

THE HARRY MIDDLETON CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1202660

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-04-06

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CIVIL PARISH OF NEWPORT PAGNELL (FORMALLY KNOWN AS NEWPORT PAGNELL URBAN DISTRICT) AND ITS SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY PROVIDING A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES, CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The hall is a community space for the benefit of the residents of Newport Pagnell

Classification

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

Geography

- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£12,559	£5,535	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,799	£2,549	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Roger John hall	Chair	2023-10-25
Carole Lisa Markham Mullett		2026-05-12
David Norman Thomas Wright		2024-09-17
Duncan Mason		2023-10-25
Helen Margaret Donelan		2024-09-17
Kim Frame		2023-10-25
Natasha Louise Wood		2024-09-17
Neil Frame		2023-10-25

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Trustees annual report 2024

Administrative information

Status	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity number	1202660
Registered Office	63A Silver Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 0EQ
Bankers	Natwest, Milton Keynes
Trustees	Roger Hall (chair and secretary) David Wright (treasurer)(from 17 September 2024) Helen Donelan (minute secretary)(from 17 September 2024) Kim Frame Neil Frame Duncan Mason Nick Read (resigned 20 January 2025) Natasha Wood (from 17 September 2024)

Purpose of charity

The purpose of the charity is to provide a community centre for the benefit of the residents of Newport Pagnell. The centre, housed in an 1867 chapel, has served the local community since its purchase by the Harry Middleton Gift charity in 1984. The CIO was established on 6 April 2023. The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and complies with this guidance in its activities, the principles of which are laid out in the CIO's constitution.

Structure, governance and management

Alongside the constitution the CIO also has a collaboration agreement with the neighbouring Newport Pagnell Baptist Church to assist with the management of the centre. The Church provides services for bookings, financial management and cleaning for an agreed sum. The centre has no paid staff and relies on volunteers – mainly from amongst its trustees.

The constitution provides for the appointment of trustees from the following categories – up to two nominated by The Harry Middleton Gift, up to four nominated by Newport Pagnell Baptist Church, and an unlimited number of other people elected to serve.

The trustees meet at least three times a year to manage the centre. The meetings receive regular reports on bookings and finance and address any issues or risks arising. The trustees are cognizant of the Charity Commission's advice on risk.

Lettings policy

The centre's constitution requires that the centre is used for the benefit of the residents of the civil parish of Newport Pagnell and this underlies the lettings policy. The types of groups using the centre include:

- Charitable organisations providing sessions for local residents
- Local clubs and organisations such as Scouts and Brownies
- Small businesses providing services for specialist groups like the elderly and babies
- Businesses who provide services for the benefit of local residents, such as Slimming World
- One-off lettings such as children's parties.

Achievements and performance

The involvement and support of the Baptist Church has enabled the trustees to look at increasing use of the centre and this is now beginning to be achieved in 2025. The centre's sustainability has improved significantly with the new CIO structure and Church collaboration. The trustees are grateful for the contribution of The Harry Middleton Gift towards the legal costs of creating the CIO. However, the centre continues to rely on voluntary input and this remains essential for successful operation; the trustees are very appreciative of this contribution.

The attached financial statement (which forms part of this report) provides figures for 2024 alongside those for the five-month period of 2023 that the charity was operating. Lettings income was steady and costs closely managed with a limited amount of maintenance work. This provided a satisfactory surplus for the year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed a reserves policy with three elements:

- The equivalent of 3 months income for cashflow reasons
- A sum necessary to cover the excess on the buildings insurance policy (currently £10,000)
- A major repairs fund to cover potential significant expenditure on building maintenance.

The figures at December 2024 were:

- Three months turnover £3,140
- Allowance for insurance excess £10,000
- Major repairs fund £11,407

Other matters

The trustees confirm that there were no recorded incidents in connection with the charity which required to be reported to The Charity Commission.

Signed *Roger Hall*

Date: 20 October 2025

Roger Hall (chair of trustees)

The Harry Middleton Centre				
Financial Statement				
1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024				
		2024	Aug to Dec 2023	
	Income			
	Rentals	£12,304.86	£3,799.32	
	Interest	£253.99		
	Total Income	£12,558.85	£3,799.32	
	Expenditure			
	Administration	£613.12		
	Accounting	£3.84		
	Internet	£45.54		
	Electricity	£586.46	£306.25	
	Gas	£1,473.76	£500.06	
	Water	£421.52	£130.43	
	Insurance	£776.27	£298.48	
	Cleaning	£317.31		
	Legal costs		£1,202.20	
	Repairs & maintenance	£2,717.90	£112.31	
	Purchases	£67.76		
	Total Expenditure	£7,023.48	£2,549.73	
	Surplus	£5,535.37	£1,249.59	
	Funds	@ 31 Dec 2024	@ 31 Dec 2023	
	General Fund	£3,021.15	£8,951.94	
	35 Day Account (Insurance)	£10,137.79		
	Business Reserve (Deposit)	£11,384.62	£9,457.00	
	Cash	£3.77	£603.02	
	Total Funds	£24,547.33	£19,011.96	

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Harry Middleton Centre
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (HMCCIO)
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Registered Office: 63A Silver Street
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Trustees:

Roger Hall (Chair)
Kim Frame (Treasurer)
Nick Read
Duncan Mason
Neil Frame (Secretary)

The Harry Middleton Centre is situated in Silver Street, Newport Pagnell. The new HMCCIO was incorporated on the 21st August 2023, replacing the Middleton Centre Trust. The HMCCIO has no employed staff and is run by the Trustees.

The hall is located in an old Chapel (circa 1867) and has been used for the benefit of the local community since it was purchased by the Harry Middleton Gift Charity in 1984 when The Middleton Centre Trust was established. It provides unsupervised rental space for community groups.

In order to provide resilience for the future the HMCCIO has agreed a collaboration agreement with The Newport Pagnell Baptist Church CIO, who have the benefit of having employed staff to assist with the admin functions relating to the HMCCIO.

The Trust document for HMCCIO states trustees will be sourced from:

The Harry Middleton Gift - 2 Trustees
Local Community - 2 Trustees
Newport Pagnell Baptist Church - 4 Trustees

The constitution of the Harry Middleton Centre CIO states that the Hall should be used for the benefit of Newport Pagnell residents and the trustees pay due notice to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The type of groups to whom the hall is hired out in order of preference are as follows:

1. Charitable organisations providing sessions for local residents (as an example we are used by a Charity who provide dance sessions for a variety of users)
2. Local organisations, such as Scouts and Brownies.
3. Small businesses, providing such services as Zumba for the elderly and baby groups.
4. Businesses who provide services for local residents and much needed income for the Hall such as Slimming World.

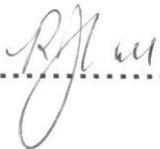
The hall is well used by local residents for a variety of uses as described above. It is hoped with the new collaboration that the hall will become busier and provide more opportunities for use by community groups.

The income in the period (Aug - Dec 2023) was £3,799 which was entirely from hall rental. Expenditure was £2,549, which was in the main spent on utility bills with a smaller amount on maintenance and sundries.

A fuller account of the finances will be filed in a separate Financial Report.

The trustees operate a reserves policy which requires a minimum of three months income, plus a reserve for excess under building insurance; there is also a real benefit in building up a buffer to meet significant buildings maintenance costs as they arise periodically.

As required by the Charity Commission the trustees confirm that there were no recorded serious incidents in connection with the hall during the reporting period.

Name. ROGER HALL Signature.  Date. 21/8/24.

Name. Kim Frame Signature.  Date. 21/8/24.

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The Harry Middleton CIO was incorporated on 21st August 2023 when it acquired a building at 63A Silver Street, Newport Pagnell from the former Middleton Centre Trust which had operated there since 1984, renting unsupervised space to local groups.

There were no other assets or liabilities during the reported period.

As part of the legal process the building, an old chapel - built in 1867 - was valued at £260,000 in June 2023.

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As of December 2023 there was:

Current account £8951.44
Savings Account £9457.17
Cash £603.02

The entire income for the period was from Hall rental £3,799.32

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to hold enough funds for the excess of our insurance policy (£10,000) and at least three months income. Over the 6 years prior to the Harry Middleton Centre CIO was incorporated the old charity received a lot of grants which enabled it to bring the building up to code in respect of gas and electric, refurbish the toilets to include disabled facilities, install new lighting, repair all external windows and install new gates. Nonetheless it is acknowledged that we must be prudent with any additional funds as maintaining this old building is expensive.

Future Expenditure.

Following a Collaboration agreement with Newport Pagnell Baptist Church a cost of £130 per month will be incurred for their employed staff to take over bookings, invoicing and maintaining financial records. It is anticipated this will be offset by increased use of the hall.

The only projected spend anticipated in 2024 is prioritising maintenance of the building, there are no capital projects being discussed at present. Below is a breakdown of income and spend between 21st August 2023 and 31st December 2023.

Income			
Rental	3799.32		
Total	3799.32		
Expenditure			
Gas	500.06		
Electric	306.25		
Water	130.43		
Insurance	298.48		
Legal Costs	1202.2		
Sundries	112.31		
Total	2549.73		