



HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST CIO
Registered Charity 1195759

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Presented to the Annual General Meeting
1st May 2024
Held at The Village Hall, Honley

CHAIRS REPORT FOR 2023

has been an eventful 2023, starting with our separation from Friends of Honley, who are now an independent organisation, and from Honley Youth who have now set up their own charity.

The Village Hall is gradually recovering from the Covid closure, and we had a very successful year with the monthly markets and our other groups have come back to rent the hall. We even have some new groups now which shows how much people like to have a local village hall.

We had lots of events run by our events sub-group including Easter, Halloween, and Christmas crafting. In May we celebrated the King's coronation with an afternoon tea catering for nearly 100 people. We had contributions from Wired Café, who provided us with discounted amazing cakes, our own special Honley coronation blend coffee, and our Co-Op, Taylors and Hinchliffe's farm gave us a discount on our tea, coffee, butter, milk and meat, it was a huge success.

We also held a Volunteers thank you party and said a sad farewell to Daphne our fantastic flyer distribution organiser but welcomed 5 new people to undertake the sorting of the nearly 3,500 flyers. I would like to say a very special thank you to all our volunteers throughout the village whom without the HVCTCIO and many other organisations in the village couldn't function.

The Welcome Club has seen their numbers rise from 12 in our first few months to over 50 at present, luckily, they don't all come at once, we average 48 every week.

We have been very lucky to receive several grants for our crafting, welcome club activities, Magdale and future projects. We couldn't survive without these grants, and I would like to say special thanks to these organisations, including HVPC, Natural Kirklees, Holmfirth Rotary, TSL, One Community and many others.

Work continues on the plan for a Heritage walk and Chapel renovation as well as the Hydro Project. We are also continuing to update and develop our website and Facebook page, thanks to David, Linda and Phil for these developments.

Our Honley Flyer continues to be distributed to nearly 3,500 homes, and again a special thanks to Linda our editor for all her hard work.

Our asset transfer is almost completed with our long-term lease and a big thanks to Steve for his endless patience and persistence to enable this eventually to happen.

Finally, we are always looking for new trustees and volunteers as some of us are getting on in years and we would love to grow our trust with new young and maybe not so young trustees who can bring fresh new ideas to HVCTCIO and take it forward into the future. We will be celebrating 30 years of the Trust this year and hopefully new blood can take it through the next 30 years.

Margaret Wadsworth

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2023

Lorraine Needham Reid was the secretary for most of 2023 but in the Autumn took on the role of Treasurer and so I stepped into the role on a temporary basis. So, there is still a vacancy for this post and we would encourage someone to come forward to take a central role in the running of the Trust.

During the year the Trustees have held 10 management meetings. These meetings have agendas which cover the main business of the Trust with reports from the Treasurer and other Trustees with specific responsibility. The Committee monitors its actions through an Action Schedule which is updated at each meeting. Our regular monitoring ensures that we make efficient and effective use of Trust funds and provide value for money for the community.

During 2023 we received subscriptions to the Trust from just over 200 people/households, and in addition to this we also have a number of life members. We are considering ways in which we can increase the number of subscriptions as we believe such contributions to Honley Village Community Trust demonstrate an investment in our work and the village of Honley.

Although we converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in September 2021 we have had some outstanding issues to deal with in this conversion. These include the submission of final accounts to the Charity Commission of the previous Trust and more recently the application for the merging of the previous Trust into the CIO. These are technical matters but nevertheless important to get right.

We are continuing with the process of an asset transfer of the Village Hall. Our lease from Kirklees expires in 2026 and the asset transfer will provide us with more security through a much longer-term lease.

The Trust has continued, where possible, to lead and contribute to initiatives and activities in the village. The Trust is an associate member of the Honley Business Association and has links with other community groups within the village.

We have been grateful to receive grants in support of our various activities and projects from Holme Valley Parish Council and other organisations

Steve Hemming

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2023

First, thanks to the 2 previous treasurers Dennis Roberts and Jason Barlow, it was a bit of a surprise to find myself in this role late last year, but I have to say I am thoroughly enjoying it. I must give a huge thanks to my fellow trustees for supporting me as I learnt the ropes.

As you will remember from the last AGM the Trust announced its separation from Friends of Honley and Honley Youth. The financial separation from Friends of Honley has now been completed and they are now a stand-alone organisation though as we said last year we will continue to work together for the good of the village. Honley Youth have recently got charity status themselves so we are looking at transferring any relevant grants to them or returning them to the awarding bodies.

The main thing to look at financially is the income and expenditure account for the year for the CIO here you can see that last year we lost £10k which is £7k more than we lost the previous year. While this is concerning it is not unexpected, we have all seen a huge increase in household expenditure and running a village hall is no different, an increase of £7k in heating and lighting alone. Magdale also needed £5k of goit repairs and we also had professional fees from turning from, a charity to a CIO of over £2k. So, we can see where the increases were and hopefully, we won't see them in 2024, as we have gone onto a cheaper electricity tariff, the professional fees have been paid and hopefully Magdale will not need anything quite so major. However, we have increased our unrestricted reserves to £50k in case of anything like this, this will show in the accounts for 2024.

It's not all doom and gloom the Welcome Club goes from strength to strength and has become self-funding largely through grants. The markets continue not only to be a great event but also generate income for the Trust and other local organisations like the Scouts.

Lorraine Needham-Reid

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | <u>2023</u> | | <u>2022</u> | |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (transferred from previous trust) | | | | |
| Land | | 25,568 | | 25,568 |
| Magdale Dam | | 45,473 | | 45,473 |
| Village Hall equipment, fixtures and fittings | 13,784 | | 16,154 | |
| Less depreciation | 2,020 | 11,764 | 2,370 | 13,784 |
| General tools and equipment | 5,006 | | 5,641 | |
| Additions | - | | 249 | |
| | 5,006 | | 5,890 | |
| Less depreciation | 751 | 4,255 | 884 | 5,006 |
| | | 87,060 | | 89,831 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash in hand | 98 | | 46 | |
| Cash at bank - general account | 9,256 | | 13,707 | |
| youth account | 202 | | 201 | |
| village hall account | 33,671 | | 41,117 | |
| Contingency fund | 24,526 | | 24,130 | |
| HVCT CIO account | 6,135 | | 3,460 | |
| Friends of Honley CIO account | 23,282 | | 25,740 | |
| Prepayments | 1,137 | | - | |
| | 98,307 | | 108,401 | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Friends of Honley account | 23,288 | | 25,991 | |
| Creditors and accruals | 1,997 | | 1,405 | |
| | <u>25,285</u> | <u>73,022</u> | <u>27,396</u> | <u>81,005</u> |
| | | <u>160,082</u> | | <u>170,836</u> |
| REPRESENTED BY: | | | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | | 170,836 | | 97,549 |
| Deficit for the year | | (8,854) | | (3,441) |
| Transferred from previous Trust | | - | | <u>76,728</u> |
| | | <u>161,982</u> | | <u>170,836</u> |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2023</u> | | <u>2022</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Members' subscriptions & donations | 1 | 1,521 | | 2,176 | |
| Room hire | | 12,550 | | 14,636 | |
| Interest received | | 1,048 | | 219 | |
| VH Market bookings | | 5,354 | | 1,230 | |
| Ukraine support/welcome club | 4 | 2,452 | | 1,402 | |
| Flyers | 2 | 310 | | 683 | |
| Events | | 1,958 | | 1,219 | |
| Bank Compensation | | - | | 100 | |
| Grants received | 3 | 4,395 | 29,588 | 4,856 | 26,521 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Light & heat | | 8,836 | | 1,801 | |
| Village hall rent | | 1,760 | | 840 | |
| Village hall expenses | | 933 | | 562 | |
| Events | | 4,043 | | 1,980 | |
| Rates & water | | - | | 793 | |
| Repairs, maintenance & construction | | 1,399 | | 7,460 | |
| Land management | | 10,439 | | 4,911 | |
| Cleaning | | 909 | | 1,585 | |
| Refuse collection | | 769 | | 443 | |
| Accountancy | | 677 | | 618 | |
| Professional fees re CIO conversion | | 2,591 | | 480 | |
| Consultancy services | | 830 | | 1,225 | |
| Telephone & internet | | 147 | | 465 | |
| Insurance & licences | | 819 | | 1,669 | |
| Post, stationery & advertising | | 66 | | 292 | |
| Flyers | | 1,782 | | 1,017 | |
| Donations | | 1,180 | | 190 | |
| Meeting Expenses | | 381 | | - | |
| Sundries | | 10 | | 377 | |
| Depreciation | | 2,771 | 40,342 | 3,254 | 29,962 |
| DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR | | | <u>(10,754)</u> | | <u>(3,441)</u> |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTANTS

| MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS | | £ |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Subscriptions | | 351 |
| Donations: | | |
| M Murray (John's Bench) | 50 | |
| Amazon | 13 | |
| Honley Male Voice Choir | 48 | |
| Paypal | 12 | |
| Other donations | <u>1,047</u> | <u>1,170</u> |
| | | <u><u>1,521</u></u> |
| FLYERS | | |
| Income | | 310 |
| Expenditure | | <u>(1,782)</u> |
| Deficit | | <u>(1,472)</u> |
| GRANTS RECEIVED | | |
| HVPC Grant | | 405 |
| HVPC Grant (CH Arts) | | 390 |
| HVPC Grant (Magdale) | | 2,250 |
| HVPC Grant (Party) | | 850 |
| HVPC Grant (Wreaths) | | <u>500</u> |
| | | <u><u>4,395</u></u> |
| UKRAINE SUPPORT/WELCOME CLUB | | |
| HVPC Grant | | 910 |
| HVPC Grant | | 850 |
| York Trip | | 250 |
| Medicare | | 712 |
| Third Sector Leader Grant | | 600 |
| Other Donations | | <u>500</u> |
| | | 3,822 |
| Less Expenses | | <u>1,370</u> |
| | | <u><u>2,452</u></u> |

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | <u>Notes</u> | £ |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Balance b/f | | 25,991 |
| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
| Grant | 4,000 | |
| Grant West Yorks CA | 5,824 | |
| Holmfirth Events | 159 | |
| Radcliffe Funeral - Honley Open Garden | 150 | |
| ART Inns Ltd - Honley Open Garden | 80 | |
| Fitzpatrick Fuels - Honley Open Garden | 120 | |
| Belong - Honley Open Garden | 200 | |
| T Stephenson - Honley Open Garden | 150 | |
| Eventbrite - Honley Open Garden | 304 | |
| Trinity Church - Honley Open Garden | 99 | |
| Income - Honley Open Garden | 11,647 | |
| Honley Business Association Grant | 429 | |
| B Kellington - Honley Open Garden | 180 | |
| Co-op Grant | <u>2,590</u> | <u>25,932</u> |
| | | 51,923 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| Honley Youth Graffiti Workshop | 110 | |
| Toilet Hire | 218 | |
| Expenses - D Roberts | 16 | |
| Printing Honley Open Garden Booklets | 1,097 | |
| Big Clear Up Skip Hire & Equipment | 500 | |
| Hi Viz Jackets | 400 | |
| Bank Charges | 9 | |
| Future Kraft | 1,688 | |
| Accountants - D&A Hill | 312 | |
| Plants, Materials & Expenses - Honley Open Garden | 1,745 | |

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|---|--------|---------------|
| First Impressions | 2,401 | |
| Use of Honley Library Storage Unit | 550 | |
| Transport for Honley Open Garden | 750 | |
| Artistes - Honley Open Garden | 400 | |
| HMRC | 372 | |
| Holme Valley Scout Group - Honley Open Garden | 383 | |
| G Kirby Exp | 100 | |
| J McLean Exp | 312 | |
| C Green Graveyard Exp | 109 | |
| Honley Youth Grant returned | 855 | |
| TF to New FOH Bank Accounts | 16,308 | 28,635 |
| TOTAL CASH ASSETS @ 31/12/2023 | | 23,288 |

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS

Using the historical cost convention, we have prepared but not audited, the annexed Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account from the records and other information supplied by Dennis Roberts, the Trust's Treasurer.

HUDDERSFIELD - March 2024

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations, and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE VILLAGE HALL REPORT FOR 2023

This year has been another particularly hard year with high cost of utilities and trying to find ways of raising funds to meet these costs without having to rely on grants when they are needed for other events that we run at the village hall. We ended the year with a small short fall however all in all I must say it has been a good year, with help from Linda Booth who has secured the grants to enable us to put on children's parties, wreath making and children's crafting and of course helping at the markets with her beautiful cakes and helping in the café. At this point I also must mention my wife who checks my grammar and helps with everything I do regarding the village hall.

The markets continue to be a success, a great source of income with more new stall holders and a friendlier bunch you'll find hard to come by.

The Christmas Wreath Making was again a well-supported event, so if you want to attend this year's wreath making, ensure you book early as we are already receiving enquiries.

The Children's Christmas Party was probably oversubscribed however a good do was had by all and Father Christmas was stunningly good!.

Afternoon Tea with the Easter Bunny was a smaller affair to make sure we had more room, however just as much fun, so for all these events we must thank the Parish Council for the grants which have enabled us to keep them affordable, and thanks to everyone who has helped without them these things would not happen.

We have received the following grants from Holme Valley Parish Council in 2023:

Peter Bonds

THE WELCOME CLUB REPORT FOR 2023

The Welcome Club meet every Monday from 1 – 3 pm, at the Village Hall and has now been running successfully for a few years. We constantly welcome around 50 members each week, many of whom have formed good friendships within the group and we constantly receive positive feedback from everyone who attends.

In 2023, we embarked on exciting adventures together, exploring charming destinations like York, Skipton, St Annes, and Hampsons Garden Centre, together with mouthwatering lunches at Kingfishers Fish & Chip Shop. Thanks to our collaboration with Roundway and Burhouse Court, we now travel in style on bigger and comfier coaches, fostering connections with fellow villagers along the way.

During 2023, our calendar was filled with captivating speakers sharing their expertise, from Martin Tyrrell's metal detecting tales to Annette Hale's wellness wisdom at the Health Shack. We learned how to pamper our feet with Tina Murray, delved into holiday escapades with Colin Morgan, and admired Sandie Nicholson's stunning photos of Honley and beyond.

We've also had our fair share of fun too! Armchair Zumba and Armchair Ballroom dance became instant hits, while Paul Evans strummed his ukulele, filling the air with music and cheer. Our group also enjoys a quiz and a singalong and generally just love getting together for a natter and catch up over a cuppa and a piece of cake / biscuit. And we cannot forget our unforgettable Christmas Party, where Honley Silver Band serenaded us with timeless carols, spreading holiday joy all around.

As we step into 2024, our mission remains unchanged: more adventures, more learning, more laughter. Why not join our wonderful volunteer family (of which there are 6 currently) without whom this group could not exist. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to become a volunteer, helping us continue to make memories, forge friendships, and create cherished moments.

Here's to another year of warmth, welcome, and wonderful experiences at our beloved Welcome Club.

Carol Roberts

MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM REPORT FOR 2023

It is our aim to conserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment of Magdale Fields and Dam and achieve a balance between maximising biodiversity and the use of the land by the community as an amenity for recreation, engagement with nature, and educational activities.

Our aim can only be achieved through the dedicated work of a volunteer group who are willing to engage in a range of activities. Without their commitment we would be unable to maintain or enhance Magdale for the benefit of residents and wildlife.

The major projects and work we undertook during 2023 were:

1. The extension of Honley Community Orchard by adding 6 pear trees, 2 crab apple trees and a mulberry tree. All the fruit trees are in good health and in the early years we take off fruit in July so that the energy is directed into the growth of the tree.
2. In October we constructed a Bee Bank in the field above the orchard. We hope that during 2024 this will attract solitary bees to create short tunnels and plant their eggs. This project was funded by a grant from Natural Kirklees.
3. We continue to enhance the grassland by mowing after wildflowers have seeded and by sowing further wildflower seeds whenever possible. We have also cleared more holly in the 'oak' woodland and planted woodland wildflower bulbs there to add to the cover of bluebells.
4. Towards the end of the year, we were grateful to River Holme Connections for undertaking some additional hedging and this will create further habitats for wildlife once they become established.
5. A significant improvement has been the creation of steps from the sluice gate on the River Holme up to the main path, a complex task with the stone and tree roots not making it easy. However, we received many appreciative comments from walkers once this task was completed.
6. Towards the end of the year, we commissioned a map of Magdale showing the main tracks and features. We were grateful to Katie Walden for creating the map and the Parish Council who provided us with a grant for this work. The map can be found on the website and has been placed on the noticeboards on Magdale
7. We were grateful for a grant from the Parish Council enabling us to commission a tree safety survey on Magdale. A number of recommendations were made for action over the next 2 years although none of these were classified as urgent.
8. We are pleased to be a member of the Nature Holme Landscape Project, headed by River Holme Connections. This will fund a woodland management plan in Spring 2024 and potentially other projects in future years.
9. During the year have also taken on other work in the village. In March we took out some very stubborn bushes at Honley Library to create a more useable garden space. We have also continued to help clear and restore Southgate Woods, which will be left as a legacy to the Trust. We have been clearing the undergrowth, creating paths and in 2024 will plant some small trees to enhance this woodland area. There is a five-year plan so plenty more to do.
10. We have a Fishing agreement with Eden Forest CIC and they have continued to run fishing courses for a variety of small groups. Jointly we have been successful in obtaining grants from the Parish Council and Environment Agency to improve the footpath and the edge of the Dam by introducing more marginal plants.

11. Magdale again hosted an event for Holmfirth Arts Festival - an "Accessible Activities Amble" in May and a Family Fun Day in September run by River Holme Connections.
12. In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including path maintenance, the clearance of undergrowth along the goit from Mag Brook to the Dam, 'bashing' the Himalayan Balsam and the refurbishment of the benches. The annual task of cleaning out the bird boxes was completed, approximately three quarters of these being used each year.

Our plans for the next year include improving the paths and edging along Magdale Dam, clearing the undergrowth around the goits from the Holme to the Mag, and continuing our work to enhance the woodland and grassland.

If anyone reading this report is interested in helping, please contact me on 07717 766071. The volunteer group meets on the second Sunday of every month unless the weather or other matters prevent the work taking place.

Steve Hemming

YOUTH PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT –

Summary of 2023

Honley Youth activity was suspended during 2023 while it took steps to set up a separate charity. This has now been achieved and subject to checks made with any grant givers the funding will be transferred to the new charity in due course.

HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS

As we gather for this year's Annual General Meeting, it's important to reflect on the progress we've made and the projects we've set in motion. While we may not have significant updates to share on these initiatives just yet, rest assured, our commitment to their success remains unwavering. These endeavours demand careful consideration, meticulous planning, and the investment of time, but we're steadily moving forward.

Looking back, we discussed several promising projects at last year's AGM, each aimed at enhancing and enriching our local community. While some may face hurdles such as planning constraints, grant availability, or regulatory restrictions, we're diligently preparing for their realisation.

Let's revisit some of these initiatives:

- 1) **Circular Heritage Trail:** Our vision to showcase the beauty of Magdale and its rich history through a Circular Heritage Trail is taking shape. This trail will illuminate the historic water management systems that once powered local mills, offering visitors and schools a glimpse into the area's past, including the legacy of the Honley Luddites. The refurbishment of the Mortuary Chapel at Green Cliffe will serve as an information centre, enriching the experience. Our target completion for this project is by 2025/26.
- 2) **Hydro Power Turbine System:** We're exploring renewable energy solutions by installing a Hydro Power Turbine system at Magdale Weir Waterfall. This sustainable endeavour not only aims to generate electricity but also incorporates a fish ladder to facilitate fish migration in the River Holme. With the support of a student group from Sheffield University, we're navigating planning procedures and grant applications, aiming for completion by 2026/27.
- 3) **Village Hall Redevelopment:** The need for a modern, versatile community space has led us to envision the demolition and reconstruction of the Village Hall. The new facility will be equipped with two floors, each with independent access, coffee bars, and toilets. This design enables simultaneous use for diverse activities, from vaccination centers to youth clubs and dance classes. Additionally, the provision of small offices will cater to the needs of local businesses, providing a formal meeting space for home workers.

Together, let's embrace the journey ahead, knowing that every step brings us closer to our shared vision of a vibrant, thriving locality.

David Hardy

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YOUR THOUGHTS & FEEDBACK

Now that you understand how 2023 turned out, we would love to hear your thoughts for 2024 and beyond. What would you like Honley Village Community Trust to be involved in, what would you like to see from us, are there any events you would like to see in the village.

Perhaps you would like to get involved in a volunteer capacity for the Welcome Club, the monthly markets, distribution of the Honley Flyer or spend some time in the great outdoors on the land at Magdale, you would be met with a very big welcome.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions to -

info@honleyvillagecommunitytrust.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Honley Village Community Trust CIO

APPENDIX

Minutes of Honley Village Community Trust CIO AGM 2022 held on 26th July 2023

Present: Officers and Trustees – Margaret Wadsworth (Chair), Lorraine Needham-Reid (Secretary), Jason Barlow (Treasurer), Carol Roberts, Dennis Roberts, Linda Booth, Peter Bonds, Davd Hardy, Steve Hemming, Phil Hey

Members: Andy Wadsworth, Frances Walshaw, Ruth Robins, Jan and Pete Swallow, Shelia Kaye, Vivenne Whiteley, Graham Whiteley, Lyn Croft, Jared Croft, Russell Reynolds, Rachel Swift, Tricia Hemming, Marcia Murray, Cliff Hayes, Sharon White, Jenny Lockwood

Chairs Welcome

MW welcomed everyone to the meeting and remembered the previous Chair Ian Blagborough who had sadly died in May 2022. She thanked him for his work for the Trust including founding it 30 years ago with David Hardy.

Minutes of the AGM 2021

MW then gave a brief synopsis of the minutes from the AGM of 2021, and these were recorded as a true record.

Treasurers Report

JB gave the report though DR was the incumbent treasurer during the AGM period. JB thanked DR for the years he had served as both a trustee and a treasurer and a personal thank you for helping the smooth transition.

JB explained that there were 2 sets of accounts, one for the Charity and one for the CIO. Income has largely been restored to pre lockdown levels thanks to the vaccinations/medicare and the markets.

JB noted that there was a ring-fenced amount of circa £26k for Honley Youth/FOH.

Huge thanks to donations and grants from Holme Valley Parish Council, One Community, and membership contributions/donations especially Ian Blagborough legacy, Marcia Murray, and the Holmfirth Rotary Club.

The full accounts are available on our website or on request.

Sub-committee Reports

The full reports are attached to the annual report either on the website or on request.

Village Hall

There had been a change of use of the village hall not just as a business but to be more of the community lead over the year.

The Markets were giving monies to the Scouts and smaller local groups by allowing them to run the raffle on a rota basis.

Also due to the change in strategy the Brownies and Honley Youth get the hall for free, however there may need to be a slight price increase for those that do pay due to increased energy costs.

A big thank you to Sharon for her help with the markets.

Welcome Club

One of the resounding successes of 2022. The club was set up initially to help refugees from the Ukraine settle into Honley but it has turned into a place of friendship for many people that are lonely, vulnerable or just want something to do on a Monday. They have trips, armchair Zumba and ballroom dancing, quizzes and bingo.

Honley Youth

Honley Youth have become dormant since they lost their permanent youth worker. They are looking to set up as a charity in their own right but need people to be officers/trustees.

DR then explained how both Honley Youth and Friends of Honley were subsidiaries of the Trust but were now looking to be separate entities in their own rights. DR gave a very comprehensive explanation of the need to separate.

It was also explained that some of the grants that had been given to both groups may have to be returned as grant money is ring-fenced for the activity it has been awarded for.

Land

SH explained one of big projects of 2022 was the setting up of the community orchard. Local children had got involved in this.

We have also been working on an area of land new to us behind the Phoenix squash club, Southgate woods, this was going to be bequeathed to us and we are working on the wood with the owner.

Future Projects

DH went through the 3 projects he is working on taking the Trust into the future, these are the restoration of the chapel in the cemetery and the heritage walk to accompany this, the feasibility study into obtaining hydroelectricity from the dam at Magdale and the building of a new village hall.

Chairs Report

MW spoke about the amazing work that had been done by Daphne organising the distribution of the Honley Flyer. MW had been to watch the process and was stunned at the way they are put into piles ready for 42 volunteers to collect and deliver round the village. However, a new Daphne is required as she is retiring.

MW then explained that 3 trustees were retiring.

Jo Bonds, Dennis Roberts and Sylvia Sellen.

Also 3 coopted trustees will stand for election.

Jason Barlow – David Hardy proposed.

Steve Heming seconded.

Lorraine Needham-Reid Margaret Wadsworth proposed.

Phil Hey seconded.

Linda Booth – Peter Bonds proposed.

Phil Hey seconded.

Sharon White also wished to stand for election.

Carol Roberts proposed.

Marcia Murray seconded.

All trustees were voted on.

The Chairs Awards

MW gave the **Community Award** to Sharon White for, amongst other things organising the Elf Trial, Halloween and helping Peter with the markets.

The Chairs Award went to the volunteers of the Honley Flyer and was collected by Daphne's sister Jill on their behalf.

MW spoke about the 3 retiring trustees

Jo Bonds had been the editor of the Honley Flyer and after retirement continued to bake cakes for the market pop up café. MW gave a thank you gift for her hard work.

As previously said Dennis Roberts had been the Treasurer for several years and a trustee for more. MW thanked him for his sterling work and gave him a gift.

Sylvia Sellen had been amazing for the village of Honley setting up Friends of Honley as well as being President of the Honley Business Association. Dennis received Sylvia's gift on her behalf.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Honley Village Community Trust CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1195759

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

B. J. Hodgson

Date:

22/8/24

Name:

Benjamin John Hodgson

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.