Brenda Mumford (Parish of Keswick St John)
Rev'd Charles Hope (Ex-officio)
Mr Nigel Hale (Keswick Lions)
Mr George Page (Parish of Keswick St John)
Mr John Hayes (Keswick Rotary Club)

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Legal Status

The Battersby Hall is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Organisation

There are no paid members of staff. The trust is administered entirely by the Trustees.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Governing document is the constitution of the CIO dated 6 February 2018.

Appointment of Trustees (Executive Committee)

The vicar of the Parish of Keswick St. John is an ex-officio trustee. The other five trustees are appointed as follows - two by St. John's PCC and one each by Keswick Town Council, Keswick Lions and Keswick Rotary.

The Trustees who served during the year were:-

Mr A Lywood (Keswick Town Council) - resigned 18 May 2023

Rev'd C Hope (ex Officio)

Mr R Sheldon (Keswick Lions) - resigned 1 July 2023

Mr G Page (St John's PCC)

Mr J Hayes (Keswick Rotary)

Mrs B Mumford (St John's PCC)

Mr S Harwood (Keswick Town Council) - appointed 25 May 2023

Mr N Hale (Keswick Lions) - appointed 23 July 2023

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Investment Policy

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

The Battersby Hall Charity seeks to produce the best level of financial return within an acceptable level of risk.

Its overall objective is to create sufficient income and capital growth to enable the charity to carry out its purposes consistently year by year with due and proper consideration for future needs and the maintenance of, and if possible, enhancement of the value of its property assets and the invested funds while they are retained.

Both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the charity's aims if formally approved by the trustees.

The performance of investments in funds will be reviewed annually and where possible compared against industry benchmarks.

Sufficient cash assets to fund known expenditure for the next six months will be held in an easy access interest bearing account with an approved UK financial institution

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Report of the Trustees, contd. for the year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects as set out in the governing document: -

- a. The provision and maintenance of a building for the education and use of the inhabitants of the Keswick area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions and
- b. The provision of meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of education , recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects

The charity continues to own and maintain the Keswick Moot Hall which is a grade 2* listed building. The Moot Hall is in a good state of repair and should remain an asset to the Trust for many years to come. Throughout the year, the building continued to be used to disseminate information and it can now also be used for other appropriate educational purposes.

The Trust has fulfilled its wider objectives by supporting students undertaking further education courses in local colleges while continuing to give educational support to those especially affected by inflationary pressures.

Achievements and Performance

The sitting tenant (until 2026) continues to use the hall for the purposes which are within the broad objectives of the trust. The rent paid by the tenant contributes to the maintenance of the hall.

In 2023 the Battersby Hall Charity using its powers under clause 4.6 of the constitution made local education grants totalling £ 24,158. This included grants to 8 school leavers towards their travel and other costs while undertaking courses in Cumbrian colleges and training facilities. Another 101 local families have also received education support grants towards their general education costs (school uniform etc).

Each of the five local primary schools (Braithwaite, Bassenthwaite, Threlkeld, Borrowdale and St Herbert's) and Keswick School were awarded grants . A grant was also made to the Keswick Lecture Society.

Potential Insurance Claim

In November 2022 a storm damaged the weathervane and the roof on the Keswick Moot Hall . The costs to make the building safe were covered by an insurance claim that was included in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The complex repairs were only completed in 2024 . All of the costs for work done in 2023 and 2024 are still the subject of an unsettled insurance claim . For the year ended 31 December 2023 premises repairs of £20,836 included in these financial statements may be recovered partially or wholly from the insurance company .

Policy on reserves

The trust aims to maintain reserves in suitable notice accounts to fulfill all foreseeable requirements to maintain the hall in a safe and usable state.

Signed by order of the Trustees

Rev'd Charles Hope - Chair

Date: 21 October 2024

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Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts for the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 5 - 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examiners report is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met;

or

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

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended
31 December 2023**

		31 December 2023			31 December 2022
	Notes	Un-restricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Investment income	2	14,562	-	14,562	14,012
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Income from charitable activities	3	12,750	-	12,750	39,634
Total incoming resources		27,312	-	27,312	53,646
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Grants payable	4	24,158	-	24,158	19,725
Property costs	5	27,507	-	27,507	44,233
Governance costs	6	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		51,665	-	51,665	63,958
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		(24,353)	-	(24,353)	(10,312)
Unrealised (loss) / gain on revaluation of investments		49,401	-	49,401	(57,320)
Net movement in funds		25,048	-	25,048	(67,632)
Total funds brought forward		781,381	-	781,381	849,013
Total funds carried forward	12	806,429	-	806,429	781,381

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
as at
31 December 2023**

	Notes	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	8		255,000		255,000
Investments	9		491,641		442,240
Current Assets					
Debtors	10		1,365		32,461
Cash at bank and in hand			68,355		56,292
			<u>69,720</u>		<u>88,753</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	11		9,932		4,612
Net Current Assets			<u>59,788</u>		<u>84,141</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			806,429		781,381
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year					
			-		-
NET ASSETS			<u>806,429</u>		<u>781,381</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	12		-		-
Unrestricted funds			<u>806,429</u>		<u>781,381</u>
	12		<u>806,429</u>		<u>781,381</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Rev'd Charles Hope - Chair
Date: 21 October 2024

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

General

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, including the accruals concept, the Charities SORP 2005 (Statement of Recommended Practice), and the Charities Act 2011.

Property

Property owned by the Trust is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Investments

The Trust recognised unrealised gains and losses on investments with reference the movement in value of the investments from one year to the next.

Income

Income received is made up of rent paid by tenants. This is recognised on an accrual basis and included in the accounts when it becomes payable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Where it relates to a specific project it is allocated to that project as restricted expenditure. Expenditure that relates to the objects of the charity is classified as charitable activities. Any legal or professional costs are classified as governance costs. The costs of generating funds are separately identified.

Funds

General funds are those where no restrictions have been placed upon the specific spending of the funds by the donor. Designated funds are those funds where the trustees have chosen to earmark general funds for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds where the donation is received for a specific purpose as set out by the donor, and when the trustees wish to separate out a project for clarity in the accounts.

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for the year ended
31 December 2023**

		31 December 2023			December 2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		£	£	£	£
2 Investment income					
	Bank interest received	1,816	-	1,816	657
	Dividends received	12,746	-	12,746	13,355
		<u>14,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,562</u>	<u>14,012</u>
3 Income from charitable activities					
	Moot Hall rent	12,750	-	12,750	12,750
	Insurance claim	-	-	-	26,884
		<u>12,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>39,634</u>
4 Grants payable					
	Educational Support grants	24,158	-	24,158	19,725
		<u>24,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,158</u>	<u>19,725</u>
5 Property Costs					
	Insurance	6,377	-	6,377	5,733
	Premises repairs	20,936	-	20,936	38,256
	Computer and stationery	69	-	69	173
	Bank charges	125	-	125	71
		<u>27,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,507</u>	<u>44,233</u>
6 Governance Costs					
	Legal costs	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the trustees in respect of the year.

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Property £	TOTAL £
COST		
At 1 January 2023	255,000	255,000
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2023	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2023	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>

9 Investments	£
At 1 January 2023	442,240
Disposals	-
Additions	-
Increase/(decrease) in value of investmen	49,401
At 31 December 2023	<u>491,641</u>

10 Debtors	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	£	£
VAT	1,365	5,577
Other debtors	-	26,884
	<u>1,365</u>	<u>32,461</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,745	1,425
Deferred income	3,187	3,187
Accruals	-	-
	<u>9,932</u>	<u>4,612</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2023**

12 Net Assets by fund

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	255,000	255,000
Investments	-	491,641	491,641
Current assets	-	69,720	69,720
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(9,932)	(9,932)
Total net assets	-	806,429	806,429