

# MEARE AND WESTHAY VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1200097

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-08-17

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A VILLAGE HALL AND TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF MEARE AND SURROUNDING AREAS ("AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS (THE "OBJECTS").

**Activities:** The object of the Charity is to establish and run a Village Hall and playing field for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Meare.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

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| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £6,277  | £2,410      | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £19,729 | £4,995      | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £3,404  | £27,616     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name                    | Role  | Appointed  |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Hazel DeGregorio</b> | Chair | 2023-04-04 |
| Kevin Davis             |       | 2024-05-28 |
| Lyn Susan Appleton      |       | 2025-09-16 |
| Stephen Dannan          |       | 2024-05-28 |
| Teresa Angela James     |       | 2025-09-16 |
| Tracey Hole             |       | 2025-09-16 |

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Meare and Westhay Village Hall

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25**

Trustees as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Paul Bradley

Hazel DeGregorio

Steve Dannan

Kevin Davis

Trustee changes:

Rosie Lander resigned as Secretary May 2024

Objectives:

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## **Annual Report:**

2 new Trustees came forward and were elected onboard May 2024. With the new additions, they brought new experiences and abilities. The charity governance was brought upto date with the constitution and policies.

It has taken many meetings with the Architect and only 4 amendments to the design of the new building to get to the final approved design.

## **Finances**

During this period, very little occurred as the new Trustees continued to work through getting to grips with running the charity and its plans to achieve the charities objectives.

A grant that was promised by Mendip District Council was paid because of the change to One Somerset. This is now unrestricted funds and secured in the reserve account.

The charity bank was changed and all bills were finally settled, there were problems with changing the signatories due to a whole changeover.

Regular small amounts of income have continued to come in via Easyfundraising and we will continue to advertise how residents can help from buying online using the advertised links.

There are 2 fundraising groups in the Village and they both have been organising events on behalf of the Village Hall.

## **Activities**

A Science at Christmas event was held by the Trustees, this was a big hit with the children aswell as the parents. Father Christmas gave out a gift to all the children who had attended, a grant was provided by the Parish Council to pay for the event.

## Meare & Westhay Village Hall 2024-25

Summary of 2024-25 Year to Date

|                             | <i>NW</i> | <i>Cash</i> | <i>Reserve</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Opening Balance 1st April   | 4,178.30  | 328.71      | 20,107.89      | 24,614.90    |
| <b>INCOME</b>               |           |             |                |              |
| Grants                      | -         | -           | -              |              |
| Fundraising                 | 1,028.08  | -           | -              |              |
| Donations                   | 3,876.11  | 1,373.75    |                |              |
| Transfer                    |           |             | 5,650.00       |              |
| ..                          | -         | -           |                |              |
| Loan                        | -         | -           |                |              |
| Transfers In                | 1,850.00  | -           |                |              |
| Interest In                 |           |             | 343.86         |              |
| total income                | 6,754.19  | 1,373.75    | 5,993.86       | 14,121.80    |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>          |           |             |                |              |
| Event Costs                 | -         | -           |                |              |
| Insurance                   | -         | 120.94      | -              |              |
| Subscription                | -         | 110.00      | -              |              |
| Hall Hire                   | -         | 60.00       | -              |              |
| Office                      | -         | -           |                |              |
| Project                     | -         | -           |                |              |
| Architect                   | -         | 2,120.00    | -              |              |
| Accountancy                 | -         | -           |                |              |
| Legal Fees                  | -         | -           |                |              |
| Transfers to Reserve        | -         | 7,500.00    | -              |              |
| Transfers to Current        | -         | -           |                |              |
| MPC Loan Repay              | -         | -           |                |              |
| Banked Cash                 |           | -           | 1,687.46       |              |
| total expenses              | -         | 9,910.94    | - 1,687.46     | - 11,598.40  |
| Closing Figures             | 1,021.55  | 15.00       | 26,101.75      |              |
| Current Cashbook            | 1,021.55  | 15.00       | 26,101.75      |              |
| Total Cash Asset 31/03/2025 |           |             |                | 27,138.30    |

**Grant Info**

No grants applied for this year.

Income is under £25K, therefore does not require an Audit

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

Trustees as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Paul Bradley

Hazel DeGregorio

Rosie Lander

Tim Hoskins

The charity has all new Trustees. All 5 previous Trustees resigned on mass at the AGM.

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## **Annual Report:**

This year the Trustees were still finding their feet with bringing the charity upto date with the constitution and policies.

Once everyone was happy with all the documentation, they could plan to move forward. The design that had been approved was requoted, just to get an idea of the amount of money needed to build it. However, the requote was a staggering £2.5m. This was deemed impossible - to raise that kind of money within a short period of time. So the decision to redesign the hall was taken. The Trustees' decision was not made lightly due to the fact £40k had already been spent on Architect fees in 14 years and still no sign of a hall. The Trustees then undertook the task of seeking a new architect. 2 other members of the Village came forward to show an interest in joining the team, they brought with them different skills to the Charity.

In December, the council organised a new questionnaire on the Charities behalf which asked the residents what they wanted from a hall. This useful information gave the Trustees the incite about what to include in the new design.

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## Meare & Westhay Village Hall

Summary of 2023-24 Year to Date

|                              | <i>Barclays</i> | <i>Natwest</i> | <i>Cash</i> | <i>Reserve</i> |                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance              | 9,908.49        | -              | -           |                |                    |
| <b>INCOME</b>                |                 |                |             |                |                    |
| Grants (restricted)          | 500.00          | 15,265.76      | -           |                |                    |
| Fundraising (unrestricted)   | -               | 91.59          | 426.22      |                |                    |
| Donations (unrestricted)     | 267.23          | 90.00          | 370.81      |                |                    |
| Float                        |                 | -              | -           |                |                    |
| Loan                         |                 | 2,000.00       | -           |                |                    |
| Interest                     |                 |                |             | 134.25         |                    |
| VAT Refund                   | 583.40          |                |             |                |                    |
|                              | 11,259.12       | 17,447.35      | 797.03      | 134.25         | 29,637.75          |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>           |                 |                |             |                |                    |
| Event Costs                  | -               | 236.08         | -           | 54.97          |                    |
| Insurance                    | -               | 110.75         | -           | -              |                    |
| Subscription                 |                 | -              | -           | -              |                    |
| Hall Hire                    | -               | 30.00          | -           | 50.00          |                    |
| Office                       |                 | -              | -           | 33.60          |                    |
| Project                      | -               | 685.12         | -           | -              |                    |
| Architect                    | -               | 1,682.28       | -           | -              |                    |
| Accountancy                  | -               | 112.65         | -           | -              |                    |
| Legal Fees                   |                 | -              | -           | -              |                    |
| MPC Loan Repay               | -               | 2,000.00       | -           | -              |                    |
|                              | -               | 797.77         | -           | 4,059.11       | - 4,995.45         |
| Balance                      | 10,461.35       | 13,388.24      | 658.46      | 134.25         | 24,642.30          |
| Transfers to Reserve         |                 | -              | 20,000.00   | -              | 20,000.00          |
| Transfers to Natwest         | -               | 10,461.35      | -           | -              |                    |
| Banked Cash                  |                 | 328.71         | -           | 328.71         |                    |
| Current Cashbook at 31/03/24 | -               | 4,178.30       | 329.75      | 20,134.25      | 24,642.30          |
|                              |                 |                |             |                | <i>Total Funds</i> |

### Grant Info

|                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mendip District Council | £15K Balance from allocated grant |
| Meare Parish Council    | Xmas Event                        |
| NISA MADL               | Village Bench                     |

Barclays Account is now Closed

This is the transition year from the outgoing Trustees to the new Trustees.

There has been a complete change in Trustees and it had taken a while to update the charity documents and banking.

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Meare and Westhay Village Hall and Playing Field  
Charity No.1063258  
replaced by  
**Meare and Westhay Village Hall**  
**CIO. 1200097**

## **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustees as at 31st March 2023

Alan Wren  
Rita Wren  
Colin Westover  
Janet Westover  
Zoe Masterson

No new additions or resignations

### **Objectives**

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### **Finances**

During this period the following occurred:

November, a grant was received to be able to provide a 'time to talk' bench which was placed in the playing field. This was funded by Make a Difference Locally (MADL)

2 successful fundraising activities took place:

A Christmas Wreath workshop taught a few locals how to make a wreath using local foraged fauna. This was lead a local florist, a very well supported event.

February a Mosaic workshop was held, learned how to make a mosaicframed item.

Regular small amounts of income have continued to come in via Easyfundraising and we will continue to advertise how residents can help from buying online using the advertised links

### **The Building**

Architectural plans were changed again to create a half size building, due to the cost involved to build it full scale. Contractors were brought in last minute to set a small amount of foundations to secure the planning application from lapsing. Planning is now secured.

**Governance and Structure**

17th August 2022 the CIO was set up to take over the original charity.

In January, confirmation letter received from Charities Commission to transfer assets to the new CIO.

In February an AGM/extra-ordinary AGM was held for both charities, 5 trustees resigned. Leaving way for new Trustees to continue and move the project forward.

The charity will continue in the new hands of, Rosie Lander, Paul Bradley, Tim Hoskins and Hazel DeGregorio.

**SUMMARY**

Information given in this report was provided by previous trustees.

New committee members have been appointed with the creation of the new trust, and they are committed and driven to achieve the overall objectives.

# Meare and Westhay Village Hall

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## Income and Expenditure

Partial Year

Aug 17th 2022 to 31st March 2023

| <b>INCOME</b>   | 2023     |
|-----------------|----------|
| Grant/Donations | 500.00   |
| Fundraising     | 1,047.85 |
| Trading Income  | 528.00   |
| VAT Refund      | 1,328.87 |
|                 | <hr/>    |
|                 | 3,404.72 |

| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>       |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Capital Project          | 24,912.51 |
| Admin & Legal Costs      | 1,684.89  |
| Training & Subscriptions | 100.00    |
| Accountancy              | 277.19    |
| Grant Expenditure        | 395.70    |
| Insurance                | 106.33    |
| Event Costs              | 120.00    |
| VAT Payment              | 20.00     |
|                          | <hr/>     |
|                          | 27,616.62 |

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Current Asset                    |             |
| Bank account b/f                 | 34,120.39   |
| Income                           | 3,404.72    |
| Expenditure                      | - 27,616.62 |
| Bank account as at 31 March 2023 | 9,908.49    |

There are no other assets at this time.

Completed by Hazel DeGregorio  
Trustee and A22Treasurer