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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Charity name: The Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust

Charity registration number: 1183888

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide village hall and recreation facilities, including a children's play area, for the benefit of the residents of Wolverley village, in Worcestershire. To retain the hall as a memorial for those from Wolverley who died in the service of their country.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision and maintenance of the Hall and grounds for sport, the arts and recreation. Provision and maintenance of a children's play area. The sub-letting of parts of the grounds for the village social club and the Wolverley Scout Group Fundraising for the upkeep and maintenance of the charity's assets. A project to increase accessibility to the Hall and Community Cafe through an improvement scheme to create a disabled access driveway and two disabled parking bays Extension of the services delivered from the new Community Café. Creating a Community Orchard and Garden

		Two Development Projects: (i) short-term – the completion of the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall and (ii) longer term – the future development of a new integrated community facility for all the facilities currently on the Memorial Hall site.
	Para 1.18	The Trustees regularly consider (at least annually) the guidance as part of their annual governance review; with particular reference to the guidance included in RS9 – village halls and community centres and CC35 – Public Benefit

Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is heavily dependent on volunteers for the upkeep and maintenance of the hall, children's play area and grounds. Volunteers support paid staff in the running of the Community Café. Volunteers are also actively engaged in a number of fundraising events. This year, Trustees and volunteers managed a number of successful grant applications and delivery of projects to improve the accessibility to the Hall and Community Café and the start of the development of a Community Orchard and Garden.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This was the fifth full year of the Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust and the third "normal" year after the lifting of Pandemic restrictions The number of regular hirers and "one-off" private hires for parties and other events continued to increase. One of the most significant achievements in the year was the continued development of the Community Café, extending the opening hours and the range of services provided. The Cafe has become a popular meeting place achieving the Charity's aim of establishing the Café as a community hub. The Charity was again successful in obtaining a "Warm Space" grant allowing the Community Café to provide affordable food and refreshments during the Winter Period to help people with the cost of living crisis and prevent isolation. A programme of Eat, Drink and Learn events has been introduced to encourage local people to attend. A Remembrance Service was held on 10 November at the Memorial Hall, followed by a parade to the village church for the first time since Covid. This like the "Carols at the Hall" event will now be an annual event

Additional information

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity's main aim continues to be to broaden and extend the use of the Hall and other facilities by more organisations and individuals in the furtherance of the Charity's objects. The Charity's main objectives for the year were to: 1. to continue the internal refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, making it an attractive environment for the benefit of local residents. 2. to develop the Community Café into a warm, welcoming space offering affordable food and refreshments 3. to explore further opportunities for Grant funding 4. to maintain all the Charity's facilities to ensure they are safe and available for local residents throughout the year and to maximise their use. 5. to develop the strategy and operational framework of the CIO, including the review of policies and recruitment of new staff and volunteers. 6. to improve the accessibility to the services available at the Hall and Community Café for the disabled. All these objectives were achieved.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising income met targets for the regular car boot sales, children's funfair, and craft fayres. The operation of the Community Café for these events enabled increased fundraising through the provision of food and refreshments.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable

Financial Review

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's overall financial position at the end of the year remains healthy. The Trustees planned the use of some of the Charity's Operational Account Reserves to complete the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Those reserves have been replenished in 2025.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's reserve policy is to hold a level of reserves in its general fund to have sufficient working capital to ensure continuance of its operating activities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves held at the year-end totalled £80,941; comprised of Unrestricted Reserves of £6,662 and Restricted Reserves of £74,279.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Sources of Income are from rental of the Hall, sub-letting of some of the grounds, receipts from the Community Café and fundraising events, including car boot sales, fayres, festivals and craft shows.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity is the need to replace the current Hall in the medium-term. The significant refurbishment of the exterior and interior of the Hall has extended the life of the current building but it will need replacement before it reaches the end of its useful economic life. The other main risk to the Charity is the need to ensure income generating activities continue to meet the running costs of the Hall, Children's Play Area, Community Café and grounds.
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Structure, Governance and Management

	SORP reference	
Description of charity's trusts: Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The charity has 3 types of Trustees – elected, nominated appointments and co-opted.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	1183888
Charity's principal address	Wolverley Memorial Hall, Shatterford Lane, Wolverley, Worcestershire DY11 5TN

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	Graham Wallis	Chairman	Whole period	
2	Michelle Hire	Treasurer	Whole period	
3	Andrew Gould		Whole period	
4	Richard Millner		Whole period	
5	Bernard D'Arcy		Whole period	
6	John Hart		Whole period	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

The Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust (no.1183888) was registered with the Charity Commission on 13 June 2019 and merged with the former Wolverley Memorial Hall Charity (no.523207) on 23 June 2020.

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 comply with SORP FRS 102

Declarations

Signature



Full name

Graham Leslie Wallis

Position

Chairman

Date

20 October 2025

Registered Charity number
1183888

THE WOLVERLEY MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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15 October 2025

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE WOLVERLEY MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees of the Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust on my examination of the Trust's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

In accordance with your instructions, I have examined the financial statements without carrying out an audit. I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts, and confirm that no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that:

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.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
General Fund Assets					
Debtors			1,371		2,395
Cash balances					
Operating bank account		22,215		10,692	
Property Development fund current account		14,279		72,938	
Property Development fund deposit account		60,000		-	
Cash in hand		214		518	
			<u>96,708</u>		<u>84,148</u>
Total assets			<u>98,079</u>		<u>86,543</u>
Creditors and accruals			17,138		6,809
Net assets			<u>80,941</u>		<u>79,734</u>
Represented by:					
Accumulated fund	1				
Brought forward			79,734		87,825
Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure			1,207		(8,091)
			<u>80,941</u>		<u>79,734</u>

Approved by:



Trustee 1



Trustee 2

October 2025

THE WOLVERLEY MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		2,800		1,808
Grants				
Wyre Forest District Council	3,250		3,296	
Worcestershire County Council	400		-	
Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council	1,703		1,638	
National Lottery	2,917		-	
Enovert Community Trust	31,405		-	
Sebright's Educational Foundation	3,000		-	
		42,675		4,934
Hire of hall		25,028		23,431
Rental income				
Wolverley Sports & Social Club	1,100		1,100	
Wolverley Tennis Club	-		432	
4th Kidderminster Scouts	293		-	
Cadent Gas	250		250	
Western Power	24		24	
		1,667		1,806
Other income				
Car boot sales	3,195		2,304	
Food and drink	24,067		12,785	
Other	1,024		1,039	
		28,286		16,128
Total income		100,456		48,107
Expenses				
Grants	3,150		-	
Wages	24,678		18,991	
Utilities	5,980		3,131	
Stationery and office	1,196		645	
Event costs	13,248		10,035	
Insurance	3,384		2,252	
Repairs and maintenance	42,983		16,045	
Professional fees	3,321		5,001	
Bad debts	1,088		-	
Bank charges	221		98	
Total expenses		99,249		56,198
Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure		1,207		(8,091)

THE WOLVERLEY MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	General fund £	Property Development fund £	Total £
1 Accumulated fund			
At 1 January 2024	6,796	72,938	79,734
Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure	194	1,013	1,207
Transfer between funds	(328)	328	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>6,662</u>	<u>74,279</u>	<u>80,941</u>
At 1 January 2023	16,192	71,633	87,825
Excess (deficit) of income over expenditure	(9,396)	1,305	(8,091)
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,796</u>	<u>72,938</u>	<u>79,734</u>

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