



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01/04/2023
To Period end date 31/03/2024

Charity name: Merton Hall Recreation Centre

Charity registration number: 1196969

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the relief of people living in the area of benefit (Ponteland, Northumberland), but particularly elderly people with disabilities without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, by providing, maintaining, and managing Merton Hall Recreation Centre with facilities for recreation, education, and other leisure time occupations and other lawful charitable purposes, for such persons in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Main Activities: Hall Hire to facilitate local community groups e.g. Age UK Alzhiemers group, Art groups, Bridge groups, Carers Northumberland, Coffee Mornings by various groups, Cycling groups, Ladies groups, NE Youth, Photographic society, Ponteland WI, Social Eyes and U3A meetings.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	MHRC Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Main Achievements of Merton Hall Recreation Centre is that the Hall is a warm space that is well used by the local community with many weekly activities being held there. The cost of the hall hire is very competitive compared to the other halls in the surrounding area which makes it affordable for small groups to meet.</p> <p>Benefits: The demographics of Ponteland includes a large elderly population and the activities provided by the groups who hire the hall enhance the quality and enjoyment of life to those who attend. New friendships have formed and support has been given to many residents in the local community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.21	Merton Hall Recreation Centre is in a good financial position at the end of March 2024. Income was £2334.99 greater than the expenditure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held (e.g. company, association, CIO)	Para 1.22	Merton Hall Recreation Centre holds a reserve so that there is a contingency fund for any eventualities that may occur. The reserve could be used during a time of austerity or after a natural disaster which would not be covered by conventional insurance.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Investment performance against objectives		
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Merton Hall Recreation Centre is a Charitable Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO 1196969
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees stand down and are re-elected each year at the annual AGM. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are also re-elected each year at the annual AGM. All Trustees have to conform to the Charities Commission Trustee guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Merton Hall Recreation Centre
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	CIO 1196969
Charity's principal address	Merton Hall Way Ponteland Northumberland NE20 9PX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christine Anne Greenwell	Chairperson, Treasurer, Hall Manager		MHRC Trustees
2	Nirmal Sehgal	Vice Chairperson		MHRC Trustees
3	Sandra Aynsley	Secretary		MHRC Trustees
4	Sufi Ahmed	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
5	John Bunting	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
6	Jean Linda Finch	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
7	Peter Ford	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
8	Jennifer Barbara Hardy	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
9	Anthony Michael Hodson	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
10	Audrey Murray	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
11	Carl Maxwell Rawlings	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
12	Valerie Riley	Trustee		MHRC Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

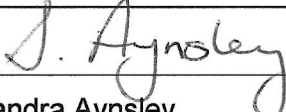
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sandra Aynsley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date

29/09/24

signed statements of accounts M.H.R.C. At		31.03.2024	
Charity Name	Charity Number	Start Date	End Date
Merton Hall Recreation Centre	1196969	01.04.23	31.03.2024
RECEIPTS	Current Year	Restricted	Previous Year
	Unrestricted funds	Funds	Unrestricted funds
Income	2023/2024		2022/2023
Hall Hire	£9,899.71		£7,834.00
Private lettings			
Refreshments	£1,008.67		£947.64
Donations	£500.00		
Interest from Virgin Money	£62.78		£85.34
	£11,471.16		
Balance Tranferred from Virgin Money	£32,612.63		
Total receipts excluding transfers from bank	£44,083.79		£8,866.98
Transferred to Deposit Account with Lloyds	£20,000.00		£4,551.42
Total Receipts	£24,083.79		£13,418.40
PAYMENTS			
Caretaker/Cleaner -	£1,989.00		£2,490.00
Fuel & Water	£4,401.75		£4,875.80
Windows & Cleaning Materials	£552.09		£377.87
Refreshments	£296.59		£215.97
Stationery & postage	£69.91		£184.39
Telephones	£84.57		£303.38
Insurances & Licences	£349.93		£348.93
Maintenance & Repair	£758.64		£1,189.21
Furnishings & Equipment & advertising	£138.98		£10,836.55
Entertainment/Donations/Jubilee	£494.71		£228.39
Returned Hall hire			
Cash Float			£100.00
Refurbishments			£385.00
Total payments excluding transfers to Lloyds	£9,136.17		£21,535.49
Transferred to deposit account with lloyds	£20,000.00		£4,551.42
Total Payments	£29,136.17		£26,086.91
Surplus at 31.3.23	£36,797.01		£49,465.52
Current year surplus 31.3.24	£39,132.00		£36,797.01
	£2,334.99	Deficit for 2022/23	£12,668.51
Lloyds Deposit Account	£20,000.00		
Virgin Money Deposit Account			£32,549.85
Current years surplus unrestricted funds	£19,132.00		£4,247.16
Restricted funds			
totals as at 31st march 2024	£39,132.00		£36,797.01
Represented by Lloyds new act	£19,132.00		
Represented in Lloyds deposit act	£20,000.00		
Total	£39,132.00		
Treasurer <i>C. A. Greenwell</i>		Date <i>29/5/24</i>	
I have examined the records and books of account and certify they show a true and accurate statement of accounts,			
Signed <i>W. M. D. E.</i>		Date <i>29/5/24</i>	