



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From
March 2022

1 April 2021

To

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Charity name: Grindon Parish Hall

Charity registration number: 1187353

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>(i) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Thorpe Thewles and the surrounding district without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.</p> <p>(ii) to establish or secure the establishment of a community hall and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objects.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>At the beginning of the reporting period (1 April 2021) England was still under a COVID-19 Lockdown regime which prohibited almost all use of the hall. From late May 2021 various community groups started using the hall again, although some were not immediately financially viable and required support from the charity's resources initially. By the end of the reporting period hall usage had recovered significantly, but not to 2019 levels.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The trustees have taken account of the statement on public benefit during their decisions throughout the year. Where possible we have taken steps to support groups which generally serve the population of Thorpe Thewles and the surrounding area. Many of these groups have had problems maintaining their existence through a difficult period due to the long term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consideration has been given during the year to the introduction of a differential fee structure with lower fees for bookers who clearly meet the charitable objectives of the hall (the vast majority) from</p>

	those of a more commercial or less locally relevant activity. The Trustees and the Management Committee agreed that at the present time the market will not bear such a fee differential.
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Additional information

Contribution made by volunteers	The Hall relies substantially on the efforts of volunteers for its operation. Amongst the contributions volunteers make to the operation of the hall are financial, booking and other administrative support, laying out the hall for specific events, minor maintenance, grant applications, and opening and closing of the hall. Although a fully defensible figure is difficult to produce, it is estimated volunteers contribute in excess of 2 staff FTE.
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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	During the reporting period the primary achievement of the charity has been successful reopening of the hall once the situation permitted this. As the hall is the only truly public space in the village of Thorpe Thewles it provides a unique resource to allow the local population to socialise, and participate in a variety of educational, recreational activities as well as those promoting health and well-being. This is especially important for the many aging and often isolated residents of the village and surrounding area. (The village does have two public houses, but these are increasingly targeted at a relatively up market food trade for a broader geographical area and therefore limited in the support they give to our target beneficiaries).
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Additional information

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Because of the uncertain situation, in particular, closure of the hall due to COVID lockdowns, no specific objectives for fundraising were set during the reporting period. The focus was on utilising reserves and grants to ensure the hall could resume operation when conditions permitted, which was achieved.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The hall attempts to accumulate reserves to cover anticipated future maintenance and refurbishment costs and reasonably likely items of unforeseen expenditure (e.g uninsured roof damage). Reserves are also held against unanticipated drops in income so the hall can continue to be viable for one year without income. A formal reserves policy has now been drawn up.
Amount of reserves held	£20 000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	At the time of writing (November 2022) there is little concern about the viability of the hall for the immediate future. Booking levels indicate the hall is day-to-day financially viable, although this requires continued careful monitoring as income data for the first extended post-COVID financial period is obtained, and a clearer picture of ongoing energy costs emerges.

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Fees from hall bookings. Grants for specific purposes. COVID-19 Recovery Grants paid by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council on behalf of HM Government.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The principal risk facing the hall is that outstanding issues with the physical infrastructure of the hall (most notably the roof) will require expenditure beyond our reserves, grants and other monies which can be raised. A second major risk is that the Hall will be unable to recruit a new cohort of volunteers to replace those who have led the operation of the hall during the last few years, several of whom have moved away from the village and/or suffered health problems. A third risk is that increased heating costs will exceed the income from hiring out the hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the foundation model.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<p>The users of the hall and local residents form a management committee (elected annually). Members of the committee, and especially new members, are offered the opportunity to put themselves forward as Trustees. The Chairman of the committee is required to put themselves forward as a trustee.</p> <p>Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council can appoint a trustee.</p> <p>The Parochial Church Council of the Church of England Stockton Rural Parish can appoint a Trustee.</p> <p>Trustees take account of the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO in appointing new trustees.</p>

Additional information

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	All new trustees are provided with a copy of the CIO constitution on appointment.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The trustees oversee the policy and strategy of the hall. They have approved a set of Standing Rules for the Management Committee which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Hall. The Hall is a member of the Tees Valley Village Hall Network, and Trustees attend meetings of the network, attend training events, and provide speakers on occasions.
Relationship with any related parties	As noted above, the Hall is a member of the Tees Valley Village Halls Network. Financial Transaction are confined to the payment by Grindon Parish Hall of its membership fee. The Network provides advertising for the hall on its web site, and advice and training to support the operation of the Hall.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grindon Parish Hall
Other name the charity uses	N/A

Registered charity number	1187353
Charity's principal address	GRINDON PARISH HALL DURHAM ROAD THORPE THEWLES STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 3JN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Tait	Chair		
2	Carole Sharkey			
3	Phillipa Cooper	Secretary		
4	Lynne Williams			
5	Claire Gibbs		28 June 2021-31 March 2022	The Parochial Church Council of the Church of England Stockton Rural Parish

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Declarations

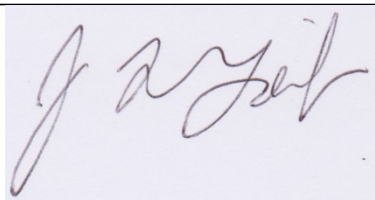
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) John Irving Tait

John Irving Tait	
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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

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Date

17 January 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Grindon Parish Hall of Grindon Parish Hall ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022.
Charity Number 1187353

1. Responsibility

As the charity, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(1)(b) of the Act.

2. 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 give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

3. Professional Fee

The examination has been provided on a fee basis as detailed in the accounts.

Signed:

Joseph Greer FCA
61 Cleveland Avenue
Darlington
DL2 7HF

Date: 1st November 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Grindon Parish Hall ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022

1. Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

2. 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:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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3. Professional Fee

The examination has been provided on a fee basis as detailed in the accounts.

Signed:

Joseph Deane FCA
61 Cleveland Avenue
Darlington
DL3 7HF

Date: 2nd November 2022

Grindon Parish Hall
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Receipts		
Room Hire	3,477.25	210.00
Covid Support	10,000.00	10,603.21
Donations	170.00	100.00
Other	476.23	-
Grant	-	143,229.60
Refund	-	-
	14,123.48	154,142.81
Payments		
Water	120.50	390.00
Gas and Electric	570.72	981.28
Telephone	437.22	273.93
Insurance	798.03	719.52
PRS Licence	161.27	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,475.98	2,741.60
Stationery and Consumables	1,679.32	553.99
Solicitors Fees	-	1,313.08
Cleaning	550.00	-
Audit	75.00	75.00
	5,868.04	7,048.40
Surplus (Deficit) for the Period	8,255.44	147,094.41
Depreciation for the period	-	-
Surplus (Deficit) for the year to 31st March 2022	8,255.44	147,094.41

Grindon Parish Hall

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Balance brought forward	151,516.94	-
Purchased in the year	3,114.04	151,516.94
Depreciation	-	-
	<u>154,630.98</u>	<u>151,516.94</u>
Current Assets		
Stock	-	-
Debtors	-	-
Bank Current Account	22,745.87	17,529.47
	<u>22,745.87</u>	<u>17,529.47</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	150.00	75.00
	<u>150.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>22,595.87</u>	<u>17,454.47</u>
Net Assets	<u>177,226.85</u>	<u>168,971.41</u>
Which represents:		
Balance brought forward	168,971.41	21,877.00
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	8,255.44	147,094.41
Balance carried forward	<u>177,226.85</u>	<u>168,971.41</u>

Signed:

Chair:

Treasurer:

Date:

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