



The Clarence Hall Crickhowell

A company limited by guarantee: No 11971202

Charity Registration: No 1187701 (formerly 501687)

Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees & Directors for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name & Company Name	The Clarence Hall Crickhowell
Charity Registration Number	1187701 (formerly 501687)
Company Number	11971202
Operational Address	Beaufort Street Crickhowell NP8 1BN
Contact Address	Llanfair, Llanfair Lane Crickhowell NP8 1RB
Members of the Committee	
Mr C M Christy	Chairman
Mrs A Chamberlain	Secretary
Mr J E Goreing	Treasurer
Mr J Morris	Resigned 13 August 2025
Mr M J Chamberlain	Resigned 4 April 2025
Mr D Jeremiah	
Ms L Alexander-Carter	Appointed 12 June 2024
Mrs D I Winter	
Mr M H Davies	
Mr D H McInnes	
Ms R L Games	
Mr D T Williams	Appointed 6 February 2025
Mr J Llewellyn-Bowen	Appointed 10 April 2024 / Resigned 11 June 2025
Custodian Trustee	Crickhowell Town Council
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Abergavenny Monmouthshire
Independent Examiner	Catherine A Williams Ltd Chartered Accountants Crickhowell

REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Governing Document

The organisation is a registered charity and was entered on the Register of Charities on 31 May 1973. As at 31 March 2019, the organisation had applied for registration as a company limited by guarantee. This registration was approved in April 2019 and a company registration number allocated, 11971202. The organisation was granted a new charity registration on 3 February 2020, registration number 1187701.

The trustees of the charity are also directors of the limited company. In the event of the company being wound up, members (who are also directors) are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 per member.

President

The Honourable Dame Shân Legge-Bourke DCVO has graciously agreed to continue as president of the Clarence Hall Crickhowell.

Organisational structure

The Clarence Hall has 13 trustees as at 31 March 2025. Members of the Unitary Authority and other local organisations are represented on the Committee. The members meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place in respect of day to day administration of the activities of the organisation which is co-ordinated by the Chairman.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are re-appointed each year at an Annual General Meeting. The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 11 December 2025.

Traditional technical, business and administrative skills are well represented on the Committee and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirement, individuals would be approached to offer themselves for election.

Staffing

The charity is mainly staffed by volunteers but does maintain one part time employee in the caretaker role.

Risk management

The Committee is continually reviewing the major risks to which the charity is exposed and remedial action is taken where necessary. To this end, a set of formal policies have been prepared and adopted that cover all aspects of the organisation's activities. These policies include:

Complaints
Conflicts of Interest
Equality & Diversity
Financial
Health, Safety & Fire
Safeguarding
Welsh Language
Whistleblowing

Related parties

In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by the local policies of Powys County Council, CADW and Bannau Brycheiniog/Brecon Beacons National Park.

Objectives and activities

The company's main object and principal activities are:

"The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the area formerly known as the Parish of Crickhowell (the area of benefit), without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including the use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and purposes ancillary thereto".

The land and buildings shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a village hall as aforesaid.

Achievements and performance

This year has seen an increased use of the premises particularly by Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau for their various social events and activities. The year also saw the effective end of stage one of the redevelopment of the Hall. During the period, we secured an additional £36,000 in grants to support the development, bringing the total spent on the alterations to £520,000.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and trustees. We are deeply thankful for the financial support from our grant providers, without whom these transformative changes would not have been possible. We also appreciate the strong backing from our community and the numerous suppliers who have provided invaluable assistance throughout the year.

Financial review

The extensive redevelopment continues to obscure the underlying financial performance of the Hall in the overall figures.

Income levels without grants are at a record high. This is partly due to record rental income but also high hire fees reflecting how busy the premises have been. However, expenditure has also jumped. This is largely due to considerable maintenance work during the period focused on fire safety work which is unlikely to continue at the same rate. It also reflects a significant increase in electricity and cleaning costs. The electricity cost is partly due to errors arising when SSE took over SWALEC meaning some costs from the previous year are included here; and partly as we were on an unsuitable tariff. Daytime electricity costs (when the building was historically empty) were very high with evening and weekend costs at a more reasonable level. This tariff has now ended and costs should stabilise considerably. Increased cleaning costs reflect the increased usage.

We are showing a negative current assets position as loan repayments increased along with office occupancy from April 2025 and so the amount we expected to pay in the next 12 months rose sharply. Also, we have provided for two payments to the main building contractor totalling just over £20,000 as the works were largely complete at the year end but were awaiting snagging and contractual formalities. The contract has now been formally ended and these payments have been made. As of the date of this note we have returned to a positive current assets position.

The organisation recorded a deficit of £719 on unrestricted funds and £10,045 on restricted funds for the year. The surplus on restricted funds has been spent on post year end invoices for refurbishment works.

Principal funding sources

The organisation's primary sources of funding during the year were grants, rental income from Clarence House Offices, and Hall hire fees.

Investment and reserves policy

The charity has minimal reserves available for investment. loan repayments continue to be prioritised from surplus income. Specific grants will be used strictly for their designated purposes. The charity follows a cautious reserves policy to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they arise.

Plans for future periods

Our immediate goal is to update some of our systems to better cope with the increased use of the Hall such as an automated booking system and updating a hearing loop.

Looking forward, we will be drawing up plans for phase two of the redevelopment. We plan to conduct a new community survey to gather input on the detailed requirements of phase two to ensure that the Hall can fully serve the needs of the community. Based on this feedback, we will begin detailed planning and exploring funding options.

Responsibility of trustees in respect of Financial Statements

The charity's trustees are aware of their responsibilities for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Charity law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees have therefore:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- Observed the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonably prudent;
- Stated whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees further acknowledge their responsibilities for safe-guarding the company's assets and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of the Members of the Management Committee

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved by the Members of the Charity and Directors of the Company on 10 December 2025.

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company, we hereby confirm that:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act, however, the trustees consider that an Independent Examiner's Report is required.

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
- ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the trustees and directors of the Clarence Hall Crickhowell



C M Christy
Chairman

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income & Expenditure Account) for the Year ended 31 March 2025

Charity No: 1187701

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income	3				
Donations, grants & legacies			35,889	35,889	125,800
Charitable activities		21,270		21,270	19,203
Other income		22,625	7,778	30,403	22,181
Total incoming reserves		43,895	43,667	87,562	167,184
Expenditure	2				
Charitable activities		36,224		36,224	25,681
Other expenditure		7,610	33,622	41,232	31,374
Raising funds		780		780	780
Total resources expended		44,614	33,622	78,236	57,835
Surplus (deficit) for year		(719)	10,045	9,326	109,349
Reserves b/fwd		(2,503)	402,959	400,456	291,107
Total reserves c/fwd		(3,222)	413,004	409,782	400,456

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024
	Note	£	£		£
Fixed Assets	6				
Leasehold improvements - New Build			274,217	274,217	286,426
Leasehold improvements - Renovations			167,918	167,918	119,412
Total Fixed Assets			442,135	442,135	405,838
Current Assets					
Stocks		338		338	315
Debtors & prepayments	7	3,123		3,123	3,626
Bank and cash		16,663		16,663	38,928
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	21,446	20,321	41,767	34,351
Net Current Assets		(1,322)	(20,321)	(21,643)	8,518
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	1,900	8,810	10,710	13,900
Net Assets/(Liabilities)		(3,222)	413,004	409,782	400,456
Accumulated funds	10				
Unrestricted funds				(3,222)	(2,503)
Restricted funds				413,004	402,959
Total funds				409,782	400,456

Approved by the trustees of the Clarence Hall Crickhowell on 11 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



C M Christy
Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies**a) Basis of measurement and preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Rents and hire charges are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, donations and bank interest are included when received.

d) Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared under the convention of a going concern. The loans are long term and unsecured and may, or may not be, subject to interest. Repayments of capital and interest are made only after all other liabilities have been discharged.

e) Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged on the Leasehold Improvements to the building over a 10 year period for renovations and 25 years in the case of the new build extension.

f) Employees

The organisation employed one person in a part time role as caretaker.

2. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Administration	4,187		4,187	3,686
Overheads	32,037		32,037	21,995
Other expenditure				
Repairs & renewals	7,610		7,610	4,744
Depreciation		33,622	33,622	26,630
Raising funds				
Fundraising costs	780		780	780
Total costs	44,614	33,622	78,236	57,835

3. Net Incoming Resources

The charity income for the year is as follows:

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations, grants and legacies				
Grants & donations		35,889	35,889	125,800
Charitable activities				
Hall hire	21,270		21,270	19,203
Other income				
Fundraising		6,267	6,267	5,263
Office rents	19,815		19,815	12,590
Surplus on internal lottery	2,758	1,511	4,269	3,825
Bank interest	52		52	503
Total	43,895	43,667	87,562	167,184

4. Trustee remuneration and related party transaction

No member of the Committee received any remuneration or re-imbursement of travel costs during the year and no member of the Committee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year ended 31 March 2025.

Two loans were made to the charity during the year 2020/2021 amounting to £21,000 each. One was a personal loan from the current Treasurer, the other loan contributed by the Chairman was via his company Forge House Investments Ltd. The loans are currently being repaid by monthly instalments. Interest may or may not be paid at a later date, depending on finances. Further loans from the same parties have been made in the year towards upgrades to the building contract. These amount to £9,000 at the year end with the overall loan balance now £22,700 in total.

A donation of £5,500 was received during the period from The Marjivy Trust (charity number 1201367) towards the refurbishment project. Two of the Trustees of the Marjivy Trust are also Trustees / Directors of The Clarence Hall.

5. Taxation

The Clarence Hall Crickhowell has no taxation liabilities. The Clarence Hall Crickhowell is a charity for tax purposes in line with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs as a charitable company.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements		Total
	New Build	Renovations	
	£	£	£
Opening balance	305,232	144,207	449,439
Acquisitions		69,919	69,919
Disposals	-	-	-
Total	305,232	214,126	519,358
Depreciation b/fwd	(18,806)	(24,795)	(43,601)
Depreciation in period	(12,209)	(21,413)	(33,622)
Term in years	25	10	
Closing balance	274,216	167,918	442,135

The only fixed assets the charity owns are the Leasehold improvements recently carried out. The Clarence Hall building that it administers and maintains is a non-saleable asset vested in the trustees of the Clarence Hall. In the unlikely event of the organisation ceasing to operate, the land and buildings must be handed over to Crickhowell Town Council under the terms of a deed of conveyance dated 31 March 1947 and confirmed by The Charity Commission under a sealed order dated 5 April 1973.

Currently, the charity is seeking to register the building in the name of The Clarence Hall Crickhowell.

7. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Sales invoices	3,123	3,626
Bad debt provision	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
Debtors total	3,123	3,626

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposits held	2,845	170
Provision lottery prizes	341	341
Trade creditors and accruals	26,581	26,640
Other creditors	0	0
Loans repayable within 1 year	12,000	7,200
Creditors total	41,767	34,351

9. Creditors due after more than one year

Mr C M Christy (Chairman), via his company, Forge House Investment Ltd, plus the current treasurer have financed the refurbishment of the Clarence House Offices. The loans are long-term and unsecured: only repayable when surplus rents are achieved or when grant funding is received. Loan interest is 1% per annum and only payable as and when funds are available. To date, no interest has been paid or accrued. Both lenders are aware that in the unlikely event that the charity ceases to operate, the balance will be repaid out of available funds once preferential creditors have been paid.

10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		442,135	442,135	405,838
Current Assets	20,125		20,125	42,869
Current liabilities	21,446	20,321	41,767	34,351
Net Current Assets	(1,322)	(20,321)	(21,643)	8,518
Creditors due after more than 1 year	1,900	8,810	10,710	13,900
Net assets/liabilities as at 31 March 2025	(3,222)	413,004	409,782	400,456

11. Legal status of the charity

The Clarence Hall Crickhowell is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee with the use of "Limited" exemption.

Independent Examiner's report to the board of Trustees on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of The Clarence Hall Crickhowell, a company limited by guarantee with use of 'Limited' exemption.

We report to the charity trustees, who are also the directors of the company, on the examination of the company accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a 'true and fair' view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP) effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, We report in respect of the examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

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

It is our responsibility to;

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention (other than that disclosed below);

(A) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that;

- * proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

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

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