

Annual Trustees Report

Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Charity

Introduction

The trustees of the Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Charity are pleased to present their annual report for the year 26th February 2024 (date of registration of the charity) to 31st December 2024. This report outlines the charity's activities, achievements, governance, and financial position over the past year.

Charity Information

Name	Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Charity
Charity Number	1207196
Registered Address	Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut, Stop Street, Fonthill Gifford, Tisbury, Salisbury, SP3 6QW
Trustees	James Hill Mary Scott-Gall Caroline Marking

Objectives and Activities

The charity's core objective is to provide and maintain a recreation hut for the benefit of the residents of Fonthill Gifford and the surrounding community. The hut serves as a venue for social, educational, and recreational activities, aiming to enhance community cohesion and wellbeing.

Achievements and Performance

During the 2024 financial year, the recreation hut hosted a variety of events, including weekly bridge sessions during autumn and winter months, Pilates, Parish Council meetings, a coronation curry night and annual village Christmas party. The trustees worked hard to ensure the hut remained accessible, safe, and welcoming for all users. Notable highlights this year included:

- The Hut received a significant number of charitable donations from local residents and others with associations to Fonthill Gifford and the Hut.
- Bidding for and securing grant funding of £1,500 from Wiltshire County Council for the renovation of the dilapidated toilets.
- Internal strip out of the men's and women's toilets and adjoining lobby area used for ad-hoc storage and creation of two new WC's one of which being configured to provide improved accessibility. A new larger cloakroom and additional storage area has also been completed.

- During the process of the completion of the works to refurbish the WC's, there was also opportunity to replace the carpet in the entrance to the Hut which had become deteriorated and uneven presenting a safety hazard.
- A village Christmas party hosted by the Parish Council was well attended and the accompanying raffle raised further funds for the Hut.

Financial Review

The charity's finances remain stable. Income was derived primarily from fundraising and community donations. Expenditure was largely allocated to the refurbishment of the Hut toilets and entrance, utilities (particularly heating oil) and insurance.

Description	Amount (£)
Total Income	£9223
Total Expenditure	£6570
Net Position	£2653

The trustees are satisfied that the charity's reserves are sufficient to cover ongoing commitments and to support planned improvements in the coming year.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly to oversee the management and strategic direction of the hut. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's constitution.

Risk Management

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, including health and safety, financial sustainability, and building maintenance.

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the trustees aim to:

- Continue to improve facilities, including replacement or renovation of the windows.
- Increase community engagement by expanding the programme of events and activities.
- Strengthen fundraising efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of the hut.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing this report and the accompanying financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. They confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the information provided is accurate and complete.

Approval

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 27th January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

James Hill, Chair of Trustees
Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Charity