GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

England & Wales · Charity number 1185815

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-10-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO MANAGE AND CONTROL THE 'TOWN HALL' AT GRASSINGTON AND, IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF GRASSINGTON AND ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: To manage and control the Town Hall at Grassington, to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation of the inhabitants of Grassington and its immediate neighbourhood with a view to improving their conditions of life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£243,604	£146,727	-	-
2023-12-31	£76,700	£73,810	-	-
2022-12-31	£64,678	£97,278	-	-
2021-12-31	£88,761	£56,790	-	-
2020-12-31	£68,912	£76,924	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hazel Anne Drew	Chair	2022-12-23
Andrew David Scholey		2022-12-23
Elizabeth Wilson		2025-08-04
Ian Lawrence Austin		2024-04-08
Laura Anne Ward		2022-12-23
Pamela Anne Meldrum		2023-04-17
Robert Crampton		2026-01-01
Skye Wilkinson		2024-10-04
William Hamilton Binns		2022-12-23

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Accounts

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

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Annual report 2024

Dear members,

As you will see reading this report that GDI and the Town Hall buildings have moved on tremendously in the last few years and are now in a great place to face the future. However, before I tell you all the news of the year, I feel I need to take time at the start to raise the issue raised so many times before. A registered charity runs under conditions set by the Charities Commission and all our trustees are volunteers. No charity can be successful unless there is a continuous rotation of trustees to ensure continuity and promote progress. Whilst at present we have eight trustees this is just not enough; we need people to step up and help or the work we are doing will be lost. We need people to commit to 2 -3 years and for most it would be about 8 hours a month. If you are a hands -on person you could do much more, but I want to give people a realistic picture of what you are signing up for. There are so many things you could get involved in and I am happy to discuss this with anyone.

We also now need a new treasurer and of course they do need some relevant experience. We would not throw you in the deep end as our present treasurer, Andy Thornton, is happy to work alongside someone to start with to give them time and confidence to take on the role. We cannot exist without one so please consider if this could be you for the next 2 -3 years or longer!

PLEASE consider these requests as it really is help us or lose us.

This annual report is always time to offer thanks to all those who have made the Charity successful. My fellow trustees who are all vital in our smooth running from IT to posters, maintenance to paperwork, events and safety. Just to remind everyone who the trustees are:

Rob Arnott – Vice Chair, runs all the Operas and Ballets and is a key member of our maintenance team.

Ian Austin – Key member of the maintenance team and staff line manager

Will Binns – Events, Bar manager

Pam Meldrum – Posters

Hovis Scholey – IT, What's on and Website

Laura Ward – Events, Courses, Advertising, IT

Skye Wilkinson – Events, Stage advice/lighting sound.

Our treasurer, Andy Thornton, continues to be meticulous which has been incredibly hard in a year where banks and utilities have been challenging and with the number of grants we are handling. Our booking secretary, Cathy Doyle, does an amazing job at juggling all the groups, their individual needs and the spaces we have available. Membership secretary, Kathy Merson, who works so hard to keep track of all our members and of course our caretakers Derrick Lee and Dave Dunn. It is hard to describe the work that the caretakers do – whether it is the smile as you arrive or a new bulb in a light their roles are vast, and we could not exist without them. There are then so many hidden volunteer helpers all of whom we treasure but, this year I would like to name two who have been there so many times from running the kitchen to needlework and elf school - Judith Brewer and Janet Tordoff – thank you. Lister who has turned up with his 'toys' just when he as needed or people with key skills in the village ready to help with their expertise – I should mention here Neil Harrison with his help on the undercroft project and John Jameson with improvements to the stage and its facilities. Please excuse me if I have not mentioned your name- the list could go on for pages and I am already told I say too much! Most importantly to thank all our members who are the heart of the charity– your ideas and constant encouragement keeps us going.

Fund raising, especially for the undercroft project, has seen the community step up to help with various events from Bingo to auctions, coffee mornings, competitions and just those who tell me they drop their change in our carpark bin– It is all vital to keep moving on the facilities. Special thanks must go to Rita for a great bingo evening which many are asking us to repeat.

Our membership fluctuates around the 300 mark and during 2025 we will try to encourage more to join us and thereby see what the Town Hall can offer them. If you are able to, I would ask you to move to paying by standing order as this really reduces the time it takes to do the paperwork. If you need any support in doing this, please contact our membership secretary. We have not increased membership since the system began and we are grateful for all who faithfully support us whilst everything else around us is going. Those £2 month payments add up and have allowed us to put £10k into projects. Some have said they would like to increase their donation, and you can do this by just amending the amount you pay to whatever you wish. It is not just about money as we take very importantly the suggestions of our members and you act as evidence to grant bodies of the support we enjoy.

This month we mark the end of the first year of the lease with the GPC. We are settling into a new way of working together and their support and commitment has been much

appreciated. £20k was reserved for the Town Hall with the same agreed for the next financial year and a much-needed donation to the new boiler fund. Until now the monies have been quickly swallowed up in major repair works but with the addition of grants and GDI funds it has been possible to do things only dreamed of before. Together we are making the buildings a community asset which will support the activities we all value and hopefully many new ones. My special thanks must go to Louise Close for facilitating the practicalities involved.

We continue to host some 25 groups with a huge range of additional events taking place. We are always looking at ways to improve the facilities and with the support of the Table Tennis group and a grant we have managed to upgrade with two new tables this year. These can be hired by anyone by contacting the Caretaker.

We were delighted to invite the Year 6 pupils at schools in the Dale to come to a free Shakespeare afternoon where they were able to meet 'William and Anne', taste Elizabethan gingerbread and they took great delight in developing some Shakespearean insults! All year 10/11 pupils at UWS were able to come and see the David Tennant Macbeth which is their examination text this year. The week was supported by Players, The Stripey Badger and Ron Norman and was enjoyed by over 400 in the various events.

Events like this are something that many of us would like to build on in the future. This month also sees a new user in the changing rooms who I know will be welcomed by many. Helen is a fully qualified Podiatrist and will be setting up on Saturday and later Wednesday mornings to provide this service in the village. To book please contact her directly. We hope to build on services like this in the future and invite people to enquire about possible spaces available.

The building has hosted a number of village events and those from other organisations including overnight runners, Hand bell ringers, social events and School nativities and courses in willow, pyrography and first aid. New things planned such as dart and snooker competitions and we were delighted to host the local Fire Brigade training session.

Our accounts are somewhat skewed by the income from grants, but I am delighted to say that our running costs not only broke even this year but made a profit which is enabling upgrades to parts of the building. As you can see in the annual accounts there has been a healthy increase in rental income partially helped by a small increase in 2024. There is no increase in 2025 but a small one planned for 2026. Sadly, the number of weddings has made it financially impractical to maintain the expensive licence, but we will continue to host receptions which is the main income. Investment income dipped as we, like many other charities, were hit by banks removing interest account from charities. After much hard work we now have a saving account with Virgin, and it is making good interest on the grants we hold at present. I applaud the hard work of trustees and volunteers alike who have run a huge number of events this year doubling the income from this source. This is not a secure income for the future but is giving us a breathing space to get necessary things completed and do some key improvements. As soon as we can get the units in the under croft rented out, we will gain more financial security for the future and thus protect our existing groups.

Whilst I have endeavoured to keep you up to date with developments during the year it is good to take the time to celebrate all that has happened. In the last week individuals and companies have been working in most areas of the building to get things done and my thanks goes to all the users who have had to be so flexible around the disruption. So, in 2024:

- The long-needed heating system is now running and thanks to support from the Devolution Deal Net Zero Fund we were able to not just fit new boilers but to rezone the building to make us more efficient. There are still teething issues where old meets new, but we are getting there.
- The second area of roofing over the stage and repairs to Octagon roof were carried out with support from the

Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust and areas of the metal roof and guttering are in process of being repaired.

- We have completed renovation of the changing rooms to repaint and remove old, stained carpet replacing it with a new washable flooring.

- A new storage cupboard has been fitted in the Foyer to enable us to store bar stock and other items safely on the level.
- The removal of the rotten back porch joining the kitchen to snooker room and renovation of the walkway. Change to opening in snooker room to give better flow from kitchen and to fire escape.

- With support from a NYC Net Zero Fund Decarbonising Community Buildings grant we have replaced toilet taps and obsolete water heaters which will be more efficient and stop taps being left on and water wastage.

- With support of a work party, we have painted of the entrance, stairs, corridor and foyer.

- We have repaired and painted the rails at Moor Lane Door

- Many have commented on the upgrade of the front yard of the building to relay all Yorkshire slabs and new tarmac to make safe. The Devonshire gates are newly sandblasted and the gateway post repaired. The repair of the wall and replacement of the gates will hopefully happen once the weather improves. It is proving a great area for other activities and displays.

- In discussion with key users, we are carrying out a programme of repairs to stage curtains, painting, the addition of stage mics and a camera to enable the changing rooms to know what is happening on stage. This includes a full clean, audit and organisation of the Projection room. Once this is completed, we can look further ahead to the dreams of back projection and better stage lighting!

It must be remembered that all these upgrades are in addition to the constant maintenance and repairs which happen daily. We are so grateful to have skilled volunteers and caretakers which help to keep the costs down and effective contractors who step in when needed. My sincere thanks to Rob Arnott, Ian Austin and Des Lee for their involvement in this. We always need other 'handy' men and women so do get in touch if you can help.

The Under Croft project now has planning permission and the essential structural issues are in discussion to ensure that the final plan is the best that it can be. Once we are ready to go further, I will write to members with more details. What I can say with delight is that we started in November with the aim or raising £150k for the project and as of this week we have £121k. This is an amazing achievement, and I thank all those involved. Please help us to reach our target by getting involved in our fund raisers coming up or by making a donation.

The Auction we need lots of anything from items to promises- we have things like artwork from local artists, a meet and greet the alpacas, drumming lesson, cream teas delivered to your door and so much more. Can you offer an item or promise of a service? Just get in touch.

Grassington's got talent This is not a competition but a fun evening at the Town Hall to enjoy a multitude of local people doing their thing. It can be music, magic or comical – something never seen before? Can you stand on your head and recite poetry or speed paint a picture? You do not need to be a professional but willing to contribute something to our village night. About 4 minutes per act and we can provide mics etc. Open to all ages and groups. Bar will be on.

We have been blessed in the last 2 years with so many kind gifts and grants without which I am not sure where we would be now.

YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENNIUM TRUST	Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust
YORKSHIRE DALES National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund	Yorkshire Dales Sustainability Fund
UKSPF	NYC Net Zero Fund – Decarbonising Community Buildings
LAW FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	Law Family Charitable Foundation
COMMUNITY FUND	National Lottery -Awards for all

So, as you can see it has been a busy year with lots of exciting things coming up. Please remember you can have a tour of the building by just getting in contact to organise a time.

Kind regards,

Hazel Drew

Hazel Drew - Chair of Trustees.

Grassington Devonshire Institute Treasurer's Report

Print Date: Sunday, 20 April 2025

Opening Balances	01 January 2024		
Santander		£	89,694.13
Barclays Community Account		£	7,813.50
Virgin Money		£	-
Cash		£	493.15
Total Funds	01 January 2024	**£**	**98,000.78**

Income	Account Group		Credit
	Donations	£	38,073.88
	GDI Events	£	25,693.36
	Gift Aid	£	4,408.99
	Grants	£	129,184.00
	Investment Income	£	549.19
	Membership Subscriptions	£	7,418.00
	Miscellaneous	£	1,330.00
	Room Hire	£	36,946.50
	Grand Total	**£**	**243,603.92**

Expenditure	Account Group		Debit
	Council Tax & Waste	£	2,651.36
	Electricity	£	3,278.24
	Employment	£	22,177.19
	Gas	£	10,421.46
	GDI Events	£	8,958.10
	Insurance	£	799.47
	Licences	£	438.75
	Lucky Dip Payout	£	650.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	£	3,475.08
	Miscellaneous	£	492.75
	Office Expenses	£	608.60
	Professional Fees	£	1,564.20
	Projects	£	87,591.31
	Sundries & Consumables	£	1,198.50
	Telephone & Internet	£	599.25
	Water	£	1,668.81
	Website	£	154.16
	Grand Total	**£**	**146,727.23**

Surplus/Loss to date	31 December 2024	**£**	**96,876.69**
Funds at	31 December 2024	**£**	**194,877.47**

Bank Balances as of 31 December 2024			
Santander		£	79,134.77
Barclays		£	14,883.50
Virgin Money		£	100,549.19
Cash		£	286.01
MemCash		£	24.00
		£	**194,877.47**
Allocated Funds			
Liabilities	Room Hire Deposits & Bonds	£	1,340.00
Reserves	DR Reserve	£	30,000.00
Ringfenced Funds	Projects	£	114,389.73
Total Restricted Funds		**£**	**145,729.73**
Available Unrestricted Funds		**£**	**49,147.74**

Grassington Devonshire Institute

Registered Charity No. : 1185815

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Y/E 31/12/2023	Expenditure	Y/E 31/12/2024	Y/E 31/12/2023	Income	Y/E 31/12/2024
	Account Group	**Debit**		**Account Group**	**Credit**
£ 1,025.49	Council Tax & Waste	£ 2,651.36	£ 13,649.31	Donations	£ 38,073.88
£ 4,195.28	Electricity	£ 3,278.24	£ 12,652.78	GDI Events	£ 25,693.36
£ 21,425.87	Employment	£ 22,177.19	£ 1,214.86	Gift Aid	£ 4,408.99
£ 14,072.98	Gas	£ 10,421.46	£ 9,450.00	Grants	£ 129,184.00
£ 5,430.45	GDI Events	£ 8,958.10	£ 1,444.41	Investment Income	£ 549.19
£ 716.51	Insurance	£ 799.47	£ 7,146.00	Membership Subscriptions	£ 7,418.00
£ 836.00	Licences	£ 438.75	£ 150.98	Miscellaneous	£ 1,330.00
£ 600.00	Lucky Dip Payout	£ 650.00	£ 30,992.50	Room Hire	£ 36,946.50
£ 5,871.30	Maintenance & Repairs	£ 3,475.08			
£ 769.92	Miscellaneous	£ 492.75			
£ 194.54	Office Expenses	£ 608.60			
£ 8,447.40	Professional Fees	£ 1,564.20			
£ 5,047.57	Projects	£ 87,591.31			
£ 1,251.15	Sundries & Consumables	£ 1,198.50			
£ 512.62	Telephone & Internet	£ 599.25			
£ 1,258.56	Water	£ 1,668.81			
£ 540.72	Website	£ 154.16			
£ 70.00	Advertising				
£ 994.45	Bar Stock				
£ 100.00	Donations				
£ 190.80	Fire Safety				
£ 259.29	Bar Equipment				
£ 73,810.90	**Total**	£ 146,727.23	£ 76,700.84	**Total**	£ 243,603.92
£ 2,889.94	Surplus (- Deficit)	**£ 96,876.69**			
£ 76,700.84	**Balance Check**	£ 243,603.92			

Balance Sheet as at 31st December

Y/E 31/12/2023	Reserves	Y/E 31/12/2024	Y/E 31/12/2023	Assets	Y/E 31/12/2024
£ 95,110.84	Funds at 1st January	£ 98,000.78	£ 89,694.13	Santander Current Account	£ 79,134.77
£ 2,889.94	Surplus (- Deficit)	**£ 96,876.69**	£ 7,813.50	Barclays Current Account	£ 14,883.50
			£ -	Virgin Money	£ 100,549.19
			£ 493.15	Cash	£ 286.01
				MemCash	£ 24.00
£ 98,000.78	Total Reserves	**£ 194,877.47**	**£ 98,000.78**		**£ 194,877.47**

Grassington Devonshire Institute Treasurer

Andrew Thornton
Town Head Barn
Grassington
BD23 5BL

Signature:

Dated: 11th March 2025

Independent Examiner

Andrew Walker BSc FCCA
Arthur E Walker
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Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Receipts	(1)	243,604	76,701
Payments			
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	145,135	68,234
Other expenditure	(3)	1,592	5,577
		146,727	73,811
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		96,877	2,890
Add Cash funds at beginning of year		98,000	95,110
Cash funds at the end of year		194,877	98,000

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Santander current account	79,135	89,694
Membership and Lucky Dip account (Barclays)	14,883	7,814
Virgin Money	100,549	-
Cash	286	
Mem Cash	24	492
	194,877	98,000
Debtor: Hall Hire	1,740	693
	196,617	98,693
Creditors	-1340	-550
	195,277	98,143

Approved on .....11th March 2025..... by:

H Drew, Chairperson
For and on behalf of the Trustees

A Thornton
Treasurer

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

(1) Analysis of Receipts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	38,074	13,649
Grants	129,184	9,450
Rent of Hall		
Local Organisations	34,872	29,510
Weddings	2,075	1,450
Membership and Lucky Dip account	7,418	7,146
Fundraisers including refreshments	25,693	12,686
Investment income	549	1,444
Other receipts	1,330	151
Gift Aid	4,409	1,215
	243,604	76,701

(2) Analysis of Direct Charitable Expenditure

Repairs and maintenance	5,064	3,154
Light and Heat		
Electricity	3,278	4,195
Gas	10,422	14,073
Water	1,669	1,259
Caretaking staff costs	22,050	21,426
Trade waste	462	435
Licences, fees and insurance	2,982	10,000
Event fees	8,958	7,454
Rates	2,009	590
Projects	87,591	5,048
Lucky Dip Payments	650	600
	145,135	68,234

(3) Other expenditure

Stationery	727	544
Telephone & WiFi	600	513
Purchase and replacement of equipment	97	2,908
Advertising/photocopying	135	191
Miscellaneous expenses	33	1,321
Donation		100
	1,592	5,577

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

(4) Non-monetary assets

Ownership of the Grassington Devonshire Institute (the Town Hall) is vested in Grassington Parish Council. The Parish Council allows the Trustees to operate the building and to take responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and for the upkeep, renewal and improvement of all the facilities therein. Under the current terms of the agreement with the Parish Council all furniture and equipment purchased by the trustees for use in the building becomes the property of the Parish Council. The trustees therefore have no non-monetary assets.

(5) Reconciliation of Income

	2024 £
Donations	38,073.88
Gift Aid	4,408.99
Grants	129,184.00
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Membership Subscriptions	7,418.00
Miscellaneous	1,330.00
Room Hire	36,946.50
GDI Events	25,693.36
Per Accounts	243,603.92

(6) Reconciliation of Expenditure

	2024 £
Council Tax & Waste	£ 2,651.36
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Website	£ 154.16
	146,727.23

Per Accounts

	2024 £
Direct charitable expenditure	145,135
Other Expenditure	1,592
	146,727

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grassington Devonshire Institute

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 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 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:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or;
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 12 March 2025

A C Walker

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April 2024

CHAIRS REPORT FOR 2023

It has been a very busy year for all at GDI. We have been grateful to build on the sound foundations laid down by previous trustees and volunteers. My personal thanks go to David Wood who has been there in the background to fill in the gaps. Our board is composed mainly of new trustees stepping up and we have had a lot to learn. Each person has different skills which have enabled us to support each other and face each new challenge. All of them volunteer their time and energy freely to ensure the Charity survives and thrives.

We rely on volunteers to run GDI. Special thanks must go to Andy Booth and Andy Thornton who have continued their efforts with the sound and technical side of things. Our new membership secretary, Kathy Merson, has done an amazing job keeping the records up to date, whilst Cathy Doyle continues as our effective bookings' secretary, who not only watches over the bookings, but is able to add so much more support to the users with her experience. Special mention must be made of our caretakers, Derrick Lee and Peter Earl who ensure the effective day to day running of the facilities. Without all these individuals GDI would struggle to exist.

Andy Thornton has now completed a full year as our treasurer and we are very grateful to him for all his hard work, especially in trying to sort out bank accounts and utility companies, who have been a real challenge this year. He has moved our accounting from paper to computer based, with more detail which makes it difficult to compare with previous years' submissions. Andy will be ready to give any clarification at the meeting. Our audited accounts reflect income and funding for ongoing projects given in 2023 which we will be spending in 2024.

2024 marked the start of a new relationship between the GPC and GDI which is laid down in the terms of the new 25-year Lease. This was agreed by solicitors and ratified in a vote of the membership. We are now working in harmony to discuss maintenance and urgent issues concerning the building and how monies are spent to tackle these. Having a long-term maintenance programme will help to improve the running of the facilities and prevent serious problems arising in the future. The lease will allow the GDI not only to sub lease the undercroft but also allows us to work together to apply for grants. A Town Hall Pot, which is funded by the Parish Precept, is agreed each year and is already

making a difference to what can be planned and afforded. The monies allow us to offer fund matching for grants which enabled us to turn £20k into £50k on one grant alone.

The condition of the building has long been of concern due to its age and the need for major repairs and this year things caught up with us. The roof on the Institute was found to need urgent work and this was soon followed by serious damage to the roof over the stage during the recent storms. A decarbonisation report from Jan 2023 showed a list of changes needed to increase the thermal efficiency of the building which, if completed, would also reduce energy costs and be environmentally beneficial.

There was no way the GPC or GDI could have covered the necessary works, so we applied for a number of grants to complete these and my grateful thanks goes to Louise Close, Clerk of the GPC, who has worked with us on this.

In the last year we are delighted to have had grants from the following groups:

The Duke of Devonshire Charitable Trust	£5,000
NY Prosperity Fund	£49,950
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust	£4,000
Fundraising from individuals	£10,275
Councillor Richard Foster (Ward Member Grants)	£545

The major items covered by these grants include renewed roofing, the replacement of the final single glazed outside windows in the hall and snooker room, new doors, including an automated one at Moor Lane, insulation and essential new wiring in the hall. We could never have imagined a year ago we would have been able to complete these works within the year.

Recent reports have also highlighted the age of our main boiler and expensive repairs were needed this winter. We heard at the end of March that the boiler could not be repaired which was a blow as the replacements are not only expensive, but urgent and prevent us considering further other forms of heating at this stage. I am delighted with the way the GPC and GDI immediately started to work together to find a solution to the issue which will serve us well in the future.

The Town Hall also needs constant repairs and improvements, and grateful thanks go to 'Team M' and the many individuals and professionals who have helped us. The number of works is far too long to mention them all here, so I have added them as an addendum at the end. Whilst many never notice the changes, they are considerable, expensive and time consuming. From the new cooker hood in the kitchen which required drilling through the wall to new sealed floors and pillars outside Moor Lane. Barrie Doyle, Rob Arnott, Derrick Lee, Peter Earl and so many others have worked their magic and shown

such a wide range of skills. The changes to the bar area are a great example of how things work. A need was identified by those who use the bar and the ideal lay out found from professionals who hire it. Then we raised money at a 'bring and buy' sale, a grant paid for the wiring, kind gifts from The Players and Panto and the amazing skills of Team M. The results are now being enjoyed by everyone who uses the bar at the various events. Thanks also to Will Binns and his team for their hard work in running the bar at the many events and ensuring the equipment and stock is ready for action.

Another concern mentioned in pasts reports is the loss in running costs we face each year which is unsustainable in the long run. Discussions for a new business plan have helped the trustees to focus on this important issue. We have limited sources of income which we need to develop to cover these costs.

Membership

This continues to grow, and we have now reached around 300 with a goal of 325 by Christmas 2024. We need your help to do this – please take a spare form and encourage your neighbours and friends to join us. The fee has stayed at £2 per month since its inauguration and we encourage those who can to increase their contributions. Members are important not just because they help us to raise important funds but are evidence for grant bodies that we are supported by the community.

Rental Income.

Our bookings are constantly increasing and there are times when we are now struggling to cover the demands at peak times as there are now 25 clubs who are based at the Halls (see list). In 2024 The Trustees had to make the hard decision to increase the cost of rentals and whilst this does not cover the true costs it is a step in the right direction. There are still times when the facilities have space so do enquire if you have a new idea.

Gifts and donations

These have been most welcome and continue to add to our accounts and have included some significant monies left in wills and our sincere thanks go to the families of John Benson and Andrew Jackson for recent gifts. It is worth noting that nearly all gifts and memberships can be gift-aided which allows us to get another 25% which is significant.

Events - GDI

We have a proud tradition of encouraging a wide variety of events and activities and this year has been no exception. Trustees have been busy running events to cater to all tastes and raise vital funds. From traditional Dales music to a great Abba tribute night, Talks about Wainwright, Silent Discos, Christmas Craft Fair, bring and buy sales and so much more. Our regular series of Live Opera and Ballets from the Royal Opera House have continued and our regular Christmas Brass Band concert. We have hosted shows, school nativity plays, concerts supporting local charities including Fell Rescue, Aid for

Ukraine and Manorlands, first aid courses and public meetings including the GPC and village Forum.

Part of our mission is in the interests of social welfare and hence we endeavour to offer services to all ages and social groups. GDI continues to host Lunch club and we are busy developing links with local schools offering opportunities which enrich the life of our young people. The number of Clubs and Activities have continued to grow as the list at the end shows and that does not begin to indicate all the other events we are hosting. We are always ready to listen to the request of the community and one new group in January was 'IT for the terrified!' Thanks to financial support from Councillor Richard Foster and a number of volunteers we were able to arrange training sessions for 1to1 help. It was great to hear people's delight as they sent emails and pictures for the first time.

On a personal note, one of the most rewarding additions this year have been the monthly children's events which have been regularly oversubscribed. GDI is committed to providing for ever-changing local needs and the increasing number of young families who are now using the building show a healthy future for the facilities. From a Harry Potter Party, bowling evening and craft activities to a full day of Elf School where over 120 children enjoyed a magical experience it has all been happening. Many events have been sponsored by individuals in the village to whom we are very grateful.

THE UNDER CROFT PROJECT

A keyway to cover any deficit in running costs and to enhance what GDI can offer in the future is to find the money to convert the old flat at the front of the building. By renting it out we can give long term security for all our present users. A professional designer has been employed to draw up possible plans and we are advertising the rental. We had hoped to use a recent bequest towards this project but the boilers need to take priority so we will soon be ready to hunt grants and encourage local fund raising to enable the work to be carried out.

We will keep you informed as this project develops or please do contact me should you have any ideas for fund raising.

Advertising and IT

Our thanks goes to Hovis Scholey for all the work he has done this year to bring the website in house and to regularly update it. Linked to this was the introduction of 'What's On' which goes out to all members every month to advertise all that is happening. Our thanks go to Laura Ward for the regular articles in the Craven Herald and Parish Magazines and the effective use of social media that has really allowed us to get information out there. New notice boards inside and outside the building allow better use of traditional posters.

We have been delighted to welcome Joshua Tywang as a volunteer at GDI as he completes his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award with us. From his turn as an Elf in charge of snowballing to learning how to wind the clock his service has been much appreciated.

I cannot pretend it has been an easy year but the constant encouragement from so many in the village has kept us going. Comments such as those below show how important the facilities are:

‘It is the place which holds our community together’

‘Coming here is inspirational and helps me with socialising’

‘It gives me a place to relax and helps with my mental well-being’

So that was last year, but I wonder what we will be saying in twelve months! I ask you to be part of the story in whatever way you can. Come and help at events, become a trustee, help us fundraise – there is something for everyone. It is your town hall!

Hazel Drew

Chair of Trustees

Grassington Devonshire Institute Treasurer's Report

Date: Tuesday, 9 July 2024

Opening Balances	1 January 2023		
Santander		£	11,037.45
Barclays Community Account		£	13,767.50
Skipton Building Society		£	70,150.89
Cash		£	155.00
Total Funds	1 January 2023	**£**	**95,110.84**

Income to date

Account Description		Credit
Donations	£	13,649.31
GDI Events - bar	£	1,886.89
GDI Events - other	£	4,824.33
Gift Aid	£	1,214.86
GDI Events - door	£	5,941.56
Grants	£	9,450.00
Investment Income	£	1,444.41
Membership Subscriptions	£	7,146.00
Miscellaneous	£	150.98
Room Hire	£	30,992.50
Grand Total	**£**	**76,700.84**

Expenditure

Account Description		Debit
Advertising	£	70.00
Bar Equipment	£	259.29
Bar Stock	£	994.45
Council Tax & Waste	£	1,025.49
Donations	£	100.00
Electricity	£	4,195.28
Employment	£	21,425.87
Fire Safety	£	190.80
Gas	£	14,072.98
GDI Events	£	5,430.45
Insurance	£	716.51
Licences	£	836.00
Lucky Dip Payout	£	600.00
Maintenance & Repairs	£	5,871.30
Miscellaneous	£	769.92
Office Expenses	£	194.54
Professional Fees	£	8,447.40
Projects	£	5,047.57
Sundries & Consumables	£	1,251.15
Telephone & Internet	£	512.62
Water	£	1,258.56
Website	£	540.72
Grand Total	**£**	**73,810.90**

Surplus/Loss to date	9 July 2024	**£**	**2,889.94**
Funds at	9 July 2024	**£**	**98,000.78**

Bank Balances as of 9 July 2024

Santander	£	89,694.13
Barclays	£	7,813.50
Skipton Building Society	£	-
Cash	£	493.15
	£	**98,000.78**

Others

Long Term Liabilities	Event deposits	£	550.00
Reserves & Ringfenced Funds		£	59,406.79
Total Restricted Funds		**£**	**59,956.79**
Available Unrestricted Funds		**£**	**38,043.99**

Andy Thornton - Hon. Treasurer
Grassington Devonshire Institute
48 Main Street
Grassington
North Yorkshire
BD23 5AA
Registered Charity Number : 1185815

Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Receipts	(1)	76,701	64,678
Payments			
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	68,234	90,661
Other expenditure	(3)	5,577	6,617
		73,811	97,278
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		2,890	(32,600)
Add Cash funds at beginning of year		95,110	127,710
Cash funds at the end of year		98,000	95,110

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Santander current account	89,694	11,037
Membership and Lucky Dip account (Barclays)	7,814	13,767
Skipton Building Society account	-	70,151
Cash		55
Cash float	492	100
	98,000	95,110
Debtor: Hall Hire	693	1,397
	98,693	96,507
Creditors	-550	-
	98,143	96,507

Approved on : Friday, 22nd March 2024 by :

H Drew, Chairperson
For and on behalf of the Trustees

A Thornton
Treasurer

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

(1) Analysis of Receipts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	13,649	4,289
Grants	9,450	15,726
Rent of Hall		
Local Organisations	29,510	28,253
Weddings	1,450	3,500
Membership and Lucky Dip account	7,146	6,132
Fundraisers including refreshments	12,686	4,789
Investment income	1,444	423
Other receipts	151	553
Gift Aid	1,215	834
Refunds		179
	76,701	64,678

(2) Analysis of Direct Charitable Expenditure

Repairs and maintenance	3,154	5,066
Light and Heat		
Electricity	4,195	5,330
Gas	14,073	8,665
Water	1,259	997
Caretaking staff costs	21,426	20,123
Trade waste	435	414
Licences, fees and insurance	10,000	4,093
Event fees	7,454	2,813
Rates	590	435
Projects	5,048	41,232
Refunds		943
Lucky Dip Payments	600	550
	68,234	90,661

(3) Other Expediture

Stationery	544	656
Telephone & Wi-Fi	513	2,813
Purchase and replacement of equipment	2,908	1,893
Advertising/photocopying	191	-
Miscellaneous expenses	1,321	805
Donation	100	450
	5,577	6,617

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

(4) Non-monetary assets

Ownership of the Grassington Devonshire Institute (the Town Hall) is vested in Grassington Parish Council. The Parish Council allows the Trustees to operate the building and to take responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and for the upkeep, renewal and improvement of all the facilities therein. Under the current terms of the agreement with the Parish Council all furniture and equipment purchased by the trustees for use in the building becomes the property of the Parish Council. The trustees therefore have no non-monetary assets.

(5) Reconciliation of Income

	2023 £
Donations	13,649.31
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Grants	9,450.00
Investment Income	1,444.41
Membership Subscriptions	7,146.00
Miscellaneous	150.98
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GDI Events - bar	1,886.89
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Per Accounts	76,700.84

(6) Reconciliation of Expenditure

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Insurance	716.51
Licences	836
Lucky Dip Payout	600
Maintenance & Repairs	5,871.30
Miscellaneous	769.92
Office Expenses	194.54
Professional Fees	8,447.40
Projects	5,047.57
Sundries & Consumables	1,251.15
Telephone & Internet	512.62
Water	1,258.56
Website	540.72
Advertising	70
Bar Stock	994.45
Bar Equipment	259.29
	73,810.90

Per Accounts

	2023 £
Direct charitable expenditure	68,234
Other Expenditure	5,577
	73,811

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grassington Devonshire Institute

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 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:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or;
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 22 March 2024

A C Walker

Andrew Walker BSc FCCA
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GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

England & Wales - Charity number 1185815

Accounts

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Charity no. 1185815)

Annual Report for 2021

Legal and administrative details

The objectives of the Institute are laid down in paragraph 3 of the constitution. They are to 'manage and control the Town Hall at Grassington' and 'to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation of the inhabitants of Grassington and its immediate neighbourhood with a view to improving their conditions of life'.

Address of the Institute	The 'Town Hall' 48 Main Street Grassington North Yorkshire BD23 5AA	Telephone (Caretaker) 01756 752637
Chairman	David Wood Browfield, Raines Lane Grassington BD23 5NJ	01756 751801
Treasurer	Miss Penny Clover Four Leaves Cottage Grass Wood Lane Grassington BD23 5DF	01756 229254
Independent Examiner	Andrew Walker Arthur E. Walker & Co. 6 Water Street Skipton BD23 1PB	01756 799577
Trustees	Mrs H Barton (Deputy Chair) Mr B Doyle Mrs M Field Mr N Fielden Mr S Parry Mrs J Slater Ms A Clover (Co-opted)	

	Trustees are formally elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is held each year before the end of April, details of which are communicated directly to members, or co-opted during the year.
Changes to the Trustees during 2021	**Resignations** – None **Additions** – Mr N Fielden (elected April 2021); Ms A Clover (co-opted December 2021)

Trustees' responsibilities

The 'Town Hall' is the property of the people of Grassington. Ownership is vested in the Parish Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of the exterior and for the insurance of the building. The Council, in turn, has a long-standing agreement which allows the Grassington Devonshire Institute, a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' and registered charity, to take responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and for the upkeep, renewal and improvement of all of the facilities therein. The Institute also pays the care-taking, heating and lighting costs.

The facilities include a main hall, capable of accommodating 300 people. The hall is large enough to be used for activities such as badminton, indoor bowling and children's roller skating, as well as providing an auditorium for theatrical and musical events. It has a raised stage with sound and lighting equipment, which is continually updated. An octagonal theatre/lecture room, known as 'the Octagon', was added in 1998, seating up to 87 people, also with sound and lighting equipment. Equipped with banked seating, the room is ideal for large meetings as well as theatrical and musical events. There are two dressing rooms, two smaller meeting rooms, a kitchen and a snooker room. There is also access to the Parish Council-owned playground. The foyer is host to a purpose-built and fully-licensed bar, which is used for specific events during the year. An area to the rear of the building, formerly used as a Playschool, is currently being converted into a new Caretaker's flat. This conversion will free up space at the front, ground floor elevation of the original building, the use of which will be determined during 2022.

The Institute is responsible for fulfilling the objectives set out in the opening paragraph of this report and for complying with statutory requirements and local regulations. In order to meet the considerable cost of this, in excess of £35k per annum, the Institute raises funds via four principal methods:-

1. Regular community events such as the summer Festival and 40's weekends.
2. Sub-letting the premises to commercial organisations for various purposes at higher rentals than are charged to local people, clubs and non-profit-making bodies who are the beneficiaries of the charity.
3. Other events organised and run by the Trustees and volunteers.
4. A membership subscription scheme.

Other amounts are raised by fees for the use of the snooker table, table tennis tables, indoor bowls, badminton equipment, dance and fitness classes and sales of refreshments to people attending events organised by hirers of the hall.

The funds thus raised enable the Institute to provide accommodation and facilities to local people at reduced prices, effectively subsidising these activities from funds raised from events and corporate/commercial use of the Institute. This encourages use by many local groups for a variety of social, artistic and sporting activities, as well as individual bookings for private functions. The main hall is used for the village pantomime, amateur dramatics, musical

events, the 40's weekend, Wharfedale Beer Festival and is now the main venue for the Grassington Festival. The Trustees regard service to the community as being of the utmost importance; fund-raising is extremely important, but only as a means to an end.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to hold a financial reserve equivalent to one half of the annual costs of running the Institute.

Restricted or Designated Funds

The Trustees can confirm that none of the Institute's funds are restricted or designated.

David Wood
Chair of Trustees
March 2022

Chairman's report

It has been my pleasure and privilege to continue to serve as Chair for the past 12 months. I have been well-supported by the Institute's Trustees, pre-existing and new, and it is clear that they, together with the many village organisations and volunteers, take tremendous pride in providing an amenity, the 'Town Hall', which is so cherished within our local community.

Trustees make a huge contribution to the work of the Institute and I was delighted to welcome Nic Fielden to our Trustee group, following his election by members in April 2021 and, in December 2021, Mandy Clover, who was co-opted by the Trustees. I am hugely grateful to Penny Clover, who has continued in the Treasurer's role, without remuneration. Each of the current Trustees has willingly taken on more work, over the past 12 months, in order to progress schemes and improve facilities at the Town Hall for the community.

As a charity, the Town Hall relies heavily on its volunteers, members and customers to ensure that it continues to be an important community focal point and I thank all of them, plus our Caretaker, Derrick Lee, for his continuing efforts and contribution. Our Assistant Caretaker, Richard Lee, retired at the end of September and we were delighted to appoint Peter Earl, as his replacement, in October 2021. We wish Richard all the very best in his retirement and have welcomed Peter into the Town Hall fold.

Whilst 2021 was predicted to be a more productive year than 2020, in reality it was another of covid-related uncertainty and restriction. Five scheduled screenings were cancelled, leaving only seven fund-raising events for the charity throughout the whole of 2021. With only a booking from the 'All Creatures Great and Small' team, the building remained closed until 17th May and there was further bad news in that the summer Festival, autumn Beer Festival and 'Dickensian Festival' would not take place in 2021. Relatively few of our 'regular' user groups returned, but we were delighted that some did so during the second half of the year.

In April 2021, we held the inaugural meeting of the new 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO) and formally elected the Trustees. The meeting was conducted via 'Zoom' and, incredibly, almost 50 members participated in the meeting. This met the condition imposed by the Charity Commission in October 2019, to ensure that an AGM be held within a period of 18 months following the establishment of the new CIO.

Work continued during the year, to repair and improve the facilities at the Town Hall. Following receipt of a grant from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, we were able to carry out electrical work in the Games Room and to install a wifi-enabled giant screen, which we felt would enhance the use of the room to include teaching and visual, inter-active presentations. We were delighted to be able to dedicate the room to the memory of Dr Andrew Jackson and to re-name the facility 'The Jackson Room'.

Fig 1 shows the newly-refurbished 'Jackson Room', complete with its giant, wifi-enabled, inter-active screen. The room is set out in a format which works well for formal meetings and educational sessions, but it retains its flexibility for its regular users.

Whilst sounding perverse, covid was a God-send for the charity as Government grants and the furlough scheme continued into 2021 to ensure the Town Hall remained afloat financially. Trustees and the small team of volunteers continued to work on a range of schemes and planning consent was received to develop a new Caretaker's Flat in the space previously occupied by the Dales Playschool. Having submitted a bid for funding, we were thrilled to receive £20,000, from the 'Power to Change' fund, to make good the shortfall in the Jackson Room development, develop the Caretaker's Flat and contribute something towards the design and re-development of the front ground floor elevation of the building.

Receipt of this significant grant allowed the Trustees to assign funds to a small improvement to the Snooker Room, in which new lighting and curtains have been installed, a new loft ladder introduced in the clock room above, for safety reasons and an allowance to be made for new floor coverings in due course. The return to a 1930's style room may well make us more attractive to the 'All Creatures…' team, should they return to Grassington to film a future series!

Fig 2 shows the new 'Tiffany-style' lighting and new curtains in the Snooker Room. All the pre-existing clutter has been removed and the room now offers 'Crucible-like' facilities for those who enjoy the game!

Work continued on the Caretaker's flat up to year end, with utilities and first fix trades work completed and room sizes now clearly defined. It is hoped to complete the work during early 2022, which will allow the current Caretaker, Derrick Lee, to move out of the 'old' flat at the front of the building, thus allowing us to progress with plans for re-development and new use.

Trustees initiated a project with Jason Smith, a Trustee at Glusburn Institute, to put together a new website for the GDI. We have been indebted to Andrew Wilson, our former Chair, for all the effort he has made, despite his having moved to the south of the country, to maintain and, where

possible, improve our existing website over the past 5 years. We anticipate 'going live' with the new website in the early part of 2022.

Once again, prudent financial management meant that the GDI was able to survive the closure of facilities and deliver the repairs and improvements previously mentioned. Eight formal applications, for grant funding or donations, were submitted during the year, including to funds set up by the Government and administered by Craven District Council, to support village halls during lockdown and beyond. Of the eight, seven were successful by year end, attracting one-off income of £50,000. We are indebted to the following organisations for their contributions:-

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Craven District Council (Councillor Richard Foster)
HM Government (via Craven District Council)
Power to Change

The Town Hall's Caretakers spent much of the first five months of the year on furlough, with the Institute topping up their salaries to 100% of normal earnings in January, 90% in February and March, and reducing to the national level of 80% for the final few weeks of closure. 80% of normal salary was claimed from the Government's Job Retention Scheme throughout this period.

Following discussion with and permission of Grassington Parish Council, in August, GDI launched a voluntary donation scheme for parking at the Town Hall car park on Moor Lane. The scheme was based, initially, on donations made via mobile phone to a text number, provided by 'DonR'. This initiative provided some welcome additional funds to support the repair and improvement plans during the year.

Fig. 3. Notices for the new voluntary donation scheme for the Town Hall car park appeared in August 2021, after a working party of Caretakers, Trustees and volunteers had removed all of the low-hanging branches from the boundary areas. This was a 12 months' scheme, operated by GDI with permission from Grassington Parish Council. All proceeds go to GDI for the upkeep of the building.

The business plan (2020-2023), adopted and published online in early 2021, continued to set out a clear direction of travel for the charity and its Trustees. Several commitments to improvement schemes have been made, including in relation to audio-visual equipment, building access control and internal CCTV and the main kitchen and we expect these will progress even in the absence of any externally-generated income.

In August, we reached the anniversary of the launch of our 'Membership Scheme' and were delighted that 124 of the first year's members chose to renew. In addition, we were joined by another 56 people in 2021. The subscription rate was retained at the 2020 level (i.e. £24 per annum) and we were able, once again, to seek 'Gift Aid' on these subscriptions and other personal

donations. Several newsletters were issued during 2021, all of which were emailed to members directly and, in some cases, postal distribution was used.

In September, the Town Hall played host to a terrific, world amateur premiere of 'Calendar Girls – The Musical', which was staged by our friends from Grassington Players. Despite the spectre of covid, almost every night was a sell-out which was fantastic to see. The performances really brought some focus on the story and of course the Players, but media coverage will have done the Town Hall and Grassington in general no harm.

We were pleased, in November, to meet up once again with three members of Grassington Parish Council, to discuss how a partnership agreement could be developed to repair, maintain and develop the Town Hall for the continued enjoyment of the community. The discussion was positive and agreement was reached for a full meeting of Councillors and Trustees to take place in early 2022. A project to repair the roof above the main foyer was initiated by the GDI and, following some detailed work by Councillor Egan, we were delighted that the Council allocated funds to undertake the work.

Also in November, we delivered 1,000 'What's On?' brochures to local residents, setting out the events taking place at the Town Hall up to May 2022 and including details of the events of many of the Town Hall's user groups.

Our largest, GDI-organised event of 2021 was the Christmas Concert by the City of Bradford Brass Band. The concert was held in accordance with covid guidelines, which required the audience and volunteers to wear face coverings throughout their time in the building. Despite this, a good audience attended for what has become a staple event in our calendar, raising valuable funds for the charity.

Fig 4 shows the Main Hall filling up for our biggest GDI-organised event of the year – the Christmas Concert by the City of Bradford Brass Band, held on 19th December. Covid regulations were in place but the 100+ people attending all enjoyed the show.

Our booking system has continued to be developed and we have reviewed and published our 'terms and conditions of hire' and 'rates of hire' documents. The new booking system, conditions of hire and rates for hire remained in the reliable hands of 'Team B', again a Trustee-led team of

local volunteers which has converted the system from an entirely paper-based process to one which now allows any potential 'hirer' to check availability online before booking.

Financially, the GDI ended the year in a very strong financial position, thanks in great part, to a variety of covid-related grants from central Government via Craven District Council and the initiative-specific grants from the 'Power to Change' fund, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's 'Sustainable Development Fund' and Craven District Council's 'Ward Members' Fund' (thanks to Councillor Richard Foster for his support). At the end of December, an application was made to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' fund, for an equipment upgrade for our live screening activities.

At the end of the year, the GDI's gas supplier went bust and we were allocated another provider. Unfortunately, the change of supplier also increased prices by c150% hence it was a real shock to receive bills totalling over £2,000 for the final few weeks of the year.

Bookings for 2022 are very strong with an unusually high number of wedding celebrations taking place on the premises. An application has been made to gain a licence for secular wedding ceremonies to take place at the Town Hall and this may offer added incentives to couples and their families to celebrate the entirety of their special days with us. Trustees are determined to create an appealing, well-equipped and competitively-priced facility for individuals and groups which will see the Town Hall retain its position at the very centre of the community.

David Wood
Chair of Trustees
March 2022.

Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Receipts	(1)	64,678	88,761
Payments			
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	90,661	51,083
Other expenditure	(3)	6,617	5,707
		97,278	56,790
Net (payments)/receipts for the year		(32,600)	31,971
Add Cash funds at beginning of year		127,710	95,739
Cash funds at the end of year		95,110	127,710

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
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	96,507	128,401
Creditors	-	-
	96,507	128,401

Approved on 3 March 2023 by:

Approved by email
D Wood, Chairman
For and on behalf of the Trustees

Approved by email
P Clover
Treasurer

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

(1) Analysis of Receipts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	4,289	1,073
Grants	15,726	50,318
Rent of Hall		
Local Organisations	28,253	16,707
Wedddings	3,500	-
Membership and Lucky Dip account	6,132	4,426
Fundraisers including refreshments	4,789	7,501
Investment income	423	40
Other receipts	553	716
Gift Aid	834	-
Coronavirus Job Retention scheme	-	5,470
Refunds	179	2,510
	64,678	88,761

(2) Analysis of Direct Charitable Expenditure

Repairs and maintenance	5,066	5,669
Light and Heat		
Electricity	5,330	2,036
Gas	8,665	2,602
Water	997	901
Caretaking staff costs	20,123	18,634
Trade waste	414	410
Licences, fees and insurance	4,093	2,314
Event fees	2,813	4,040
Rates	435	222
Projects	41,232	13,133
Refunds	943	522
Lucky Dip Payments	550	600
	90,661	51,083

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

	2022	2021
	£	£
(3) Other expenditure		
Stationery	656	-
Telephone & WiFi	2,813	822
Purchase and replacement of equipment	1,893	2,935
Consumables	-	410
Advertising/photocopying	-	1,054
Contribution	-	-
Commitment	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	805	186
Donation	450	300
	6,617	5,707

(4) Non-monetary assets

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GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Date: 6 March 2023

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Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Receipts	(1)	64,678	88,761
Payments			
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	90,661	51,083
Other expenditure	(3)	6,617	5,707
		97,278	56,790
Net (payments)/receipts for the year		(32,600)	31,971
Add Cash funds at beginning of year		127,710	95,739
Cash funds at the end of year		95,110	127,710

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Santander current account	11,037	39,642
Membership and Lucky Dip account (Barclays)	13,767	8,185
Skipton Building Society account	70,151	79,728
Cash	55	55
Cash float	100	100
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Debtor: Hall Hire	1,397	691
	96,507	128,401
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GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

England & Wales - Charity number 1185815

Accounts

GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Charity no. 1185815)

Annual Report for 2021

Legal and administrative details

The objectives of the Institute are laid down in paragraph 3 of the constitution. They are to 'manage and control the Town Hall at Grassington' and 'to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation of the inhabitants of Grassington and its immediate neighbourhood with a view to improving their conditions of life'.

Address of the Institute	The 'Town Hall' 48 Main Street Grassington North Yorkshire BD23 5AA	Telephone (Caretaker) 01756 752637
Chairman	David Wood Browfield, Raines Lane Grassington BD23 5NJ	01756 751801
Treasurer	Miss Penny Clover Four Leaves Cottage Grass Wood Lane Grassington BD23 5DF	01756 229254
Independent Examiner	Andrew Walker Arthur E. Walker & Co. 6 Water Street Skipton BD23 1PB	01756 799577
Trustees	Mrs H Barton (Deputy Chair) Mr B Doyle Mrs M Field Mr N Fielden Mr S Parry Mrs J Slater Ms A Clover (Co-opted)	

	Trustees are formally elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is held each year before the end of April, details of which are communicated directly to members, or co-opted during the year.
Changes to the Trustees during 2021	**Resignations** – None **Additions** – Mr N Fielden (elected April 2021); Ms A Clover (co-opted December 2021)

Trustees' responsibilities

The 'Town Hall' is the property of the people of Grassington. Ownership is vested in the Parish Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of the exterior and for the insurance of the building. The Council, in turn, has a long-standing agreement which allows the Grassington Devonshire Institute, a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' and registered charity, to take responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and for the upkeep, renewal and improvement of all of the facilities therein. The Institute also pays the care-taking, heating and lighting costs.

The facilities include a main hall, capable of accommodating 300 people. The hall is large enough to be used for activities such as badminton, indoor bowling and children's roller skating, as well as providing an auditorium for theatrical and musical events. It has a raised stage with sound and lighting equipment, which is continually updated. An octagonal theatre/lecture room, known as 'the Octagon', was added in 1998, seating up to 87 people, also with sound and lighting equipment. Equipped with banked seating, the room is ideal for large meetings as well as theatrical and musical events. There are two dressing rooms, two smaller meeting rooms, a kitchen and a snooker room. There is also access to the Parish Council-owned playground. The foyer is host to a purpose-built and fully-licensed bar, which is used for specific events during the year. An area to the rear of the building, formerly used as a Playschool, is currently being converted into a new Caretaker's flat. This conversion will free up space at the front, ground floor elevation of the original building, the use of which will be determined during 2022.

The Institute is responsible for fulfilling the objectives set out in the opening paragraph of this report and for complying with statutory requirements and local regulations. In order to meet the considerable cost of this, in excess of £35k per annum, the Institute raises funds via four principal methods:-

1. Regular community events such as the summer Festival and 40's weekends.
2. Sub-letting the premises to commercial organisations for various purposes at higher rentals than are charged to local people, clubs and non-profit-making bodies who are the beneficiaries of the charity.
3. Other events organised and run by the Trustees and volunteers.
4. A membership subscription scheme.

Other amounts are raised by fees for the use of the snooker table, table tennis tables, indoor bowls, badminton equipment, dance and fitness classes and sales of refreshments to people attending events organised by hirers of the hall.

The funds thus raised enable the Institute to provide accommodation and facilities to local people at reduced prices, effectively subsidising these activities from funds raised from events and corporate/commercial use of the Institute. This encourages use by many local groups for a variety of social, artistic and sporting activities, as well as individual bookings for private functions. The main hall is used for the village pantomime, amateur dramatics, musical

events, the 40's weekend, Wharfedale Beer Festival and is now the main venue for the Grassington Festival. The Trustees regard service to the community as being of the utmost importance; fund-raising is extremely important, but only as a means to an end.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to hold a financial reserve equivalent to one half of the annual costs of running the Institute.

Restricted or Designated Funds

The Trustees can confirm that none of the Institute's funds are restricted or designated.

David Wood
Chair of Trustees
March 2022

Chairman's report

It has been my pleasure and privilege to continue to serve as Chair for the past 12 months. I have been well-supported by the Institute's Trustees, pre-existing and new, and it is clear that they, together with the many village organisations and volunteers, take tremendous pride in providing an amenity, the 'Town Hall', which is so cherished within our local community.

Trustees make a huge contribution to the work of the Institute and I was delighted to welcome Nic Fielden to our Trustee group, following his election by members in April 2021 and, in December 2021, Mandy Clover, who was co-opted by the Trustees. I am hugely grateful to Penny Clover, who has continued in the Treasurer's role, without remuneration. Each of the current Trustees has willingly taken on more work, over the past 12 months, in order to progress schemes and improve facilities at the Town Hall for the community.

As a charity, the Town Hall relies heavily on its volunteers, members and customers to ensure that it continues to be an important community focal point and I thank all of them, plus our Caretaker, Derrick Lee, for his continuing efforts and contribution. Our Assistant Caretaker, Richard Lee, retired at the end of September and we were delighted to appoint Peter Earl, as his replacement, in October 2021. We wish Richard all the very best in his retirement and have welcomed Peter into the Town Hall fold.

Whilst 2021 was predicted to be a more productive year than 2020, in reality it was another of covid-related uncertainty and restriction. Five scheduled screenings were cancelled, leaving only seven fund-raising events for the charity throughout the whole of 2021. With only a booking from the 'All Creatures Great and Small' team, the building remained closed until 17th May and there was further bad news in that the summer Festival, autumn Beer Festival and 'Dickensian Festival' would not take place in 2021. Relatively few of our 'regular' user groups returned, but we were delighted that some did so during the second half of the year.

In April 2021, we held the inaugural meeting of the new 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO) and formally elected the Trustees. The meeting was conducted via 'Zoom' and, incredibly, almost 50 members participated in the meeting. This met the condition imposed by the Charity Commission in October 2019, to ensure that an AGM be held within a period of 18 months following the establishment of the new CIO.

Work continued during the year, to repair and improve the facilities at the Town Hall. Following receipt of a grant from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, we were able to carry out electrical work in the Games Room and to install a wifi-enabled giant screen, which we felt would enhance the use of the room to include teaching and visual, inter-active presentations. We were delighted to be able to dedicate the room to the memory of Dr Andrew Jackson and to re-name the facility 'The Jackson Room'.

Fig 1 shows the newly-refurbished 'Jackson Room', complete with its giant, wifi-enabled, inter-active screen. The room is set out in a format which works well for formal meetings and educational sessions, but it retains its flexibility for its regular users.

Whilst sounding perverse, covid was a God-send for the charity as Government grants and the furlough scheme continued into 2021 to ensure the Town Hall remained afloat financially. Trustees and the small team of volunteers continued to work on a range of schemes and planning consent was received to develop a new Caretaker's Flat in the space previously occupied by the Dales Playschool. Having submitted a bid for funding, we were thrilled to receive £20,000, from the 'Power to Change' fund, to make good the shortfall in the Jackson Room development, develop the Caretaker's Flat and contribute something towards the design and re-development of the front ground floor elevation of the building.

Receipt of this significant grant allowed the Trustees to assign funds to a small improvement to the Snooker Room, in which new lighting and curtains have been installed, a new loft ladder introduced in the clock room above, for safety reasons and an allowance to be made for new floor coverings in due course. The return to a 1930's style room may well make us more attractive to the 'All Creatures…' team, should they return to Grassington to film a future series!

Fig 2 shows the new 'Tiffany-style' lighting and new curtains in the Snooker Room. All the pre-existing clutter has been removed and the room now offers 'Crucible-like' facilities for those who enjoy the game!

Work continued on the Caretaker's flat up to year end, with utilities and first fix trades work completed and room sizes now clearly defined. It is hoped to complete the work during early 2022, which will allow the current Caretaker, Derrick Lee, to move out of the 'old' flat at the front of the building, thus allowing us to progress with plans for re-development and new use.

Trustees initiated a project with Jason Smith, a Trustee at Glusburn Institute, to put together a new website for the GDI. We have been indebted to Andrew Wilson, our former Chair, for all the effort he has made, despite his having moved to the south of the country, to maintain and, where

possible, improve our existing website over the past 5 years. We anticipate 'going live' with the new website in the early part of 2022.

Once again, prudent financial management meant that the GDI was able to survive the closure of facilities and deliver the repairs and improvements previously mentioned. Eight formal applications, for grant funding or donations, were submitted during the year, including to funds set up by the Government and administered by Craven District Council, to support village halls during lockdown and beyond. Of the eight, seven were successful by year end, attracting one-off income of £50,000. We are indebted to the following organisations for their contributions:-

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Craven District Council (Councillor Richard Foster)
HM Government (via Craven District Council)
Power to Change

The Town Hall's Caretakers spent much of the first five months of the year on furlough, with the Institute topping up their salaries to 100% of normal earnings in January, 90% in February and March, and reducing to the national level of 80% for the final few weeks of closure. 80% of normal salary was claimed from the Government's Job Retention Scheme throughout this period.

Following discussion with and permission of Grassington Parish Council, in August, GDI launched a voluntary donation scheme for parking at the Town Hall car park on Moor Lane. The scheme was based, initially, on donations made via mobile phone to a text number, provided by 'DonR'. This initiative provided some welcome additional funds to support the repair and improvement plans during the year.

Fig. 3. Notices for the new voluntary donation scheme for the Town Hall car park appeared in August 2021, after a working party of Caretakers, Trustees and volunteers had removed all of the low-hanging branches from the boundary areas. This was a 12 months' scheme, operated by GDI with permission from Grassington Parish Council. All proceeds go to GDI for the upkeep of the building.

The business plan (2020-2023), adopted and published online in early 2021, continued to set out a clear direction of travel for the charity and its Trustees. Several commitments to improvement schemes have been made, including in relation to audio-visual equipment, building access control and internal CCTV and the main kitchen and we expect these will progress even in the absence of any externally-generated income.

In August, we reached the anniversary of the launch of our 'Membership Scheme' and were delighted that 124 of the first year's members chose to renew. In addition, we were joined by another 56 people in 2021. The subscription rate was retained at the 2020 level (i.e. £24 per annum) and we were able, once again, to seek 'Gift Aid' on these subscriptions and other personal

donations. Several newsletters were issued during 2021, all of which were emailed to members directly and, in some cases, postal distribution was used.

In September, the Town Hall played host to a terrific, world amateur premiere of 'Calendar Girls – The Musical', which was staged by our friends from Grassington Players. Despite the spectre of covid, almost every night was a sell-out which was fantastic to see. The performances really brought some focus on the story and of course the Players, but media coverage will have done the Town Hall and Grassington in general no harm.

We were pleased, in November, to meet up once again with three members of Grassington Parish Council, to discuss how a partnership agreement could be developed to repair, maintain and develop the Town Hall for the continued enjoyment of the community. The discussion was positive and agreement was reached for a full meeting of Councillors and Trustees to take place in early 2022. A project to repair the roof above the main foyer was initiated by the GDI and, following some detailed work by Councillor Egan, we were delighted that the Council allocated funds to undertake the work.

Also in November, we delivered 1,000 'What's On?' brochures to local residents, setting out the events taking place at the Town Hall up to May 2022 and including details of the events of many of the Town Hall's user groups.

Our largest, GDI-organised event of 2021 was the Christmas Concert by the City of Bradford Brass Band. The concert was held in accordance with covid guidelines, which required the audience and volunteers to wear face coverings throughout their time in the building. Despite this, a good audience attended for what has become a staple event in our calendar, raising valuable funds for the charity.

Fig 4 shows the Main Hall filling up for our biggest GDI-organised event of the year – the Christmas Concert by the City of Bradford Brass Band, held on 19th December. Covid regulations were in place but the 100+ people attending all enjoyed the show.

Our booking system has continued to be developed and we have reviewed and published our 'terms and conditions of hire' and 'rates of hire' documents. The new booking system, conditions of hire and rates for hire remained in the reliable hands of 'Team B', again a Trustee-led team of

local volunteers which has converted the system from an entirely paper-based process to one which now allows any potential 'hirer' to check availability online before booking.

Financially, the GDI ended the year in a very strong financial position, thanks in great part, to a variety of covid-related grants from central Government via Craven District Council and the initiative-specific grants from the 'Power to Change' fund, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's 'Sustainable Development Fund' and Craven District Council's 'Ward Members' Fund' (thanks to Councillor Richard Foster for his support). At the end of December, an application was made to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' fund, for an equipment upgrade for our live screening activities.

At the end of the year, the GDI's gas supplier went bust and we were allocated another provider. Unfortunately, the change of supplier also increased prices by c150% hence it was a real shock to receive bills totalling over £2,000 for the final few weeks of the year.

Bookings for 2022 are very strong with an unusually high number of wedding celebrations taking place on the premises. An application has been made to gain a licence for secular wedding ceremonies to take place at the Town Hall and this may offer added incentives to couples and their families to celebrate the entirety of their special days with us. Trustees are determined to create an appealing, well-equipped and competitively-priced facility for individuals and groups which will see the Town Hall retain its position at the very centre of the community.

David Wood
Chair of Trustees
March 2022.

Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Receipts	(1)	88,761	68,912
Payments			
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	51,083	63,303
Other expenditure	(3)	5,707	13,621
		56,790	76,924
Net receipts/payments for the period		31,971	(8,012)
Add Cash funds transferred from unincorporated charity		-	103,751
		31,971	95,739
Add Cash funds at beginning of year		95,739	-
Cash funds at the end of year		127,710	95,739

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

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Debtor: Hall Hire	691	377
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Fundraisers including refreshments	7,501	8,651
Subscriptions	-	6
Institute activities	-	1,898
Investment income	40	256
Other receipts	716	677
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Coronavirus Job Retention scheme	5,470	10,149
Craven District Council rates refund	-	870
Refunds	2,510	-
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Stage Project	-	20,735
Repairs and maintenance	5,669	6,668
Light and Heat		
Electricity	2,036	2,571
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Water	901	981
Caretaking staff costs	18,634	19,249
Trade waste	410	1,205
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Dickensian costs	-	108
Event fees	4,040	4,552
Event stock	-	438
Rates	222	-
Projects	13,133	-
Refunds	522	-
Lucky Dip Payments	600	-
	51,083	63,303

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

	2021	2020
	£	£
(3) Other expenditure		
Stationery	-	386
Telephone & WiFi	822	718
Purchase and replacement of equipment	2,935	8,913
Consumables	410	939
Advertising/photocopying	1,054	1,115
Contribution	-	467
Commitment	-	1,000
Miscellaneous expenses	186	83
Donation	300	-
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Date: 25 February 2022

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Fundraisers including refreshments	7,501	8,651
Subscriptions	-	6
Institute activities	-	1,898
Investment income	40	256
Other receipts	716	677
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Coronavirus Job Retention scheme	5,470	10,149
Craven District Council rates refund	-	870
Refunds	2,510	-
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Gas	2,602	4,476
Water	901	981
Caretaking staff costs	18,634	19,249
Trade waste	410	1,205
Licences, fees and insurance	2,314	2,320
Dickensian costs	-	108
Event fees	4,040	4,552
Event stock	-	438
Rates	222	-
Projects	13,133	-
Refunds	522	-
Lucky Dip Payments	600	-
	51,083	63,303

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	2021	2020
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Purchase and replacement of equipment	2,935	8,913
Consumables	410	939
Advertising/photocopying	1,054	1,115
Contribution	-	467
Commitment	-	1,000
Miscellaneous expenses	186	83
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GRASSINGTON DEVONSHIRE INSTITUTE

England & Wales - Charity number 1185815

Accounts

Annual Report for 2020

Legal and administrative details

The objectives of the Institute are laid down in paragraph 3 of the constitution. They are to 'manage and control the Town Hall at Grassington' and 'to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation of the inhabitants of Grassington and its immediate neighbourhood with a view to improving their conditions of life'.

Address of the Institute	The 'Town Hall' 48 Main Street Grassington North Yorkshire BD23 5AA	Telephone (Caretaker) 01756 752637
Chairman	David Wood Browfield, Raines Lane Grassington BD23 5NJ	01756 751801
Treasurer	Miss Penny Clover Four Leaves Cottage Grass Wood Lane Grassington BD23 5DF	01756 229254
Independent Examiner	Andrew Walker Arthur E. Walker & Co. 6 Water Street Skipton BD23 1PB	01756 799577
Trustees	Mrs H Barton (Deputy Chair) Mr B Doyle Mrs M Field, Mr S Parry Mrs J Slater	

	Trustees are formally elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is held each year before the end of April, details of which are communicated directly to members, or co-opted during the year.
Changes to the Trustees during 2020	**Resignations** – Ms A Clover, Miss P Clover, Mr D Tierney Dr A Jackson **Additions** – Mr B Doyle (elected April 2020), Mr S Parry (co-opted February 2020 and elected April 2020)

Trustees' responsibilities

The 'Town Hall' is the property of the people of Grassington. Ownership is vested in the Parish Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of the exterior and for the insurance of the building. The Council, in turn, has a long-standing agreement which allows the Grassington Devonshire Institute, a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' and registered charity, to take responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and for the upkeep, renewal and improvement of all of the facilities therein. The Institute also pays the care-taking, heating and lighting costs.

The facilities include a main hall, capable of accommodating 300 people. The hall is large enough to be used for activities such as badminton, indoor bowling and children's roller skating, as well as providing an auditorium for theatrical and musical events. It has a raised stage with sound and lighting equipment, which is continually updated. An octagonal theatre/lecture room, known as 'the Octagon', was added in 1998, seating up to 100 people, also with sound and lighting equipment. Equipped with banked seating and recently-renewed seats, the room is ideal for large meetings as well as theatrical and musical events. There are two dressing rooms, two smaller meeting rooms, a kitchen and a snooker room. There is also access to the Parish Council-owned playground. The foyer is host to a purpose-built and fully-licensed bar, which is used for specific events during the year. An area to the rear of the building, formerly used as a Playschool, is intended for conversion to a new Caretaker's flat.

The Institute is responsible for fulfilling the objectives set out in the opening paragraph of this report and for complying with statutory requirements and local regulations. In order to meet the considerable cost of this, in excess of £35k per annum, the Institute raises funds via four principal methods:-

1. Regular events such as the 'Indoor Christmas Market, run in conjunction with the village's Dickensian Festival and 'staffed' by Trustees and volunteers.
2. Sub-letting the premises to commercial organisations for various purposes at higher rentals than are charged to local people, clubs and non-profit-making bodies who are the beneficiaries of the charity.
3. Other events organised and run by the Trustees and volunteers.
4. A membership subscription scheme.

Other amounts are raised by fees for the use of the snooker table, table tennis tables, indoor bowls, dance and fitness classes and sales of refreshments to people attending events organised by hirers of the hall.

The funds thus raised enable the Institute to provide accommodation and facilities to local people at reduced prices, effectively subsidising these activities from funds raised from events and corporate/commercial use of the Institute. This encourages use by many local groups for a variety of social, artistic and sporting activities, as well as individual bookings for private functions. The main hall is used for the village pantomime, amateur dramatics, musical

events, the 40's weekend, Wharfedale Beer Festival and is now the main venue for the Grassington Festival. The Trustees regard service to the community as being of the utmost importance; fund-raising is extremely important, but only as a means to an end.

In consideration of their legal duties and responsibilities, Trustees decided to make an application to the Charity Commission to transfer the status of the Institute from 'unincorporated charity' to 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation'. The transfer was approved on 15th October 2019 and Trustees transacted the necessary business and formally adopted the new constitution with effect from 1st January 2020. As such, this is the first annual report of the new organisation. The charity's name, 'Grassington Devonshire Institute', was formally adopted and carried forward by the new organisation.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to hold a financial reserve equivalent to one half of the annual costs of running the Institute.

Restricted or Designated Funds

The Trustees can confirm that none of the Institute's funds are restricted or designated.

David Wood
Chair of Trustees
March 2021

Chairman's report

It has been my pleasure and privilege to continue to serve as Chair for the past 12 months. I have been well-supported by the Institute's Trustees, pre-existing and new, and it is clear that they, together with the many village organisations and volunteers, take tremendous pride in providing an amenity, the 'Town Hall', which is so cherished within our local community.

Trustees make a huge contribution to the work of the Institute and I am indebted to the efforts of Mandy Clover, Penny Clover, the late Andrew Jackson and David Tierney, all of whom stood down as Trustees in 2020. I am hugely grateful to Penny Clover, who has continued in the Treasurer's role, without remuneration. Each of the current Trustees has willingly taken on more work, over the past 12 months, in order to progress schemes and improve facilities at the Town Hall for the community.

As a charity, the Town Hall relies heavily on its volunteers, members and customers to ensure that it continues to be an important community focal point and I thank all of them, plus our care-taking team of Derrick Lee and Richard Lee, for their continuing efforts and contributions.

2020 has been a difficult, yet strangely-productive year for the Town Hall. The coronavirus-related restrictions forced the closure of the building for 8 months of the year, which resulted in the loss of 11 GDI-organised events, as well as village events including Grassington Festival, the 40's Weekend and the Dickensian Festival. Added to this was the cancellation of the Wharfedale Beer Festival and the events and activities of many of our local charities and community groups. We were saddened at the permanent closure of the Dales Playschool, with which organisation we enjoyed a long and mutually-beneficial relationship. Despite all of this, huge efforts by volunteers and Trustees brought about a new-look, socially-distanced re-opening of the Main Hall, with the ballet 'Giselle' on 22nd October and further closure was followed up with a screened performance of 'The Nutcracker' on 10th December, both of which being well-supported by the community.

Fig 1 shows the Main Hall set out for 'Giselle' on 22nd October 2020. Social distancing measures were applied, initially using the Ticketsource system, and customers were shown to their seats. Refreshments were served to the customers in situ, by a fantastic team of volunteers.

Closure has enabled completion of a £20,000 repair and improvement scheme to the stage in the Main Hall, which also saw its curtains replaced and the whole space re-painted at a further cost

of £6,000. Donations by local organisations and individuals contributed significant and very welcome resources to the appeal fund. With the exception of the electrical work, the whole scheme was planned and executed by the Town Hall's 'Team 'M', a team of Trustee-led volunteers which continues its fabulous work throughout the Town Hall into 2021.

Fig 2 shows the work well underway to improve the safety and functionality of the stage in the Main Hall. A structural engineer's report had advised that the old gantry and plaster work to the rear wall was unsafe, hence the need for its removal. The hoists and winches were made redundant by the new scheme which installed new track for curtains and backcloths and fixed the new (mainly LED) lighting in place. The rear wall of the stage was cleared of plasterwork and the original stonework sealed and left on display from around 3 metres up to the ceiling.

Fig 3 shows the final stage set up. New stage curtains ('reds') completed the new look. The myriad of lighting options can be controlled through a new, 'stage-level' lighting desk.

Prudent financial management, by successive groups of Trustees over the past 10 years, meant that the GDI was able to survive the closure of facilities and deliver the repairs and improvements previously mentioned. Seven formal applications, for grant funding or donations, were submitted during the year, including to funds set up by the Government and administered by Craven District Council, to support village halls during lockdown and beyond. Of the seven, four were successful by year end, attracting one-off income of almost £30,000. We are indebted to the following organisations for their contributions:-

Linton Parish Council
Upper Wharfedale Field Society
Grassington Players
Several private individuals whose donations totalled over £3,000.

The Town Hall's Caretakers spent much of the year on furlough, with the Institute topping up their salaries to 100% of normal earnings from 1st June 2020. 80% of normal salary was claimed from the Government's Job Retention Scheme throughout the year.

Whilst a deficit for the year of £8,012 was recorded, this was considerably lower than forecast mid-year and is a remarkable achievement, given the expenditure, necessarily incurred on repair and improvement projects. It should be noted that the recurrent cost of secretarial and treasurer support was reduced to zero in 2020. The roles relinquished by the long-standing Secretary and Treasurer in 2019 were 'willingly' taken on by others and these responsibilities are now fulfilled entirely on a voluntary basis.

Financially, the GDI enters 2021 in good health; the business plan (2020-2023), published at the end of the year and offered to members for their comments, set out a clear direction of travel which will be the focus of the charity and its Trustees for the foreseeable future. With projects continuing in the absence of any self-generated income, a further deficit is likely for 2021 with the predicted shortfall being met, once again, from the Institute's reserves.

It was during the summer closure that a new 'Membership Scheme' was devised and launched. By year end, 132 local people had subscribed to the scheme, thus providing the potential for the Town Hall's work to be promoted much more widely than before. Several newsletters were produced during the year and these were emailed directly to subscribing members. We look forward to developing the scheme further in 2021 and to investigating the potential for a 'corporate membership' scheme, following interest expressed by local organisations.

Our booking system has continued to be developed and we have reviewed and published our 'terms and conditions of hire' and 'rates of hire' documents. We remain indebted to Andrew Wilson, a former Chair of the Institute, who has continued to manage our website from afar. All notes of the meetings of Trustees are published on the website, immediately after their verification at the following month's meeting. Our constitution and other key documents are published on our website www.grassingtondevonshireinstitute.org The new booking system, conditions of hire and rates for hire are now in the reliable hands of 'Team B', again a Trustee-led team of local volunteers which has converted the system from an entirely paper-based process to one which now allows any potential 'hirer' to check availability online before booking.

2020 saw a year of organisational change too. The Charity Commission's approval of our application for 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' status, in October 2019, meant the end of the unincorporated charity, originally established almost 60 years ago. The new legal rights of the 'CIO' allow the charity formally to employ staff and enter into contracts and leases as an 'entity', as opposed to a management committee comprising named individuals. All financial assets were transferred to the new 'CIO' and a new Constitution was developed and enacted from 1st January 2020. The Charity Commission asked the 'CIO' to ensure its proposed membership scheme was established and to conclude its discussions over a lease or other long-term interest in the Town Hall. It is disappointing to report that there remains no formal agreement with Grassington Parish Council over the lease or operating rights and responsibilities for the Town Hall, despite two meetings with Councillor representatives making progress during the late summer. There remains much to do if we are to develop an agreed understanding which will act as a safeguard for the

future of the Town Hall, but informal discussions regarding partnership working have produced some positivity early in the new year.

Grassington Devonshire Institute has now determined a new look, its brand for the future, which gives a much more modern look to the charity's documentation including event brochures, newsletters and formal correspondence. We are grateful to local volunteers, once again, who have worked with us to develop the logo and letterhead design.

2021 promises to be another turbulent year, especially so until the coronavirus vaccination campaign can deliver a significant impact on the spread of the virus throughout the country. Nevertheless, Trustees remain optimistic that the Town Hall will retain its position at the very centre of the community, providing facilities, activities and events for the education and enjoyment of local people and visitors alike.

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Grassington Devonshire Institute Registered Charity No 1185815
Receipts and Payments for the period 15 October 2019 to 31 December 2020

	Notes	£
Receipts	(1)	68,912
Payments		
Direct Charitable expenditure	(2)	63,303
Other expenditure	(3)	13,621
		76,924
Net Payments for the period		(8,012)
Add Cash funds transferred from unincorporated charity		103,751
Cash funds at 31 December 2020		95,739

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

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Santander current account	11,537
Membership and Lucky Dip account (Barclays)	4,359
Cash	55
Cash float	100
	95,739
Debtor: Ticket source	377
	96,116
Creditors	-
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Approved on 17 February 2021 by:

D Wood, Chairman
For and on behalf of the Trustees

P Clover
Treasurer

Grassington Devonshire Institute. Registered Charity Number: 1185815
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	£
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Grants	27,000
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Local Organisations	7,272
Other Rents	550
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Fundraisers including refreshments	8,651
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