

Buckfastleigh Town Hall Chair/Trustee's Report

For the year ended 31.03.23

Annual General Meeting

Constitution

The Charity is constituted under a trust deed dated 13th June 1952 registered by the Charity Commission on 22nd December 1961. Its charitable objects are "for a Town Hall, Institute, Technical School, Free Library for the use of inhabitants of Buckfastleigh and the neighbourhood or such other purpose..... as might be agreed upon by (the Trustee)."

Trustees

Buckfastleigh Town Council is the sole Trustee.

The Trust is administered by the Acting Secretary to the Trust: -

Mrs Clair S. Stevens
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Chair's Update

I will start by expressing the shock and sadness we all felt at the passing of our previous Chair and Council Leader, Huw Cox, who we lost after a short illness in January 2024. Huw was not only committed to the town, but I know he also loved the Town Hall was a very focused on its improvement and continuing success. It took us a while to come to terms with not seeing his familiar face at our meetings and his steady and considered input to all our discussions about the plans and hopes going forward.

I spoke on Friday 3rd Jan to Huw's widow Audra about how she was holding up with the anniversary of Huw's death fast approaching. She told me that she and her daughter were planning to have a day to celebrate the anniversary of her marriage to Huw which took place some days prior to his death and which she described as 'a really beautiful day'.

I know I speak for all trustees when I say that we still mourn the loss of Huw and recognise all that he managed to achieve through his dedicated public service. Thank you Huw.

During the period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 we said goodbye to a couple of valued users, including one group who had been using the building for 20 years. We also welcomed one off performances from a director from as far away as Scotland! Helen Chadwick, Songwriter and Theatre Creator returned for performances. We were also the chosen venue for Buckfastleigh Primary Schools end of year performance to parents.

We welcomed the glitz of the Ballroom every Saturday afternoon and the Twinning Association hosted a very successful welcome party for their French visitors in August. The One Big Happy Charity joined us for their holiday programme for Children and Cat Howard and Moor Fitness bought her very popular 'Clubasize' class to the Hall. We also had a more sedate, chair-based exercise class for over 50's as well as our other valued, regular bookings.

The Police Surgeries continued; where members of the community come to discuss their concerns with an officer once a month and we as Trustees and Councillors can share our concerns about any crime or disorder in our town.

The great staff team continued to support each other, covering duties during sickness and holiday and continued to look for ways to increase the use of the Town Hall. Work was scheduled for room three (now named the Huw Cox Room) and Trustees remain mindful of the need for further increasingly urgent remedial work needed for the building.

I would like to thank Clair and Kiki for their continued service to the Town Hall Trust.

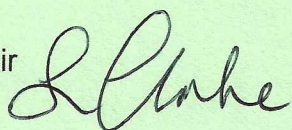
The Trust is pleased to confirm that the Town Hall continues to pursue the objectives and purpose originally designated by its founders and trustees in 1887 and reinforced by its Constitution in 1952. We would like once again to thank all the town hall customers, staff and volunteers for their continued support.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers.

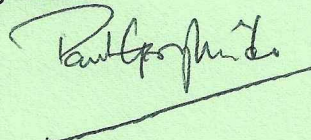
Statement approved at the Buckfastleigh Town Hall & Institute Annual General Meeting held on:

Date: 14 - 01 - 25

Chair



Deputy Chair



BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN HALL & INSTITUTE

(Registered Charity No: 200623)

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2022/2023	2023/2024
Income		
Lettings & Rents	29,602.70	30,369.60
Town Council Revenue Grant	17,049.00	17,220.00
Cinema	90.00	0
Other income (Coronavirus Business Grant/Donations)	15.00	930.00
Job Retention Scheme	0	0
Total Income	46,756.70	48,519.60
Revenue Expenditure	2022/23	2023/24
Salaries & Wages	21,816.48	22,933.52
Gas & Electricity	11,467.83	16,306.40
Bank Fees	77.09	93.75
Cinema Costs	339.60	0
Insurance	3,417.33	2,447.83
Water Rates	901.50	328.00
Repairs & Maintenance	15,585.80	11,047.58
Printing & Stationery	1,345.03	1,337.09
IT, Software & Consumables	1,804.16	1,085.49
Telephone & Internet	716.70	873.68
Postage	0	0
Cleaning & Refuse	1,030.39	297.74
General Expenses	2,442.62	1,226.81
Subscriptions & Licences (Legal Expenses)	980.52	826.81
PAYE	36.23	89.21
Payroll costs	173.65	146.50
Pension payable	671.31	1,355.57
Staff Training	0	390.00
Advertising & Marketing	0	0
Audit & Accountancy Fees	164.00	120.00
Travel expenses	0	0
Total Revenue Expenditure	62,970.24	64,745.57

Town Council Capital Grants

	2022/23	2023/24
	0	0
Total	0	0


Total Capital Expenditure from Earmarked Reserves including Capital Grants and Loans as detailed above

	2022/23	2023/24
	0	0

Total	0	0
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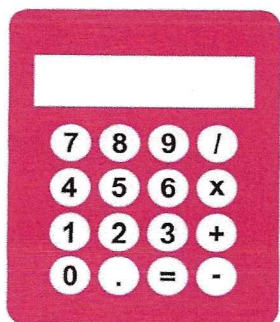
Assets retained for the Charity's Own Use

	2022/23	2022/23
Premises (Insurance Value)	2, 250,000	2, 250,000
Fixtures & Fittings	37,481.34	37,481.34
Total	2,288,481.34	2, 288,481.34

Signed  (Chair of Buckfastleigh Town Hall & Institute)

Signed  (Acting Secretary to the Buckfastleigh Town Hall & Institute)

Date 14/1/25



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Buckfastleigh Town Hall and Institute

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages...

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply
with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hania Lee

Signed.....*Hania Lee*.....

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Date.....15 November 2024.....