



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Jan 2023 Period start date To 31st Dec 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Maer Village Hall

Charity registration number: 1200870

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Objects of the charity as stated in the constitution The Charity is to provide and maintain the Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish and its environs without distinction of political, religious or other opinions etc, to advance education and provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreational and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants.
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	The hall was in full use for the year and benefitted from an increased number of private lettings. We continued with all our usual activities – fairs, events, cafes and group meetings. The user groups have all increased in size and therefore revenue for the hall We continued with the very popular pop up pubs as well as supporting the church in all their events This year we also hosted an art exhibition The hall continues to be used as a polling station when required providing a local venue for election voting It was identified this year that extensive work on the exterior masonry was required and this was completed
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

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	We continue to have an excellent group of trustee volunteers and supporters that help to maintain the hall and run the events We are very grateful for the many hours the trustees and other volunteers gave during the year to help maintain the fabric of the hall, to raise funds, to assist at various events and to publicise the hall. Without this commitment and valuable contribution, the day to day running of the hall would be difficult and our financial position would not be so strong Thank you to everyone for their support
Other		The trustees decided to change the charity to a CIO – we worked closely with Staffs Support Village Halls network team to get this processed. This new CIO Charity – Maer Village Hall 1200870 was registered on 1st November 2022 We have been in the process of changing the land registry title deeds from this charity to the new one and getting all the necessary forms completed for obtaining new bank accounts and updating the investment accounts – this had taken much longer than expected This was completed by the end of January 2024 The old charity will be closed this year

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	The monthly community cafes have had a huge impact for the community providing a central place in the village and wider community for social interaction. The Knit and Natter group has gone from strength to strength attracting members from further afield in the rural community The Apple pressing day provided a fabulous interactive session for families and groups to make their own apple juice. The non profit making calendar competition provides an opportunity to share and engage with the local surroundings resulting in a beautiful calendar The "Pop Up Pubs" have continued and provide another

		opportunity for villagers and friends to get together for a fun social evening. The yearly quiz raising continues to be a brilliant night as well as raising funds for Alzheimers research UK. The Charity's work this year has most definitely contributed to the wellbeing of the community providing a focus for social interaction and many activities.
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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	The main fundraisers of the Spring Fair, Apple Day and Christmas fair went ahead, with the expected income and success
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Gain this year of £3608.45
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total funds at 31 st December 2023 = £49691.71
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserve policy is to cover twelve months running costs together with any unforeseen expenditure on the main fabric of the hall which may be required
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£42230.16 (COIF investment fund)
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	The masonry work was completed using the legacy bequest from last year, a grant from NULBC and some of the investment funds
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	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution based in the Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Maer Village Hall is a Registered CIO Charity (Number 1200870), run and maintained by Trustees, for the benefit of the residents of Maer Parish and its environs. Its status arises from the will of Jane Ellen Leslie Harrison, proved with two codicils thereto in the Principal Registry on 12th March 1964 and in the matter of the Charities Act 1960 The Charity is considered both the activities of, within, and on behalf of Maer Village Hall and the physical property as defined in the Trust Deed. The Trust Deed sets down the administration and management provisions for the Charity, which are summarised below in the remaining paragraphs of this Constitution section
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	The Charity is to be managed and administered by a Management Committee, to act as the Charity Trustees within the meaning of Section 46 of the Charities Act 1960. The Management Committee members is to comprise: • 5 Elected Members • Trustees • Representative Members for user groups <u>All</u> Members are to retire from office at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) after they come into office but may be re-elected or re-appointed at the same meeting. The 5 elected members are nominated and seconded at the AGM by any other trustee/committee member. Representative members are invited to join the committee on a volunteer basis. Co-opted members are invited and voted on by the existing trustees.

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	Maer Village Hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200870
Charity's principal address	Maer Village Hall Maer Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST55EF

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	Paul Adams	Chair		
2	David Lovatt	Deputy Chair		
3	Sue Jackson	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary		
4	Linda Chesterton	Treasurer		
5	Wendy Kinson	Booking Secretary		
6	Amanda Cheadle			
7	Peter Beardwood			
8	Shani Schultz			
9	Janet Beardwood			
10	Sandy Hodgson			
11	Harry Hodgson			
12	Julia Ziskin			
13	Meir Ziskin			
14	Jane Weightman	Co-opted member	October 2023	
15	Julie Hodgkinson	Co-opted member		
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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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	Mike Fox	Keepers Cottage, Maer

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

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

P.F. Adams

Paul Adams

Full name(s)

Paul Adams

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

30th July 2024

Maer Village Hall Charity Number 503432
Receipts and Payments to 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	2023	2022
<u>Hall Income Receipts</u>		
Lettings	1,665.00	2,839.50
Spring/Autumn Fair	646.00	851.42
Donations	0.00	85.00
Calender	0.00	606.00
Café Takings	3,632.41	3,348.02
Receipts from various activities	4,943.22	2,675.90
NULBC Grant for Stonework	3,923.00	0.00
	14,809.63	10,405.84
Investment Income - COIF Deposit Interest	104.34	30.37
- COIF Investment Dividends	1,320.71	1,369.67
	16,234.68	11,805.88
Legacy Bequest	0.00	36,053.93
NULBC Rates refund & chair refunds	150.00	0.00
Profit on sale of 395.81 income units (£7,500.00 less Value £7,183.67)	316.33	0.00
Unrealised Gains/(Losses) on Investment Accounts to date	3,608.45	-6,025.60
Total Receipts for the year	20,309.46	41,834.21

<u>Hall Running Costs Payments</u>		
Electricity	1,105.25	3,763.47
Water	158.81	58.21
Insurance	1,248.19	1,152.70
Rates	88.32	197.12
Cleaning	865.92	289.23
Café Costs	1,292.96	1,329.21
Gardening	146.84	269.75
Website & printing costs	93.57	384.26
Wifi costs	442.53	439.88
Events and car park costs	871.79	666.12
Fire Extinguisher service	46.08	15.30
Refunds	0.00	180.00
Bank charges	41.60	63.20
Sundry items	2,204.29	383.71
New Equipment	3,046.06	1,396.40
Spring Fair costs	53.78	65.00
Events costs (apple day and christmas)	180.07	202.09
Calendar costs	94.60	594.25
	11,980.66	11,449.90
Refurbishment programme	52,191.97	7,471.40
Total Payments for the year	64,172.63	18,921.30

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year		
Total funds at 1 January 2023	(43,863.17)	22,912.91
Total funds at 31 December 2023	93,554.88	70,641.97
	49,691.71	93,554.88

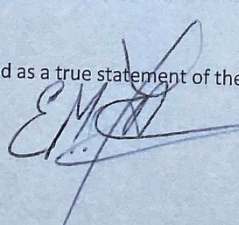
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

Monetary Assets

Cash in Hand		
HSBC Current account -	490.48	719.92
The Co-operative Bank	0.00	40,235.23
COIF Deposit account	5,521.65	3,069.98
	1,449.42	3,724.37
	7,461.55	47,749.50

Investment Assets

2128 Income Units - COIF Investment Fund value 1984.5 at 31.12.23	42,230.16	45,805.38
	49,691.71	93,554.88

Certified as a true statement of the Accounts of Maer Village Hall as at 31st December 2023
Signed  E.M.Fox (F.C.A)

