



**HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST CIO**  
Registered Charity 1195759

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Presented to the Annual General Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025  
Held at The Village Hall, Honley

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*Margaret Wadsworth*

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REPRESENTED BY:				
ACCUMULATED FUND		160,082		170,836
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		10,027		(10,754)
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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Members' subscriptions & donations	1	8,565		1,521	
Room hire		8,916		12,550	
Interest received		2,424		1,048	
VH Market bookings	4	2,990		5,354	
Ukraine support/welcome club		835		2,452	
Flyers	2	1,105		310	
Events		2,050		1,958	
Land		105		-	
Grants received	3	10,599	37,589	4,395	29,588
EXPENDITURE					
Light & heat		2,869		8,836	
Village hall rent		956		1,760	
Village hall expenses		30		933	
Events		1,275		4,043	
Rates & water		1,311		-	
Repairs, maintenance & construction		3,861		1,399	
Land management		5,143		10,439	
Cleaning		63		909	
Refuse collection		300		769	
Accountancy		696		677	
Professional fees		-		2,591	
Consultancy services		-		830	
Telephone & internet		279		147	
Insurance & licences		1,880		819	
Post, stationery & advertising		388		66	
Flyers		1,464		1,782	
Donations		471		1,180	
Meeting expenses		-		381	
Welcome Club activities		680		-	
Markets		304		-	
Future projects costs		285		-	
Grants		1,534		-	
Trust overheads		1,414		-	
Sundries		-		10	
Depreciation		2,359	27,562	2,771	40,342
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>10,027</b>		<b>(10,754)</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTANTS

### MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS

		£
Subscriptions		2,031
<b>Donations:-</b>		
Eden Forest	2,101	
Welcome Club	300	
Holme Build Art Exhibition	600	
Holme Valley league	2,000	
Elf trail	264	
HBA Christmas lights	90	
Other	1,179	6,534
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### FLYERS

Income		1,105
Expenditure		(1,464)
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Deficit		(359)
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### GRANTS RECEIVED

One Community Grant (gas/electric)		2,000
HVPC Grant (Easter events)		950
HVPC Grant (land)		4,009
One Community Grant (portacabin)		2,000
Third Sector Grant (Welcome Club)		600
HVPC Grant (Welcome Club)		840
HVPC Grant (events)		200
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		10,599
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### VH MARKET BOOKINGS

Market stalls		2,990
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## YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	£
Balance b/f		23,288
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Friends Of Honley Grant	2,589	
People's Health Grant	1,938	
John Campbell Grant	4,500	
West Yorkshire Community Honley Youth Grant	14,253	
Bank Charges	2	
Write Off Difference to HVCT CIO	<u>6</u>	
		<u>23,288</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS @ 31/12/2024</b>		£0

## **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 Lorraine Needham-Reid, the Trust's Treasurer.

HUDDERSFIELD - March 2025

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 2024

This year has been another year of building the usage of the village hall back to pre-covid times.

The hall is a valuable space for the community, and we are keen to offer it to as many groups, private bookings etc as possible. We are pleased to host an array of activities including art classes, yoga, weight watchers and ballroom dancing to name a few, along with hosting the brownies on a weekly basis.

The monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength and are a great source of income for the trust. We encourage everyone to pop along and support not only our local stall holders but also our pop up café run by trust volunteers – indulge yourself in a slice of homemade cake!

Utility costs continue to be the largest outgoing for the VH however we work hard to find ways to reduce our bills and partner with the best companies to keep our costs down. This year we have been able to re-new our utility provider contract, saving hundreds of pounds.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) who have supported us with a few grants throughout the year so that we can offer events for the children of the village namely – Children's Crafting (Easter & Christmas), Afternoon Tea with the Easter Bunny, Christmas Party and Halloween party (new edition). We believe these are important events to offer to the families in the village, creating a fun and safe environment for the children to enjoy themselves with friends, creating lasting memories. The grants enable us to offer the events at a lower cost to our families, making them available to all. Without the grant these events would not be possible.

Over the last few years, we have been pleased to offer a Christmas Wreath Making class hosted by a local florist and supported with a grant from HVPC. This event has been very popular and well supported however competition in the village was high in 2024 with a number of other businesses offering similar events. Unfortunately, in 2024 we lost our funding, meaning we could only offer one class with no subsidy. Our aim is to host this class again in 2025 as it has been a great success, however we will also look to source other seasonal classes as we believe there is saturation in market.

This year we also spotlighted 12 local artists with our very first Art Exhibition held in September. We welcomed lots of people through the door to view the art and pottery with many of our artists selling their paintings/prints/pots. Due to the success of this event we are thrilled to be holding it again in 2025 with new artists added to the exhibition. Please come along XXXX

To book the Village Hall for an event please visit [honleyvillagetrust.org.uk](https://honleyvillagetrust.org.uk)

*The Trust*

## THE WELCOME CLUB REPORT FOR 2024

The Welcome Club meet every Monday from 1 – 3 pm, at the Village Hall and has now been running successfully for a few years. The Welcome Club continues to grow with 48 people attending, many of whom have formed good friendships within the group and we constantly receive positive feedback.

Our mission for 2024 remained to be: more adventures, more learning, more laughter. welcome everyone who attends. We certainly achieved all of this and more

We continue to keep the group active with regular armchair Zumba, Ballroom dancing and Massage. We regularly exercise the brain too with Bingo, regular Quizzes and last year we invited a number of speakers to come and chat to the group including Carl Suitcases, Katie Walden – card illustrator and Ask Honley.

In August we celebrated our 2nd birthday with a bang, 45 people attended our birthday party enjoying a sing song, food and dancing.

We continued to organise trips in partnership with Roundway, Burhouse Court and Trinity flats. Throughout 2024 we visited York, Llandudno, Barnsley Market and Skipton among others.

At Christmas we celebrated with a fantastic party with the amazing Billy Blaze who had lots of our guests up dancing and having a great time.

The joy of watching everyone having a great time, socialising and making friends is the whole reason we continue to offer this great service to members of our community.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who attends and support the Welcome Club, local businesses & community members who donate and/or offer discounts for all our events, to the Holme Valley Parish Council for grants to support our events, and to our very special volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to open the doors and host this amazing group.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year making memories, forging friendships and cherishing every moment. Our mission remains the same for 2025 - more adventures, more learning, more laughter. welcome everyone who attends.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to become a volunteer, even if it's just 2 hours a month, we welcome all the help and support.

*Carol Roberts*

## MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM REPORT FOR 2024

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. We have an annual plan of work and I'm grateful to all of our volunteers who are willing to engage in a range of activities to achieve our aim. 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 2024 were:

In conjunction with Eden Forest CIC and following successful funding bids to Holme Valley Parish Council and the Environment Agency coir matting impregnated with marginal pond plants was laid along Magdale Dam bank and improvements were made to the bank path. Further path improvements are planned.

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 some young oak trees.

After the completion of the hedge laying we erected the arch made by Mick Kirkby-Geddes as an entrance to the track that goes down to the lower 'island' field. This has received positive comments from the people walking on Magdale and has become an established feature.

This year we had a stall in the Countryside Marquee at the Honley Show. A number of stalls for environmental groups, including ours, were funded by Natural Kirklees. There was a steady stream of people coming through the marquee and it was good to engage with them about our work on Magdale. We mocked up a bee bank with sticks in the sand, and those who successfully chose a stick with a bee were rewarded with a packet of wildflower seeds.

Following some tree works in Southgate Woods we cleared some of the undergrowth and planted some native trees (whips) in the clearing. There is further work to be done.

We are pleased to be a member of the Nature Holme Landscape Project, headed by River Holme Connections. Under this scheme a woodland management plan has been developed and we hope to improve the variety of native trees in our woodland areas in the coming years. A botanical survey and soil sampling have also established some baselines for Magdale so that we can then measure progress towards achieving our aim.

In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including path maintenance, the clearance of undergrowth along the goits, 'bashing' the Himalayan Balsam and the refurbishment of the benches. The annual task of cleaning out the bird boxes was also completed.

Our plans for the next year include improving some of the paths, undertaking the works recommended in the Tree Safety Survey, 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*

## **HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS**

We continue to look at the future and how we can enhance the Leisure Activities of the local community.

### **Circular Heritage Trail and Mortuary Chapel**

We have delayed the refurbishment of the Chapel and its change to a heritage information centre. Obtaining a large grant in the current financial climate has proved difficult. We are looking for alternative volunteering solutions for the future.

We are progressing with the circular trail, starting with the installation of a safe wooden staircase up a steep and slippery banking. This will be followed by a stile at the top of Spider Alley, a wooden footbridge over the Mag Brook together with signposts and information boards. The trail is being designed to encourage all ages to get out and enjoy our beauty spot.

### **Hydro Power Turbine System**

Sheffield University students continue to design and develop this project to create low carbon electrical energy. A fish ladder is being designed at the large River Holme Weir to allow fish to proceed further upstream. We are researching local manufacturers. Permissions from the Environment Agency are underway.

### **The Village Hall Redevelopment**

We continue to negotiate with Kirklees Council, the owner of our current building, for a long term 135 year lease which will allow us to apply for grants to replace the hall with a multi-functional facility offering a more varied and accessible building. We are attempting to establish future needs by connecting with our members and the wider community.

*David Hardy*

**End**

## **We Need You!**

As we look ahead, we'd love to hear your thoughts. What worked? What could be better? Your feedback helps shape what we do next—and we truly value it.

We're also looking for volunteers! If you've got a bit of time and would like to lend a hand—whether that's helping out at an event or simply delivering some flyers in your neighbourhood—we'd be so grateful. Every little bit of help makes a big difference.

We're a friendly bunch, and everyone is welcome. If you're interested, just get in touch—we'd love to have you on board.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, suggestions or volunteer your help -

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We look forward to hearing from you.

*Thank you.*

***Honley Village Community Trust CIO***

# ***APPENDIX***

## **Minutes of Honley Village Community Trust CIO AGM 2023 held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Margaret Wadsworth (MW), David Hardy (DH), Steve Hemming (SH), Lorraine Needham-Reid (LNR), Carol Roberts (CR), Peter Bonds (PB), Phil Hey, Linda Booth, Sharon White, Sara Parrott, Andrew Wadsworth, Chris Green, Helen Green, Graham Whiley, Vivienne Whiley, Tricia Hemming, Julie Martin, John Marsland, Kath Tonge, Jenny Lockwood, David Lockwood, Geoff Hurry, Cliff Hayes, Marcia Murray, Susan Woodworth, Robert Livingstone, Amanda Curgenvin, Charles Greaves, Richard Green, Dave Benson, Vicky Booth.

**Apologies:** Russell Reynolds, Lyn Croft, Jared Croft, Gillian Gregory.

### **Chair's Welcome.**

MW welcomed everyone to the AGM and said it was good to have such an excellent turnout. She referred to the agenda and annual report that had been placed on everyone's chair and said that following the meeting there would be refreshments.

### **1. Minutes of the 2023 AGM and Matters Arising.**

The minutes were included in the annual report document. The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

### **2. Chair's Report**

MW covered some of the main events of the year. Friends of Honley had now become a separate organisation and Honley Youth had just set up its own charity. The Village Hall was making good progress in recovering after Covid and new groups are now using the hall. The monthly markets have been a great success. There had been a number of events at the Hall including a Coronation Tea and Easter, Christmas and Halloween events. A very successful volunteers party was also held to say thank you for their help which was essential for the success of the Trust. The Welcome Club has grown in strength and popularity during the year. The Flyer continues to be delivered throughout the village by 43 volunteers. The Trust has benefitted from a number of grants from Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Rotary, Natural Kirklees, TSL and One Community and these have been important to support the range of activities. The Chair finished on a request for new Trustees as it was important to have 'new blood' in view of the gradual turnover of Trustees.

### **3. Secretary's Report**

SH Advised that LNR had been the secretary for much of 2023 but transferred to the role of treasurer when that became available. Since then SH had undertaken this role on a temporary basis and so there was a vacancy for this role. He said that the Trust had received 200 plus subscriptions last year and wished to increase this number in future years. He said that the conversion from the previous Trust to a CIO had finally been completed with the agreement of the Charity Commission to merge the two organisations. The Asset Transfer of the village hall was ongoing and a report should be presented to the Kirklees cabinet later this year.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

LNR confirmed that the finances of Friends of Honley and HVCT CIO had been separated and now that Honley Youth had been established as a charity the process could begin to transfer the Honley Youth grants subject to the formal agreement of the grant givers. LNR highlighted the loss of £10k in 2023 mainly due to significant increases in costs such as utilities and a goit repair. But this is not a major concern as activity (and therefore income) at the Village Hall is increasing. Restricted funds will also be increased to £50k to allow for any unexpected costs. LNR advised that the accounting system was being revised to reduce the number of accounts and enable better management of income and expenditure.

### **5. Village Hall Report**

PB referred everyone to his written report. He advised that he is seeking volunteers to help with an Art Exhibition to be held on 27/28/29 September. He also advised that he will be stepping down from being a Trustee at the end of December 2024.

## **6. The Welcome Club**

CR outlined the success of the Welcome Club which has regular attendance of 50 people which is the number assessed as being safe. A waiting list has been created for people wishing to attend. Links have been made with Roundway and Burhouse Court. CR referred to the very positive feedback from participants and made a request for more volunteers to help with the group.

## **7. Magdale Fields and Dam**

SH highlighted some of the main activities at Magdale which are covered in his report. Notable was the construction of the Bee Bank in October and the development of the orchard with 9 more fruit trees. He thanked River Holme Connections for their support, which included hedge laying and sowing wildflower seed. SH also mentioned the work on Southgate Woods in clearance work and the planting of young trees. Whilst seeking to create a biodiverse environment for wildlife he asked if people could advise him of any unusual sightings that could be registered.

## **8. Future Projects**

DH Outlined the ongoing work on several projects. Sheffield University were continuing to investigate the feasibility of a hydro scheme to generate power from the weir with a view to this power being linked into the national grid and generate funds for the Trust. Other schemes were the restoration of the chapel as a visitor centre, a heritage walk to highlight the water management system for local mills, and the building of a new village hall.

## **9. Appointment of Auditors.**

A proposal to appoint D & A Hill as the auditors for the next financial year was approved.

## **10. Election of Trustees**

As required under the constitution three trustees were required to resign. These were Glenn Kirkby, Carol Roberts and Steve Hemming. Steve Hemming was seeking re-election. The nominations for the election of trustees were Steve Hemming, Sara Parrott and Dave Benson. It was agreed that they should be elected as trustees.

## **11. Awards**

### **a. The Community Award**

This was awarded to Jenny Lockwood for her extensive work in the community as a previous trustee of HVCT and more recently her significant work in supporting Honley Library and the asset transfer of this building.

### **b. The Chairman's Award**

This was awarded to Chris Green for his work in the community, in particular in maintaining the cemetery and collection of tin foil to obtain funding for their work. Chris is also a trustee of River Holme Connections and a parish councillor.

## **12. Any Other Business**

MW presented Carol Roberts with a gift to recognise her contribution to the work of the Trust over many years, noting the significant initiatives of Honley Remembers and the Welcome Club.

**The Meeting closed at 20.35 and refreshments were served.**



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REPRESENTED BY:				
ACCUMULATED FUND		160,082		170,836
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		10,027		(10,754)
		170,109		160,082

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Members' subscriptions & donations	1	8,565		1,521	
Room hire		8,916		12,550	
Interest received		2,424		1,048	
VH Market bookings	4	2,990		5,354	
Ukraine support/welcome club		835		2,452	
Flyers	2	1,105		310	
Events		2,050		1,958	
Land		105		-	
Grants received	3	10,599	37,589	4,395	29,588
EXPENDITURE					
Light & heat		2,869		8,836	
Village hall rent		956		1,760	
Village hall expenses		30		933	
Events		1,275		4,043	
Rates & water		1,311		-	
Repairs, maintenance & construction		3,861		1,399	
Land management		5,143		10,439	
Cleaning		63		909	
Refuse collection		300		769	
Accountancy		696		677	
Professional fees		-		2,591	
Consultancy services		-		830	
Telephone & internet		279		147	
Insurance & licences		1,880		819	
Post, stationery & advertising		388		66	
Flyers		1,464		1,782	
Donations		471		1,180	
Meeting expenses		-		381	
Welcome Club activities		680		-	
Markets		304		-	
Future projects costs		285		-	
Grants		1,534		-	
Trust overheads		1,414		-	
Sundries		-		10	
Depreciation		2,359	27,562	2,771	40,342
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>10,027</b>		<b>(10,754)</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTANTS

### MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS

		£
Subscriptions		2,031
<b>Donations:-</b>		
Eden Forest	2,101	
Welcome Club	300	
Holme Build Art Exhibition	600	
Holme Valley league	2,000	
Elf trail	264	
HBA Christmas lights	90	
Other	1,179	6,534
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		8,565
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### FLYERS

Income		1,105
Expenditure		(1,464)
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Deficit		(359)
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### GRANTS RECEIVED

One Community Grant (gas/electric)		2,000
HVPC Grant (Easter events)		950
HVPC Grant (land)		4,009
One Community Grant (portacabin)		2,000
Third Sector Grant (Welcome Club)		600
HVPC Grant (Welcome Club)		840
HVPC Grant (events)		200
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		10,599
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### VH MARKET BOOKINGS

Market stalls		2,990
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## YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	£
Balance b/f		23,288
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Friends Of Honley Grant	2,589	
People's Health Grant	1,938	
John Campbell Grant	4,500	
West Yorkshire Community Honley Youth Grant	14,253	
Bank Charges	2	
Write Off Difference to HVCT CIO	<u>6</u>	
		<u>23,288</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS @ 31/12/2024</b>		£0

## **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 Lorraine Needham-Reid, the Trust's Treasurer.

HUDDERSFIELD - March 2025

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 2024

This year has been another year of building the usage of the village hall back to pre-covid times.

The hall is a valuable space for the community, and we are keen to offer it to as many groups, private bookings etc as possible. We are pleased to host an array of activities including art classes, yoga, weight watchers and ballroom dancing to name a few, along with hosting the brownies on a weekly basis.

The monthly markets continue to go from strength to strength and are a great source of income for the trust. We encourage everyone to pop along and support not only our local stall holders but also our pop up café run by trust volunteers – indulge yourself in a slice of homemade cake!

Utility costs continue to be the largest outgoing for the VH however we work hard to find ways to reduce our bills and partner with the best companies to keep our costs down. This year we have been able to re-new our utility provider contract, saving hundreds of pounds.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) who have supported us with a few grants throughout the year so that we can offer events for the children of the village namely – Children's Crafting (Easter & Christmas), Afternoon Tea with the Easter Bunny, Christmas Party and Halloween party (new edition). We believe these are important events to offer to the families in the village, creating a fun and safe environment for the children to enjoy themselves with friends, creating lasting memories. The grants enable us to offer the events at a lower cost to our families, making them available to all. Without the grant these events would not be possible.

Over the last few years, we have been pleased to offer a Christmas Wreath Making class hosted by a local florist and supported with a grant from HVPC. This event has been very popular and well supported however competition in the village was high in 2024 with a number of other businesses offering similar events. Unfortunately, in 2024 we lost our funding, meaning we could only offer one class with no subsidy. Our aim is to host this class again in 2025 as it has been a great success, however we will also look to source other seasonal classes as we believe there is saturation in market.

This year we also spotlighted 12 local artists with our very first Art Exhibition held in September. We welcomed lots of people through the door to view the art and pottery with many of our artists selling their paintings/prints/pots. Due to the success of this event we are thrilled to be holding it again in 2025 with new artists added to the exhibition. Please come along XXXX

To book the Village Hall for an event please visit [honleyvillagetrust.org.uk](https://honleyvillagetrust.org.uk)

*The Trust*

## THE WELCOME CLUB REPORT FOR 2024

The Welcome Club meet every Monday from 1 – 3 pm, at the Village Hall and has now been running successfully for a few years. The Welcome Club continues to grow with 48 people attending, many of whom have formed good friendships within the group and we constantly receive positive feedback.

Our mission for 2024 remained to be: more adventures, more learning, more laughter. welcome everyone who attends. We certainly achieved all of this and more

We continue to keep the group active with regular armchair Zumba, Ballroom dancing and Massage. We regularly exercise the brain too with Bingo, regular Quizzes and last year we invited a number of speakers to come and chat to the group including Carl Suitcases, Katie Walden – card illustrator and Ask Honley.

In August we celebrated our 2nd birthday with a bang, 45 people attended our birthday party enjoying a sing song, food and dancing.

We continued to organise trips in partnership with Roundway, Burhouse Court and Trinity flats. Throughout 2024 we visited York, Llandudno, Barnsley Market and Skipton among others.

At Christmas we celebrated with a fantastic party with the amazing Billy Blaze who had lots of our guests up dancing and having a great time.

The joy of watching everyone having a great time, socialising and making friends is the whole reason we continue to offer this great service to members of our community.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who attends and support the Welcome Club, local businesses & community members who donate and/or offer discounts for all our events, to the Holme Valley Parish Council for grants to support our events, and to our very special volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to open the doors and host this amazing group.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year making memories, forging friendships and cherishing every moment. Our mission remains the same for 2025 - more adventures, more learning, more laughter. welcome everyone who attends.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to become a volunteer, even if it's just 2 hours a month, we welcome all the help and support.

*Carol Roberts*

## MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM REPORT FOR 2024

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. We have an annual plan of work and I'm grateful to all of our volunteers who are willing to engage in a range of activities to achieve our aim. 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 2024 were:

In conjunction with Eden Forest CIC and following successful funding bids to Holme Valley Parish Council and the Environment Agency coir matting impregnated with marginal pond plants was laid along Magdale Dam bank and improvements were made to the bank path. Further path improvements are planned.

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 some young oak trees.

After the completion of the hedge laying we erected the arch made by Mick Kirkby-Geddes as an entrance to the track that goes down to the lower 'island' field. This has received positive comments from the people walking on Magdale and has become an established feature.

This year we had a stall in the Countryside Marquee at the Honley Show. A number of stalls for environmental groups, including ours, were funded by Natural Kirklees. There was a steady stream of people coming through the marquee and it was good to engage with them about our work on Magdale. We mocked up a bee bank with sticks in the sand, and those who successfully chose a stick with a bee were rewarded with a packet of wildflower seeds.

Following some tree works in Southgate Woods we cleared some of the undergrowth and planted some native trees (whips) in the clearing. There is further work to be done.

We are pleased to be a member of the Nature Holme Landscape Project, headed by River Holme Connections. Under this scheme a woodland management plan has been developed and we hope to improve the variety of native trees in our woodland areas in the coming years. A botanical survey and soil sampling have also established some baselines for Magdale so that we can then measure progress towards achieving our aim.

In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including path maintenance, the clearance of undergrowth along the goits, 'bashing' the Himalayan Balsam and the refurbishment of the benches. The annual task of cleaning out the bird boxes was also completed.

Our plans for the next year include improving some of the paths, undertaking the works recommended in the Tree Safety Survey, 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*

## **HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS**

We continue to look at the future and how we can enhance the Leisure Activities of the local community.

### **Circular Heritage Trail and Mortuary Chapel**

We have delayed the refurbishment of the Chapel and its change to a heritage information centre. Obtaining a large grant in the current financial climate has proved difficult. We are looking for alternative volunteering solutions for the future.

We are progressing with the circular trail, starting with the installation of a safe wooden staircase up a steep and slippery banking. This will be followed by a stile at the top of Spider Alley, a wooden footbridge over the Mag Brook together with signposts and information boards. The trail is being designed to encourage all ages to get out and enjoy our beauty spot.

### **Hydro Power Turbine System**

Sheffield University students continue to design and develop this project to create low carbon electrical energy. A fish ladder is being designed at the large River Holme Weir to allow fish to proceed further upstream. We are researching local manufacturers. Permissions from the Environment Agency are underway.

### **The Village Hall Redevelopment**

We continue to negotiate with Kirklees Council, the owner of our current building, for a long term 135 year lease which will allow us to apply for grants to replace the hall with a multi-functional facility offering a more varied and accessible building. We are attempting to establish future needs by connecting with our members and the wider community.

*David Hardy*

**End**

## **We Need You!**

As we look ahead, we'd love to hear your thoughts. What worked? What could be better? Your feedback helps shape what we do next—and we truly value it.

We're also looking for volunteers! If you've got a bit of time and would like to lend a hand—whether that's helping out at an event or simply delivering some flyers in your neighbourhood—we'd be so grateful. Every little bit of help makes a big difference.

We're a friendly bunch, and everyone is welcome. If you're interested, just get in touch—we'd love to have you on board.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, suggestions or volunteer your help -

**[info@honleyvillagetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@honleyvillagetrust.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 2023 held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Margaret Wadsworth (MW), David Hardy (DH), Steve Hemming (SH), Lorraine Needham-Reid (LNR), Carol Roberts (CR), Peter Bonds (PB), Phil Hey, Linda Booth, Sharon White, Sara Parrott, Andrew Wadsworth, Chris Green, Helen Green, Graham Whiley, Vivienne Whiley, Tricia Hemming, Julie Martin, John Marsland, Kath Tonge, Jenny Lockwood, David Lockwood, Geoff Hurry, Cliff Hayes, Marcia Murray, Susan Woodworth, Robert Livingstone, Amanda Curgenvin, Charles Greaves, Richard Green, Dave Benson, Vicky Booth.

**Apologies:** Russell Reynolds, Lyn Croft, Jared Croft, Gillian Gregory.

### **Chair's Welcome.**

MW welcomed everyone to the AGM and said it was good to have such an excellent turnout. She referred to the agenda and annual report that had been placed on everyone's chair and said that following the meeting there would be refreshments.

### **1. Minutes of the 2023 AGM and Matters Arising.**

The minutes were included in the annual report document. The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

### **2. Chair's Report**

MW covered some of the main events of the year. Friends of Honley had now become a separate organisation and Honley Youth had just set up its own charity. The Village Hall was making good progress in recovering after Covid and new groups are now using the hall. The monthly markets have been a great success. There had been a number of events at the Hall including a Coronation Tea and Easter, Christmas and Halloween events. A very successful volunteers party was also held to say thank you for their help which was essential for the success of the Trust. The Welcome Club has grown in strength and popularity during the year. The Flyer continues to be delivered throughout the village by 43 volunteers. The Trust has benefitted from a number of grants from Holme Valley Parish Council, Holmfirth Rotary, Natural Kirklees, TSL and One Community and these have been important to support the range of activities. The Chair finished on a request for new Trustees as it was important to have 'new blood' in view of the gradual turnover of Trustees.

### **3. Secretary's Report**

SH Advised that LNR had been the secretary for much of 2023 but transferred to the role of treasurer when that became available. Since then SH had undertaken this role on a temporary basis and so there was a vacancy for this role. He said that the Trust had received 200 plus subscriptions last year and wished to increase this number in future years. He said that the conversion from the previous Trust to a CIO had finally been completed with the agreement of the Charity Commission to merge the two organisations. The Asset Transfer of the village hall was ongoing and a report should be presented to the Kirklees cabinet later this year.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

LNR confirmed that the finances of Friends of Honley and HVCT CIO had been separated and now that Honley Youth had been established as a charity the process could begin to transfer the Honley Youth grants subject to the formal agreement of the grant givers. LNR highlighted the loss of £10k in 2023 mainly due to significant increases in costs such as utilities and a goit repair. But this is not a major concern as activity (and therefore income) at the Village Hall is increasing. Restricted funds will also be increased to £50k to allow for any unexpected costs. LNR advised that the accounting system was being revised to reduce the number of accounts and enable better management of income and expenditure.

### **5. Village Hall Report**

PB referred everyone to his written report. He advised that he is seeking volunteers to help with an Art Exhibition to be held on 27/28/29 September. He also advised that he will be stepping down from being a Trustee at the end of December 2024.

## **6. The Welcome Club**

CR outlined the success of the Welcome Club which has regular attendance of 50 people which is the number assessed as being safe. A waiting list has been created for people wishing to attend. Links have been made with Roundway and Burhouse Court. CR referred to the very positive feedback from participants and made a request for more volunteers to help with the group.

## **7. Magdale Fields and Dam**

SH highlighted some of the main activities at Magdale which are covered in his report. Notable was the construction of the Bee Bank in October and the development of the orchard with 9 more fruit trees. He thanked River Holme Connections for their support, which included hedge laying and sowing wildflower seed. SH also mentioned the work on Southgate Woods in clearance work and the planting of young trees. Whilst seeking to create a biodiverse environment for wildlife he asked if people could advise him of any unusual sightings that could be registered.

## **8. Future Projects**

DH Outlined the ongoing work on several projects. Sheffield University were continuing to investigate the feasibility of a hydro scheme to generate power from the weir with a view to this power being linked into the national grid and generate funds for the Trust. Other schemes were the restoration of the chapel as a visitor centre, a heritage walk to highlight the water management system for local mills, and the building of a new village hall.

## **9. Appointment of Auditors.**

A proposal to appoint D & A Hill as the auditors for the next financial year was approved.

## **10. Election of Trustees**

As required under the constitution three trustees were required to resign. These were Glenn Kirkby, Carol Roberts and Steve Hemming. Steve Hemming was seeking re-election. The nominations for the election of trustees were Steve Hemming, Sara Parrott and Dave Benson. It was agreed that they should be elected as trustees.

## **11. Awards**

### **a. The Community Award**

This was awarded to Jenny Lockwood for her extensive work in the community as a previous trustee of HVCT and more recently her significant work in supporting Honley Library and the asset transfer of this building.

### **b. The Chairman's Award**

This was awarded to Chris Green for his work in the community, in particular in maintaining the cemetery and collection of tin foil to obtain funding for their work. Chris is also a trustee of River Holme Connections and a parish councillor.

## **12. Any Other Business**

MW presented Carol Roberts with a gift to recognise her contribution to the work of the Trust over many years, noting the significant initiatives of Honley Remembers and the Welcome Club.

**The Meeting closed at 20.35 and refreshments were served.**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Section A  
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name Honley Village Community Trust CIO	
31/12/24	Charity no (if any) 1195759

On accounts for the year ended

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/24.

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:

*R Booth*

Date:

01/09/25

Name:

Robert Christopher Booth FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

24 Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG

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

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

**Disclosure**

**Section B**