

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1188263

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF PONTELAND AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS 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 LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: To further or benefit the residents of Ponteland and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£94,898	£76,580	-	-
2024-03-31	£110,775	£80,279	-	-
2023-03-31	£59,943	£90,286	-	-
2022-03-31	£87,002	£91,833	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Harrison	Chair	2022-09-08
Adam Storey		2024-02-29
Charles Girardau Laidlaw		2023-11-30
Colin Ord		2023-04-27
Dominic John McVey		2023-02-23
Emma Patterson		2020-02-28
John Lowdon		2022-09-08
Peter James Stephenson		2025-07-30
Philip Rodgers		2026-06-04
Stephen Colman		2022-09-08
Susan Elizabeth Dorani		2025-05-27

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Trustees' Annual Report

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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Trustees during the period

Karen Buckham

Steve Colman

Balaji Dorani (Vice-Chair)

Richard Harris (Elected 26 September 2024 – Resigned 3 October 2024)

John Harrison (Chair)

Charles Laidlaw

John Lowdon

Dominic McVey

Colin Ord

Emma Patterson

Vinita Raheja (Resigned 26 September 2024)

Adam Storey (Elected 29 February 2024)

Gavin Townsend (Resigned 30 May 2024)

Financial Period

1 April 2024– 31 March 2025

Serious Incidents

None.

Fundraising

During the period:

- Funds were raised from the public.
- The charity did not work with any professional fundraisers.
- The charity did not work with any commercial participators.

Grant Making

During the period the charity did not issue any grants.

Income from government contracts

During the period the charity received the following income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities:

- £990.00 from NHS Blood and Transplant
- £400.00 from Northumbria Police
- £280.00 from Northumberland County Council

Income from government grants

During the period the charity received the following grants:

- £6,600.00 from Ponteland Town Council to support relining of the car park, upgrading LED external lighting & building security systems.
- £240.00 from Ponteland Town Council to support the creation of a poppy sail.

Income from outside the UK

During the period the charity received no income from outside the UK.

Operating and spending outside England and Wales

During the period the charity did not send money or operate outside England and Wales.

Subsidiaries

The charity does not have any subsidiaries.

Trustee payments

None of the trustees received any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

Employees

None of the employees received total employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Volunteers

The charity has a group of 20 UK volunteers.

Financial controls

The financial controls were reviewed on 6 October 2022.

Objects

The objects of the charity are:

To further or benefit the residents of Ponteland and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

The Trustees continue to maintain and operate The Ponteland Memorial Hall, a valuable community and historic asset. The Trustees' ambition is to make the building and its facilities centre stage in Ponteland as it enters its second century. Local people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities will benefit from a welcoming and well-run facility.

Activity

The focus of the Trustees during the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 has been to continue to build on previous changes to the Hall's governance and operations.

The Trustee group is stabilised and the Hall benefits from a committed group of individuals with diverse experience and backgrounds who work together as an effective team.

The Hall organised a number of events during the period:

Ponteland Art Festival

Hayley McKay Concert

Charity Retro Disco

Ponteland Winter Ale Festival

Remembrance Day Refreshments

The Ponteland Repertory Society and Preppies Youth Theatre present numerous productions throughout the year in the Hall.

A poppy sail created for the front of the Hall for display during Remembrance Day services was well received.

The Flying Gang Brewery now support the Bar Operations.

The Hall's target market is based around existing users of the Hall. Marketing and promotion via social media along with other routes continue to attract new users to the Hall. It is central to the Trustee's approach to be user friendly and with the emphasis on community involvement.

Overall income has dropped during the current period compared to the previous year. This was mainly due to lower income from grants. Income from room booking has significantly increased. This is due to changes and improvements made over previous years. Forward bookings remain healthy.

Unfortunately, the level of investment required in the near term is more than can be realized using retained surplus. A programme of identifying and applying for grants continues. This continues to be challenging for a number of reasons: Previous interactions with funding bodies, socio-economic status of Ponteland and the economic downturn. The quicker we can obtain the investment the quicker the Hall can be repaired and then improved.

Nevertheless, the outcome over the next two to three years will be a Hall which is:

- in a good state of repair
- well-managed and financially sound
- secured its place as central to community life and activities in Ponteland.
- seen by the local populace as their hall and their community facility.

Use of the Studio which was opened following refurbishment last year continues with various dance and exercise classes. An air conditioning system has been installed in the Studio. The system also provides heating which is more efficient than using the gas boiler system.

In October 2024 Ponteland Memorial Hall were awarded Investors in the Environment Bronze accreditation.

Aims

To bring professional management to the Hall's operations and finances. It is a registered charity, but it has to generate income to meet its operating costs and to produce surpluses for investment in the Hall's facilities.

For the Hall to gain recognition as a user-friendly place. The Trustees want to see community involvement and engagement. Events linked with friends and family will be encouraged. The Trustees intend to seek out ways to work with and collaborate with other charities and voluntary groups.

To modernise and improve the Hall's facilities and to make the customer experience a favourable one from booking to conclusion. A schedule of improvement projects is being developed for prioritisation as and when funding permits.

Target Market and Offering

The Hall, one of the largest community buildings in Northumberland, is a flexible space for events, parties, and functions. The Hall is quite unique in Ponteland in the scale and range of facilities available. We have carefully assessed what we can offer against other locally available facilities. This extends from sit down dinners for 150 people to theatre-style shows and celebrations for up to 260.

Our website (www.pontelandmemorialhall.com) sets out details of rooms, seating and table arrangements together with user friendly rental packages and options.

Enquiries and bookings are healthy and the hall continues to be busy with weddings, engagements, birthday parties, concerts, dance, arts and craft, markets and theatrical productions.

The level of interest shown leads us to believe that our fresh, user-friendly approach, our versatility and our hire rates are together demonstrating real interest in the markets which we are seeking to serve.

2025/26 onwards

Going forward we continue to work towards developing an income stream from letting out the Bungalow although this will require a significant amount of investment to refurbish it. Subject to funding we aim to start a programme of improvement projects.

This annual report was approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:



.....
J Harrison – Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ponteland Memorial Hall

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ponteland Memorial Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brian Russell FCA

Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 09 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		Unrestricted & total funds	Total funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5	6840	22185
Other trading activities	2, 5	87848	88559
Investment income	3, 5	210	32
Total		94898	110776
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		6358	8928
Other		70222	71351
Total		76580	80279
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		18318	30497
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		55162	24665
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		73480	55162

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted & total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	23759	20634
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	1314	2225
Cash at bank		51766	35737
NET CURRENT ASSETS		53080	37962
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	-1452	-1674
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		75387	56922
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	9	-1907	-1760
NET ASSETS		£ 73480	55162
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		73480	55162
TOTAL FUNDS		73480	55162

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J Harrison – Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	25% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	3680	4675
Room bookings	74106	64693
Bar income (Gross)	8817	10970
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	0	2840
Car parking	0	3451
Other income	695	1354
Garage rental	550	576
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	87848	88559

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	210	32
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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	22185
Other trading activities	88559
Investment income	32
Total	<u>110776</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	8928
Other	71351
Total	<u>80279</u>
NET INCOME	30497
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	24665
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>55162</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
COST			
As at 1 April 2024	5631	24160	29791
Additions	10318	3779	14097
As at 31 March 2025	15949	27939	43888
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 2024	2226	6931	9157
Charge for the year	3987	6985	10972
As at 31 March 2025	6213	13916	20129
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	9736	14023	23759
At 31 March 2024	3405	17229	20634

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	303	1110
Other debtors	106	106
Prepayments and accrued income	905	1009
	1314	2225

8. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	70	37
Other creditors	1382	1637
	1452	1674

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

9. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1907	1760

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/2024	Net movement in funds	At 31/03/2025
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55162	18318	73480
TOTAL FUNDS	55162	18318	73480

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	94898	-76580	18318
TOTAL FUNDS	94898	-76580	18318

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/2023	Net movement in funds	At 31/03/2024
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24665	30497	55162
TOTAL FUNDS	24665	30497	55162

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the are as follows

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110776	-80279	30497
TOTAL FUNDS	110776	-80279	30497

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Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

The current 12 months and prior 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/2023 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/03/2025 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24665	48815	73480
TOTAL FUNDS	24665	48815	73480

The current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205674	-156859	48815
TOTAL FUNDS	205674	-156859	48815

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	0	485
Grants	6840	21700
	<u>6840</u>	<u>22185</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	3680	4675
Room bookings	74106	64693
Bar income (Gross)	8817	10970
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	0	2840
Car parking	0	3451
Other income	695	1354
Garage rental	550	576
	<u>87848</u>	<u>88559</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	210	32
	<u>210</u>	<u>32</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>94898</u>	<u>110776</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Bar purchases	2446	6298
Event purchases	3912	2630
	<u>6358</u>	<u>8928</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	4480	3371
Rates and water	3951	4206
Insurance	4807	4912
Light and heat	12718	8646
Telephone	502	783
Repairs and renewals	13908	22168
Advertising	1605	1682
Sundries	641	512
Training	18	0
Cleaning & waste	6973	9814
	<u>49603</u>	<u>56094</u>
Finance		
Plant and machinery	3987	1408
Fixtures and fittings	6985	6040
	<u>10972</u>	<u>7448</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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	2025	2024
	£	£
Finance Other		
Subscriptions	1670	1121
Computer costs	1240	1661
Donations	983	475
Bank Charges	107	339
	<hr/> 4000	<hr/> 3596
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal	1760	2945
Legal fees	906	0
Other professional fees	2980	1268
	<hr/> 5646	<hr/> 4213
Total resources expended	<hr/> 76580	<hr/> 80279
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Jackie Walker	(Resigned 29 June 2023)

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During the period the charity did not issue any grants.

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During the period the charity received the following income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities:

£330.00 from NHS Blood and Transplant

Income from government grants

During the period the charity received grants of

- £10,000 from Ponteland Town Council for Roof Repairs
- £6,600 from Ponteland Town Council for Heating Repairs and Control Upgrades
- £5,000 From Northumberland County Council (Community Chest) for Roof Repairs

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Volunteers

During the period, excluding the trustees, the charity had no UK volunteers.

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Activity

The focus of the Trustees during the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 has been to build on the changes to the Hall's governance and operations implemented during the previous year.

Although a number of Trustees left during this period they were replaced by new Trustees with an equally diverse set of backgrounds including a number with business and commercial experience. All are enthusiastic and passionate about making the Hall a success. It is a testament to the approach to governance at the Hall that these new Trustees have been inducted and have made valuable contributions soon after joining.

Although the number of Trustees will normally be kept at around 12, the Constitution was amended so that the maximum number of Trustees is 15.

Historic records for the hall dating back to 1922 have been deposited with Northumberland Archives.

New online accounting and room booking systems have been consolidated. Heating controls have been upgraded and can now be controlled remotely.

The Hall organised a number of events during the period:

Coronation Tea Party

Ponteland Antiques show

Charity Retro Disco

Ponteland Winter Ale Festival

Remembrance Day Refreshments

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Major refurbishment of the Upper Lounge has been undertaken. This includes the laying of a Harlequin professional dance floor, redecoration, installation of air conditioning, installation of ballet barres and a new sound system to form a dedicated dance studio. Rebranded as “the Studio” it was opened by the Mayor of Ponteland Cllr Overbury in November 2023.

The new Studio has attracted a leading regional dance school as a principal dance school at the Hall and various other activities including pilates and Zumba.

The Ponteland Repertory Society and Preppies Youth Theatre present numerous productions throughout the year in the Hall.

The Hall’s target market is based around existing users of the Hall but with the intention to improve the facilities, booking arrangements and making the Hall more welcoming to new users. The Trustees are convinced that with its fresh approach, promotion via social media along with other routes to market is attracting new users to the Hall. The Hall’s versatility with offerings such as a licensed bar run by the well-respected Pont Tap team and ample parking will be promoted. It is central to the Trustee’s approach to be user friendly and with the emphasis on community involvement.

The turnaround plan has successfully turned a deficit from 2022-23 of -£30,343 to a surplus of £30,497. The majority of the surplus was invested in the Studio.

Unfortunately, the level of investment required in the near term is more than can be realized using retained surplus. A programme of identifying and applying for grants is underway. This is already proving to be challenging for a number of reasons: Previous interactions with funding bodies, socio-economic status of Ponteland and the economic downturn. The quicker we can obtain the investment the quicker the Hall can be repaired and then improved.

Nevertheless, the outcome over the next two to three years will be a Hall which is:

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To modernise and improve the Hall's facilities and to make the customer experience a favourable one from booking to conclusion.

Immediate Goals

When the new group of Trustees took over in the Autumn 2022 a turnaround plan was developed to achieve the following within a year:

- Booking of the Hall facilities to be as quick and easy as possible
- Immediate online access re Hall availability
- Facilities to be clean and well-presented
- Hall to be secure with modern lighting, locks and systems
- Easy customer access to car parking
- Any urgent repairs to be undertaken
- Hall to be on a sound financial footing
- Pursuit of programme of investment in Hall facilities

All of these have been achieved.

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The level of interest shown leads us to believe that our fresh, user-friendly approach, our versatility and our hire rates are together demonstrating real interest in the markets which we are seeking to serve.

2024/26 onwards

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14 January 2025

Ponteland Memorial Hall

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Date: 16 January 2025

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		Unrestricted & total funds	Total funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5	22,186	6,050
Other trading activities	2, 5	88,557	53,867
Investment income	3, 5	32	26
Total		110,775	59,943
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		8,928	4,911
Other		71,351	85,375
Total		80,279	90,286
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		30,496	(30,343)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		24,666	55,009
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		55,162	24,666

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted & total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	20,634	5,126
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	2,225	-
Cash at bank		35,737	21,040
NET CURRENT ASSETS		37,962	21,040
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,674)	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		56,922	26,166
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	9	(1,760)	(1,500)
NET ASSETS		55,162	24,666
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		55,162	24,666
TOTAL FUNDS		55,162	24,666

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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J Harrison – Trustee

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & Machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	25% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,675	43
Room bookings	64,693	38,814
Bar income (Gross)	10,849	6,024
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	2,840	1,895
Car parking	3,450	7,091
Other income	1,474	-
Garage rental	576	-
	<hr/> 88,557	<hr/> 53,867

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	32	26

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
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Other trading activities	53,867
Investment income	26
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EXPENDITURE ON	
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NET INCOME	(30,343)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
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Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
COST			
As at 1 April 2023	3,272	3,563	6,835
Additions	2,359	20,597	22,956
As at 31 March 2024	5,631	24,160	29,791
DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 April 2023	818	891	1,709
Charge for the year	1408	6,040	7,448
As at 31 March 2024	2,226	6,931	9,157
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	3,405	17,229	20,634
At 31 March 2023	2,454	2,672	5,126

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,110	-
Other debtors	106	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,009	-
	2,225	-

8. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	37	-
Other creditors	1,637	-
	1,674	-

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,760	1,500

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/03/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,666	30,496	55,162
TOTAL FUNDS	24,666	30,496-	55,162

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110,775	(80,279)	30,496
TOTAL FUNDS	110,775	(80,279)	30,496

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/03/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,009	(30,343)	24,666
TOTAL FUNDS	55,009	(30,343)	24,666

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the are as follows

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,943	(90,286)	(30,343)
TOTAL FUNDS	59,943	(90,286)	(30,343)

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

The current 12 months and prior 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/03/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,009	153	55,162
TOTAL FUNDS	55,009	153	55,162

The current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	170,718	(170,565)	153
TOTAL FUNDS	170,718	(170,565)	153

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	486	
Grants	21,700	6,050
	<hr/> 22,186	<hr/> 6,050
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,675	43
Room bookings	64,693	38,814
Bar income (Gross)	10,849	6,024
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	2,840	1,895
Car parking	3,450	7,091
Other income	1,474	-
Garage rental	576	-
	<hr/> 88,557	<hr/> 53,867
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	32	26
	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 26
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 110,775	<hr/> 59,943
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Bar purchases	6,298	4,911
Event purchases	2,630	-
	<hr/> 8,928	<hr/> 4,911
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	3,371	33,035
Rates and water	4,206	4,018
Insurance	4,912	5,000
Light and heat	8,646	4,459
Telephone	783	1,444
Repairs and renewals	22,168	12,752
Advertising	1,682	241
Sundries	512	4,168
Cleaning & waste	9,814	2,917
	<hr/> 12,008	<hr/> 68,034
Finance		
Plant and machinery	1,408	818
Fixtures and fittings	6,040	891
	<hr/> 7,448	<hr/> 1,709

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2024	2023
	£	£
Finance Other		
Subscriptions	1,121	
Computer costs	1,661	586
Donations	475	
	<hr/> 3,257	<hr/> 586
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal	2,055	2,162
Legal fees	0	12,884
Other professional fees	2,158	
	<hr/> 4,213	<hr/> 15,046
Total resources expended	<hr/> 80,279	<hr/> 90,286
Net income/(expenditure)	<hr/> 30,496	<hr/> (30,343)

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PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1188263

Accounts



Ponteland Memorial Hall

Trustees' Annual Report

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

*Ponteland Memorial Hall at the heart of the community
serving residents in Ponteland and the surrounding area*

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Legal and Administrative Information

Ponteland Memorial Hall is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1188263

Address

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Darras Road

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Trustees during the period

Robert Ramsay (Chair until 8 September 2022) (Resigned 30 September 2022)

David Goodchild (Resigned 30 September 2022)

Peter Cowey (Resigned 6 October 2022)

Victoria James (Resigned 6 October 2022)

Emma Patterson

Balaji Dorani

Jacqueline Walker

Dominic McVey (Elected 23 June 2022 (Resigned 22 December 2022)

(Elected 24 February 2023)

John Harrison (Elected 8 September 2022) (Chair from 8 September 2022)

John Lowdon (Elected 8 September 2022)

Steve Colman (Elected 8 September 2022)

Gareth Turney (Elected 3 November 2022)

Alan Hall (Elected 1 December 2022)

Victoria Grace (Elected 26 January 2023)

Gavin Townsend (Elected 26 January 2023)

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Financial Period

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

Serious Incidents

None

Fundraising

During the period:

- Funds were raised from the public.
- The charity did not work with any professional fundraisers.
- The charity did not work with any commercial participators.

Grant Making

During the period the charity did not issue any grants.

Income from government contracts

During the period the charity did not receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities.

Income from government grants

During the period the charity received grants of

- £3,272 from Ponteland Town Council for CCTV
- £2,750 from Ponteland Town Council for Strategic Consultancy

Income from outside the UK

During the period the charity received no income from outside the UK.

Operating and spending outside England and Wales

During the period the charity did not send money or operate outside England and Wales.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Subsidiaries

The charity does not have any subsidiaries.

Trustee payments

None of the trustees received any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

Employees

None of the employees received total employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

Volunteers

During the period, excluding the trustees, the charity had no UK volunteers.

Financial controls

The financial controls were reviewed on 6 October 2022

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Objects

The objects of the charity are:

To further or benefit the residents of Ponteland and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

The Trustees continue to maintain and operate The Ponteland Memorial Hall, a valuable community and historic asset. The Trustees' ambition is to make the building and its facilities centre stage in Ponteland as it enters its second century. Local people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities will benefit from a welcoming and well-run facility.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Activity

In the summer of 2022, a new group of individuals came together to take control of the charity reverse its decline, avoid bankruptcy and return it to its previous position as a popular community asset.

The first task was strengthening governance. A new team of Trustees was put together. They come from a diverse set of backgrounds including a number with business, commercial, hospitality and entertainment experience. All are enthusiastic and passionate about making the Hall a success. A new Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer were appointed and are supported by Community, Services and Development committees. Delegated authority has been tightened. The Trustees now meet formally monthly. These meetings and control procedures ensure sound management and smooth operation of the Hall.

A great deal of work has been undertaken to introduce modern systems. On the business side new online accounting and room booking systems have been introduced. New CCTV has been installed (with support from Ponteland Town Council).

To address the financial deficit all staff were made redundant, and the Hall is now operated through a combination of the Trustees, volunteers, hirer self-setup and professional cleaners. A detailed review of expenditure has already yielded benefits with reduced heating, insurance and telecoms costs.

The Hall's target market is based around existing users of the Hall but with the intention to improve the facilities, booking arrangements and making the Hall more welcoming to new users. The Trustees are convinced that with a fresh approach, promotion via social media along with other routes to market new users can be attracted to the Hall. The Hall's versatility with offerings such as a licensed bar run by the well-respected Pont Tap team and ample parking will be promoted. It is central to the Trustee's approach to be user friendly and with the emphasis on community involvement.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Activity (cont)

As part of this new approach, we have announced the removal of the unpopular Parking Eye car parking management system which will take effect during June 2023. This decision has been well received across the community. We have reached out to Ponteland Town Council and other stakeholders including Ponteland Tennis and Bowling Clubs and so that any new arrangements for car parking management at the Hall will have their support. The Hall is now open seven days a week where previously it was five.

Stabilizing the financial position of the Hall has been an essential element of the turnaround plan. Through a combination of cost reduction, increasing activity and husbanding cash the Hall operations will, going forward, generate a surplus. A careful balance has been sought with commercial style activities making a full contribution with support for more community style events.

Although a return to generating surpluses bodes well for the future of the Hall, its reserves have been run down to a low level which in itself is a significant risk. In addition to bringing the reserves up to an appropriate level the Hall urgently needs a programme of investment. This investment will encompass improvements to the Hall facilities as well undertaking essential repairs.

Unfortunately, the level of investment required in the near term is more than can be realized using retained surplus. A programme to identify and source grants is underway. This is already proving to be challenging for a number of reasons: Previous interactions with funding bodies, socio-economic status of Ponteland and the economic downturn. The quicker we can obtain the investment is obtained the quicker the Hall can be repaired and then improved.

Nevertheless, the outcome over the next two to three years will be a Hall which is:

- in a good state of repair
- well-managed and financially sound
- secured its place as central to community life and activities in Ponteland.
- seen by the local populace as their hall and their community facility.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Aims

To bring professional management to the Hall's operations and finances. It is a registered charity, but it has to generate income to meet its operating costs and to produce surpluses for investment in the Hall's facilities.

For the Hall to gain recognition as a user-friendly place. The Trustees want to see community involvement and engagement. Events linked with friends and family will be encouraged. The Trustees intend to seek out ways to work with and collaborate with other charities and voluntary groups.

To modernise and improve the Hall's facilities and to make the customer experience a favourable one from booking to conclusion.

Immediate Goals

When the new group of Trustees took over in the Autumn a turnaround plan was developed to achieve the following within a year:

- Booking of the Hall facilities to be as quick and easy as possible
- Immediate online access re Hall availability
- Facilities to be clean and well-presented
- Hall to be secure with modern lighting, locks and systems
- Easy customer access to car parking
- Any urgent repairs to be undertaken
- Hall to be on a sound financial footing
- Pursuit of programme of investment in Hall facilities

We are making good progress in achieving them.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Target Market and Offering

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Much as we wish to develop a successful operation for the hire of the hall for weddings, engagements, birthday parties, concerts, dance, arts and craft, markets and theatrical productions, the Trustees intend to create an ambitious programme of events produced by the Hall itself. Some of the events planned by the Hall for 2023 include:

- 7 May 2023 Coronation Tea Party
- 19 -21 May 2023 Alan Reed Art Exhibition
- 17 Jun 2023 Country Night
- TBC Autumn 2023 Charity Retro Disco
- 24-25 Nov 2023 Winter Ale Festival

2023/26 onwards

Going forward we aim to develop an income stream from letting out the Bungalow although this will require a significant amount of investment to refurbish it. We hope to maintain some income from an alternative car parking management system to Parking Eye.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Immediate Repairs & Capital Spend Programme

The Hall is in need of some significant immediate repairs. The Lounge roof leaks badly and requires replacing. The rear store has floor and roof water ingress damage and also requires repair. Once repaired it will be converted into a separate dressing room to help us accommodate theatrical productions with children.

It would also be of major benefit to carry out some upgrades such as the toilet facilities located at the front of the Hall. In addition, there are some very large capital projects which would help to modernise the Hall and improve its appeal to hirers and users.

The Trustees have contact information for a number of funding bodies which are in the market to support community facilities such as Ponteland Memorial Hall. It is the intention to progressively approach these organisations. The Trustees also have access to specialist advice to help with developing bids and improve the chances of success with applications for funding.

The Trustees consider that the details set out in this plan demonstrate the significant change in direction which has begun to take place at the Memorial Hall. The projected revenues, the containment of costs, the introduction of robust systems and controls all point towards a well-run, community-orientated, local facility.

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Ponteland Memorial Hall

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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		Unrestricted fund	Total funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	6,050	38,564
Other trading activities	3	53,867	45,049
Investment income		26	-
Total		59,943	83,613
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		4,911	180
Other		85,375	82,843
Total		90,286	83,023
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(30,343)	590
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		55,009	54,419
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		24,666	55,009

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Ponteland Memorial Hall

Balance Sheet 31 March 2023

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Tangible assets		5,126	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		21,040	55,009
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>21,040</u>	<u>55,009</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,166	55,009
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME		(1,500)	-
NET ASSETS		<u>24,666</u>	<u>55,009</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		24,666	55,099
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>24,666</u>	<u>55,099</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
J Harrison - Trustee

Ponteland Memorial Hall

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Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	43	-
Room bookings	38,814	30,475
Bar income (Gross)	6,024	478
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	1,895	1,634
Car parking	7,091	5,706
CJRS - Furlough	-	4,954
Other income	-	1,802
	<hr/> 53,867	<hr/> 45,049

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	26	-
	<hr/> 26	<hr/> -

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	38,564
Other trading activities	45,049
Total	<u>83,613</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	180
Other	82,843
Total	<u>83,023</u>
NET INCOME	590
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	54,419
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>55,009</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
COST			
Additions	3,272	3,563	6,835
DEPRECIATION			
Charge for the year	818	891	1,709
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	2,454	2,672	5,126
At 31 March 2022	-	-	-

7. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	-

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,009	(30,343)	24,666
TOTAL FUNDS	55,009	(30,343)	24,666

Net movement in funds, included in the are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,943	(90,286)	(30,343)
TOTAL FUNDS	59,943	(90,286)	(30,343)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/03/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,419	590	55,009
TOTAL FUNDS	54,419	590	55,009

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	83,613	(83,023)	590
TOTAL FUNDS	83,613	(83,023)	590

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Notes to the Financial Statement – continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

A current 12 months and prior 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,419	(29,753)	24,666
TOTAL FUNDS	54,419	(29,753)	24,666

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,556	(173,309)	(29,753)
TOTAL FUNDS	143,556	(173,309)	(29,753)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

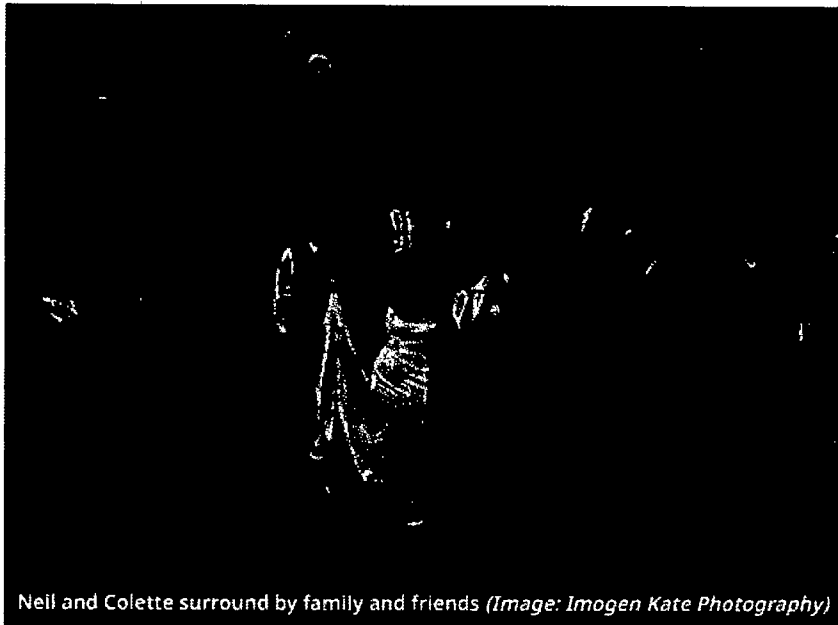
Ponteland Memorial Hall

Detailed statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations		2,468
Grants	6,050	36,096
	6,050	38,564
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	43	-
Room bookings	38,814	30,475
Bar income (Gross)	6,024	478
Tennis and Bowls Clubs	1,895	1,634
Car parking	7,091	5,706
CJRS - Furlough	-	4,954
Other income	-	1,802
	53,867	45,049
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	26	-
Total incoming resources	59,943	83,613
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Bar purchases	4,911	180
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	33,035	34,764
Rates and water	4,018	2,923
Insurance	5,000	4,689
Light and heat	4,459	4,906
Telephone	1,444	1,789
Repairs and renewals	12,752	32,220
Advertising	241	38
Sundries	4,168	-
Cleaning & waste	2,917	1,199
	68,034	82,528
Finance		
Plant and machinery	818	-
Fixtures and fittings	891	-
	1,709	-
Finance Other		
Computer costs	586	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal	15,046	315
Total resources expended	90,286	83,023
Net (expenditure)/income	(30,343)	590

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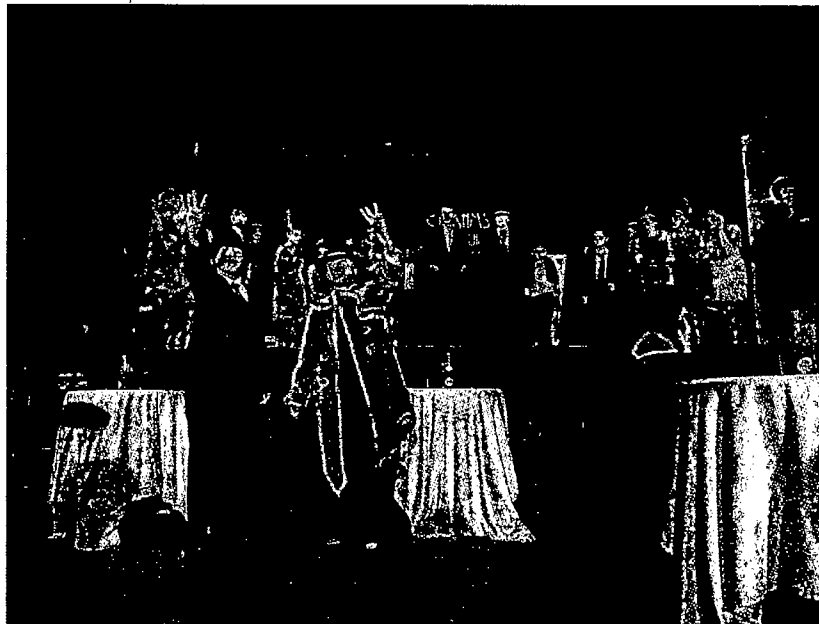
Appendix



Neil and Colette surround by family and friends (Image: Imogen Kate Photography)

"We would like to say thank you to ... the Memorial Hall where the staff were fantastic ..."

Neil Winchester and Colette Parks, Hexham Courant 26 March 2023



"Thank you very much to you and your colleagues for all the support and help you all provided which enabled us to produce our first show as an independent society. We were all so happy with the outcome and we also have a lot of very happy children and parents!" Carole Davies –

Producer Ponteland Preppies 28 March 2023

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1188263

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PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2022

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

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PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number 1188263

Address:

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Darras Road

Ponteland NE20 9NX

Ponteland Memorial Hall is a community owned and managed village hall, providing accommodation and facilities

for community activities, meetings and social gatherings. The hall was built in 1922. The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the assets from the previous charity were transferred on the 1st April 2021.

The Trustees met on three occasions. The Management sub-committee met as required.

The Trustees for 2021-22 were

Robert Guy Ramsay (Chairman)

Jacqueline Walker

Peter Cowey

David Goodchild (Honorary Treasurer)

Victoria James

Emma Patterson

Dr. Balaji Dorani

Main Contact Shauna Kelly, Hall Secretary

Bank Details: Barclays Bank

Summary of activities 2021-2022

The Management Sub-committee met during the year ended 31st March 2022 to ensure the efficient running of the Hall.

Income from room hire was £30,423 an increase of £20,463. This increase was due to restrictions imposed by Government being eased and lifted. Although this is encouraging the hire income has not yet returned to pre-covid levels. However, the shortfall was compensated by government grants in the earlier part of the year as well as Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme payment and some donations.

Charging for the car park continued and we received contributions of £5,286 from Parking Eye Ltd., as well as car park hiring payments of £1,757.

The effect of this was to increase our resources by £590. Total resources at 31st March 2022 now stand at £55,009.

Among major expenditure items this year were an external display sign at £4975, emergency lights £4575, carpet to the lower lounge and rear corridor £3554 and a hearing loop system £3811.

There were about 700 hired sessions out of approximately 3000 available sessions due to the impact of Covid.

Setting up, clearing and repairs occupy some of the non-hired sessions. There are usually 3 sessions available per day.

All the policies are available in full on the website under Policies. These are Data Protection, Equal Opportunities,

Financial including Reserves, Safeguarding, Risk, and Election and Recruitment of New Trustees.

All policies and procedures are reviewed annually by the Trustees.

The committee welcomes and is grateful for the continuing support of Ponteland Town Council with a grant of £6,600.

.We also received donations of £2,468. The 200 Club was reconstituted and we received contributions of £1,994.

.The committee greatly appreciates the support received from the wider community which contribute to the maintenance of a major community asset.

Both the Bowling and Tennis Clubs report that they have managed to survive despite Covid restrictions.

Our Caretaker and Secretary continue to provide excellent support, as do our Standby Caretaker and Secretary Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Senior who ensure coverage during holiday periods.

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of Ponteland Memorial Hall

Year-ending 31 March 2022

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

The examination includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison of those records with the accounts presented with them.

It includes consideration of any unusual items in the accounts and seeking explanations from you concerning such matters.

The procedures are not those that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that the accounts were presented ready for examination.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention to which in my opinion, explanations should be sought in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brian English MICB PM.Dip, ATT

The Old Barn, Colpitts Grange, Slaley, Hexham, NE47 0BY

15 May 2022

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1188263

Accounts

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

Legal and Administrative Information

Registered CIO number 1188263

Address:

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Darras Road

Ponteland NE20 9NX

Ponteland Memorial Hall is a community owned and managed village hall, providing accommodation and facilities for community activities, meetings and social gatherings. The hall was originally constituted by an indenture dated 5th January 1922. The indenture together with a small number of administrative amendments made on 8th September 2018 remained as the governing document. The management of the Hall was undertaken by the committee of Trustees and members meeting quarterly. The finance sub-committee met as required to consider financial matters outside the quarterly schedule. The original indenture was replaced by the document registered with the charity commission on 28th February 2020.

The Trustees for 2020-21 were

Mr. Robert Guy Ramsay Chairman

Dr. Peter Burnett

Cdr. Eric Marshall resigned as at 2nd April 2021

Mrs. Jacqueline Walker

Mr. Richard Davies resigned as at 2nd April 2021

Mr. Peter Cowey

Mr. David Goodchild (Honorary Treasurer)

Ms Victoria James

Emma Patterson

Dr. Balaji Dorani

Main Contact Mrs. Shauna Kelly, Hall Secretary

Bank Details: Barclays Bank

Summary of activities 2020-2021

There were no activities during this period as the assets were only transferred on 1st April 2021 from Charity No. 522125

All the policies are available in full on the website under policies. These are Data protection, Equal Opportunities, Financial including reserves, Safeguarding, Risk, and Election and Recruitment of New Trustees. All policies and procedures are reviewed annually by the Trustees.

The Trustees decided to delay the reconstitution of the Hall as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the assets were transferred on 1st April 2021 from the previous charity No 522125.

For information only the report for the Hall activities submitted by the Hall charity is attached as an appendix to this report

Finally we must express our gratitude to the retiring Trustees, Cdr. Eric Marshall and Mr. Richard Davies for their sterling work for and support of the Hall over many years.

Appendix1 Charity No. 522125 annual report to Charity Commission for 2020-2021

APPENDIX 1

PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity number 522125

Address:

Ponteland Memorial Hall

Darras Road

Ponteland NE20 9NX

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The Trustees for 2020-21 were

Mr. Robert Guy Ramsay Chairman

Dr. Peter Burnett

Cdr. Eric Marshall resigned as at

Mrs. Jacqueline Walker

Mr. Peter Cowey

Mr. David Goodchild (Honorary Treasurer)

Ms Victoria James

Emma Patterson

Dr. Balaji Dorani

Main Contact Mrs. Shauna Kelly, Hall Secretary

Bank Details: Barclays Bank

Summary of activities 2020-2021

The Hall Management Committee and Finance sub-committee met during the year ended 31st March 2021 to ensure the efficient running of the Hall.

Income from room hire was £9959 a decrease of £46,766 (82%). This decrease was due to restrictions imposed by Government as well as the impact of the pandemic. Although our expenditure was also reduced we received considerable government support together with Coronavirus Job Retention

Scheme payment and donations. Charging for the car park started on 17th June 2020 and we received contributions of £3,015 from Parking Eye Ltd., as well as hiring payments of £1,919.

The effect of this was to increase our resources by £23,288. Total resources at 31st March 2020 now stand at £54,419.

The major significant capital works undertaken this year was repair of the gas main for which the Sir James Knott Trust allowed us to transfer a grant of £5,000 already received for the noise insulation project. We were unable to proceed with the noise insulation project as we were unable to find sufficient other grants for this project.

There were about 300 hired sessions out of approximately 3300 sessions due to the impact of Covid. Setting up, clearing and repairs occupy some of the non-hired sessions. There are usually 3 sessions available per day.

The committee welcomes the continuing support of Ponteland Town Council with a grant of £6,500. We also received donations of some £7,322. The 200 club was reconstituted and we received contributions of £900. The committee greatly appreciates the support received from the wider community which contribute to the maintenance of a major community asset.

Both the Bowling and Tennis Clubs report a successful year in spite of restrictions.

The Trustees decided to delay the reconstitution of the Hall as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and this will be the last annual report as a charity.

Our Caretaker and Secretary continue to provide excellent support, as do our Standby Caretaker and Secretary Mr. & Mrs Kelly Senior who ensure coverage during holiday periods.

Finally we must express our gratitude to the retiring Trustee, Cdr. Eric Marshall for his sterling work for and support of and support of the Hall over many years.