

# **The Anthony Hall (Aston Clinton)**

Registered Charity Number 1190479

**Trustee Report & Accounts**

**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## Legal And Administrative Information

**Trustees** Richard Reinhard Belger Appointed October 2020

Reverend Sally Bottomer Appointed October 2020

David Timmins Appointed October 2020

Hannah Hughes Appointed January 2025

**Registered  
Charity Number** 1190479

**Principal Address** The Anthony Hall  
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**Bankers** HSBC  
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Senator House  
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**Independant  
Examiner** Jane Gardiner  
12 Weston Road  
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## Trustees Annual Report

The Anthony Hall (Aston Clinton) (henceforth referred to as the charity) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was registered with the Charity Commission on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Registered Charity Number 1190479)

### Governance

The charity is governed by its constitution approved on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The Rector of Aston Clinton benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp is an ex officio Trustee. The remaining trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Charity is run by a Management Committee, which consist of the Trustees, one representative of Aston Clinton Parish Council member and elected committee members. A quorum of five committee members is required for decision making purposes. Trustees and Committee members are approved at the AGM. Members can be co-opted by the Management Committee between AGMs.

### Objectives

The charity owns and manages The Anthony Hall, a village hall within the village of Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire. The Anthony Hall is for the communal benefit of the residents of Aston Clinton and the surrounding areas. It is heavily used, with bookings for fund raising, social events, reputable commercial events, meetings and is the venue of the local Pre-School. It is also used for public meetings on local issues, as a polling station and is designated as an emergency shelter in event of disaster.

The Anthony Hall and the land on which it is built was gifted into trust by certain members of the Rothschild family in 1929 to be used for the benefit of the Parish of Aston Clinton, the inhabitants thereof and for general public purposes. It has continued to be so used since that time.

### Public Benefit

The trustees consider that the organisation fully complies with the Charity Commission's requirement to demonstrate the provision of benefit to the public.

### Activities

The main activity of the charity is the provision of community hall facilities for the use of the village. The Charity's policy is to charge fixed hourly rates for the hire of the hall, offering a discount for village based organisations as well as providing the hall free of charge for use by the Parish Council for community information events, for example in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Hall is used by a number of local charities such as the Aston Clinton Pre-School, the local Parish and Baptist Churches and well as the local Woman's Institute, U3A and Horticultural Society.

The rental income for hiring the hall is used to maintain and renovate the 19th Century Grade II listed building. The Management Committee sets the hourly charging rates in order to ensure that it remains an affordable and desirable venue for use by the local community.

### Financial Review

During the year the charity made a loss of £667. During the year a hall maintenance programme was undertaken incurring costs of £8,329. Excluding the one-off items within these costs would show the hall making a profit similar to the previous two years. Revenue from hall hirings continues to be strong with regular hall usage from multiple groups.

No third party guarantees have been provided for the liabilities of the charity

No liabilities have been secured against the assets of the charity

### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that sufficient reserves are held to continue to meet the objectives of the charity.

The charity aims to hold reserves equivalent to two years of running costs, approximately £50,000, plus an additional sum that the Trustees consider adequate to cover unforeseen building work. The level of reserves held as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 are £69,198

Approved by the trustees 22 July 2025

D. Timmins

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## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The Anthony Hall (Aston Clinton)**

I report on the first set of accounts of The Anthony Hall (Aston Clinton) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jane Gardiner

Date 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

## Receipts and Payments Accounts

### Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Year Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Year Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
<b>Receipts</b>		
Regular Hirers	27,432	23,541
One-Off Hirers	5,693	7,170
Parking	130	130
Interest Income	1,808	26
Other Income	220	399
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,283</b>	<b>31,266</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Bank Fees	29	69
Cleaning	10,283	9,136
Insurance	5,357	0
IT Software & Consumables	413	504
Legal Expenses	0	0
Light, Power, Heating	5,839	6,910
Premises Licence	155	139
Repairs & Maintenance	8,329	776
Secretary Expenses	5,008	4,826
Subscriptions	0	65
Sundries	1	520
Telephone & Internet	536	422
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>35,950</b>	<b>23,366</b>
<b>Net of Receipts &amp; Payments</b>	<b>(667)</b>	<b>7,900</b>

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### Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Account	25,715	28,174
Deposit Account	43,063	41,255
Prepayments	0	0
Debtors	420	436
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>69,198</b>	<b>69,865</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>69,198</b>	<b>69,865</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
Funds Brought Forward from Previous Year	69,865	61,965
Net of Receipts & Payments for the Year	(667)	7,900
<b>Total Funds of the Charity</b>	<b>69,198</b>	<b>69,865</b>

### Non-Monetary Assets

The Anthony Hall initially gifted to the village by the Rothschild family of Aston Clinton in 1929 and insured for £1.5m

The portrait of the daughters of Sir Anthony de Rothschild, by James Godsell Middleton, dated around 1860 was gifted to the hall by the Rothschild family of Aston Clinton. In 2013 this was loaned to the Rothschild archive trust on a twenty five year lease and is on display in the premises of Rothschild & Co in the City of London. It is valued at £30,000

All of the funds of the charity are unrestricted

*D. Timmins*

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Signed

Date 4 SEPTEMBER 2025