

# MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 202620

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1962-02-06

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

## Contact

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**Address** Swainsford Fish Farm  
Woodlands Road  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUAL MORAL INTELLECTUAL OR SOCIAL WELFARE ALONG LINES NOT INCONSISTENT WITH NON-CONFORMING CHRISTIANITY OR OF THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE AMONGST THE INHABITANTS. THE PROMOTION OF SIMILAR CHARITABLE OBJECTS ELSEWHERE.

**Activities:** Provision of 3 Halls, stage, committee room, kitchen and toilets for the advantage of the people of Mere, in Wiltshire, and to promote spiritual, intellectual and social activities, i.e. Plays, films, sporting, medical and social activities, lectures and public meetings. Annual grants are also offered to organisations and local charities within 8 mile radius of Mere.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** MERE AND DISTRICT
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£80,945	£61,961	-	-
2024-06-30	£75,135	£43,213	-	-
2023-06-30	£70,664	£59,898	-	-
2022-06-30	£61,841	£44,791	-	-
2021-06-30	£57,060	£90,274	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>CHARLES RUTTER</b>	Chair	
ANDREW BRISTOW		
ANDREW REES		
BRIAN JAMES WATTS		
Caroline Nichola Morton		2023-10-05
Christopher Wood		2005-05-15
David Norman Lamb		2023-10-05
GEORGE JEANS		2023-10-05
HELEN WATTS		2017-06-30
JANE HURD		2023-10-05
Jennifer Mary Wilding		2023-10-05
MARY WHITE		
Michael John Durkee		2023-10-11
Peter Manning		2023-10-11
Sandra Jayne Catley		2023-10-05
Simon Rutter		2018-09-27
Stephen John Harwood Fletcher		2023-10-05

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At the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 all the new Trustees were duly confirmed and all trustees were present.

The following resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

The consumption of alcohol will be permitted on the Lecture Hall premises, provided that:

- 1) The alcohol consumed is limited to wine, fortified wine, beer and lager.
- 2) The provision or consumption of spirits will not be permitted.
- 3) Consumption is only between 12.00 and 22.30 hrs.
- 4) No alcohol is sold. Events requiring a licenced bar will not be permitted.
- 5) Events offering alcoholic beverages as part of the admission price will be limited to one normal size measure per person/ticket.

*In drafting this proposal, I have given consideration to the value attached to temperance by those responsible for the establishment of the Lecture Hall.*

*My personal belief is that these provisions will permit moderate consumption at social events: if more is required, hirers can apply for a licence at the Grove Building or hire one of the licenced venues in the town.*

*I suggest that, if adopted, this proposal be reviewed annually by the Trustees to ensure that it is working satisfactorily.*

Andrew Rees

August 2024

On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 the centenary of the trust was celebrated with an opening evening and an exhibition of the Trust activities over the years.

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A number of property repairs and improvements have been made over the last year particularly to the Truscott and Homelea.

A professional insurance valuation was made of all the Trust's properties and new quotations obtained for overall insurance, including trustee liability, and even though the property insurance values had increased significantly a saving was made on the overall annual premium.

All domestic rents have been reviewed by the agents, the use of the Lecture Hall has increased by 35% over the previous year and gas and electricity price have come down.

£6,440 of grant aid was distributed to the community as per the Trust document guidance and it is hoped that the improvement in the Trust finances will enable the Trustees, at the AGM in September, to increase the grant aid in 2026.

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2025**

**for**

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

**Contents of the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025**

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**ACCOUNTANT:**

Gordon Chubb  
542 Bishops Caundle  
Sherborne  
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**Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2025**

**Accountant's Report to**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2025.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

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) 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 procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act)
- 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 Commissioners. 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements have not been met:-

- 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.



Gordon Chubb  
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Date: .....

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**  
**Trading and Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations received	10		-	
The Gables - ground floor	6,500		5,958	
The Gables - Drama Room	400		400	
The Gables - Top floor flat	7,400		6,675	
Hartfield	10,140		9,740	
Courtfield	5,400		5,333	
Newport House - Maisonette 1	6,050		6,675	
Newport House - Maisonette 2	10,500		7,555	
Newport House - Office	1,848		1,578	
Town & Country House - office	5,000		5,000	
Town & Country House - snooker room	850		850	
Homelea	9,800		9,400	
Truscott	8,100		8,100	
Lecture hall	8,467		7,391	
Garage	<u>480</u>		<u>480</u>	
		80,945		75,135
<b>Property direct costs</b>				
Repairs to property - Gables	2,513		2,367	
Repairs to property-Courtfield	648		95	
Repairs to property - Newport House	607		6,297	
Repairs to property - Truscott	9,864		95	
Repairs to property - Homelea	9,714		205	
Repairs to property - Lecture Hall	2,602		1,855	
Repairs to property - Town & Country House	4,380		600	
Repairs to property-Hartfield	<u>4,116</u>		<u>377</u>	
		<u>34,444</u>		<u>11,891</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		46,501		63,244
<b>Other income</b>				
Deposit account interest		<u>446</u>		<u>242</u>
		46,947		63,486
<b>Establishment costs</b>				
Security	955		623	
Management fees	6,926		7,254	
Rates, water, & insurance	5,666		5,978	
Cleaning	3,523		3,050	
Heating & lighting	<u>2,337</u>		<u>3,740</u>	
		<u>19,407</u>		<u>20,645</u>
Carried forward		27,540		42,841

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		2025		2024	
	£		£	£	£
Brought forward			27,540		42,841
<b>Administrative expenses</b>					
Telephone		313		302	
Post and stationery		-		12	
Advertising		50		50	
Sundry expenses		218		16	
Accountancy		650		700	
Other professional fees		-		1,500	
Donations & grants		<u>6,440</u>		<u>7,500</u>	
			<u>7,671</u>		<u>10,080</u>
			19,869		32,761
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Improvements to property		724		696	
Plant and machinery		<u>161</u>		<u>143</u>	
			<u>885</u>		<u>839</u>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>			<u><u>18,984</u></u>		<u><u>31,922</u></u>

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Balance Sheet  
30th June 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	1		197,263		189,559
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Trade debtors		923		426	
Deposits held by Gilyard Scarth		6,507		6,332	
LloydsTSB deposit		45,688		35,242	
Bank current account		18,026		18,183	
Cash in hand		843		324	
		<u>71,987</u>		<u>60,507</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Trade creditors		704		679	
Deposits received from tenants		6,507		6,332	
Accrued expenses		700		700	
		<u>7,911</u>		<u>7,711</u>	
			<u>64,076</u>		<u>52,796</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>261,339</u>		<u>242,355</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>					
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	2		<u>261,339</u>		<u>242,355</u>

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for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

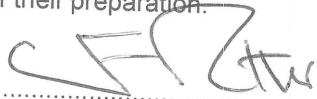
1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st July 2024	159,462	34,803	2,720	2,179	199,164
Additions	<u>5,662</u>	-	<u>2,927</u>	-	<u>8,589</u>
At 30th June 2025	<u>165,124</u>	<u>34,803</u>	<u>5,647</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>207,753</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st July 2024	-	5,960	1,466	2,179	9,605
Charge for year	-	<u>724</u>	<u>161</u>	-	<u>885</u>
At 30th June 2025	-	<u>6,684</u>	<u>1,627</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>10,490</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th June 2025	<u>165,124</u>	<u>28,119</u>	<u>4,020</u>	-	<u>197,263</u>
At 30th June 2024	<u>159,462</u>	<u>28,843</u>	<u>1,254</u>	-	<u>189,559</u>

2. CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	2025 £	2024 £
Brought forward	242,355	210,433
Add Net profit	<u>18,984</u>	<u>31,922</u>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	<u>261,339</u>	<u>242,355</u>

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Chairman



Treasurer

Date: 9-10-25

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All domestic rents have been reviewed by the agents, the use of the Lecture Hall has increased by 35% over the previous year and gas and electricity price have come down.

£7,500 of grant aid was distributed to the community as per the Trust document guidance and it is hoped that the improvement in the Trust finances will enable the Trustees, at the AGM in September, to increase the grant aid in 2025

**MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST**

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Number of Active Trustees at Year End: 10

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Considerable work was done to the Lecture Hall itself with a complete electrical overhaul and certification along with a refurbishment of the rear toilet and fitting child gates to the main hall doors.

The main expense was for the final bill for the refurbishment of Homelea.

All properties were let for the year and rent reviews have been agreed with a number of tenants which will reflect in the income in the next financial year.

As the number on trustees has been falling in recent years it was agreed that new potential trustees should be sought and a number of people have come forward and will be put to the AGM for approval in September.

Use of the hall has increased considerably and it is hoped that this increase will continue.

A £1000 grant was made in the year and it is hoped that the AGM will agree to a significant increase in the following financial year.

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**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

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Gordon Chubb  
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**Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2023**

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Date:

20 October, 2023

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

**Profit and Loss Account  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
The Gables - ground floor	6,500		6,862	
The Gables - Drama Room	400		400	
The Gables - Top floor flat	6,750		6,997	
Hartfield	9,540		9,540	
Courtfield	4,850		4,800	
Newport House - Maisonette 1	5,700		5,700	
Newport House - Maisonette 2	7,920		7,920	
Newport House - Office	1,584		1,560	
Town & Country House - office	5,000		5,000	
Town & Country House - snooker room	850		921	
Homelea	8,096		-	
Truscott	7,550		7,500	
Lecture hall	5,444		4,161	
Garage	<u>480</u>		<u>480</u>	
		70,664		61,841
<b>Property direct costs</b>				
Repairs to property - Gables	206		258	
Repairs to property-Courtfield	90		2,846	
Repairs to property - Newport House	190		3,075	
Repairs to property - Truscott	174		90	
Repairs to property - Homelea	23,530		4,861	
Repairs to property - Lecture Hall	7,077		15,263	
Repairs to property-Hartfield	<u>95</u>		<u>120</u>	
		<u>31,362</u>		<u>26,513</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		39,302		35,328
<b>Establishment costs</b>				
Security	1,157		862	
Management fees	6,997		5,271	
Rates, water, & insurance	6,915		6,229	
Cleaning	2,717		1,836	
Heating & lighting	<u>4,686</u>		<u>1,572</u>	
		<u>22,472</u>		<u>15,770</u>
		16,830		19,558
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Telephone	299		328	
Post and stationery	-		353	
Advertising	50		50	
Sundry expenses	151		115	
Accountancy	650		650	
Other professional fees	-		120	
Legal fees	976		-	
Donations & grants	<u>1,000</u>		<u>(3)</u>	
		<u>3,126</u>		<u>1,613</u>
Carried forward		13,704		17,945

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
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	2023		2022
	£	£	£
Brought forward		13,704	17,945
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank charges	(30)		-
Trustee loan interest	<u>2,103</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>2,073</u>	<u>-</u>
		11,631	17,945
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Improvements to property	696		696
Plant and machinery	<u>169</u>		<u>199</u>
		<u>865</u>	<u>895</u>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<u><u>10,766</u></u>	<u><u>17,050</u></u>


Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Balance Sheet  
30th June 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	1	190,399	191,263
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade debtors		282	107
Deposits held by Gilyard Scarth		6,259	5,337
Bank current account		20,200	29,038
Cash in hand		457	20
		<u>27,198</u>	<u>34,502</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade creditors		255	111
Deposits received from tenants		6,259	5,337
Accrued expenses		650	650
Loan - Peter Platt		-	10,000
Loan - Chris Wood		-	10,000
		<u>7,164</u>	<u>26,098</u>
		<u>20,034</u>	<u>8,404</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>210,433</u>	<u>199,667</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>			
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	2	<u>210,433</u>	<u>199,667</u>

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

  
.....  
Chairman

  
.....  
Treasurer

Date: 5-10-23  
.....

Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st July 2022 and 30th June 2023	<u>159,462</u>	<u>34,803</u>	<u>2,720</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>199,164</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st July 2022	-	4,568	1,154	2,179	7,901
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864</u>
At 30th June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>5,264</u>	<u>1,322</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>8,765</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th June 2023	<u>159,462</u>	<u>29,539</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,399</u>
At 30th June 2022	<u>159,462</u>	<u>30,235</u>	<u>1,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,263</u>

2. CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	199,667		182,617	
Add				
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The property known as Homelea has been fully refurbished and a new tenant will be moving in August as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, all the other trust properties are let.

No grants were given during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Two long standing trustees have regretfully had to resign their trusteeships and we thank them for their service.

Attempts will be made to find new trustees.

Final Signed A/Cs.

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2022**

**for**

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

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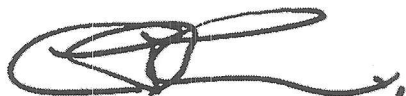
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Gordon Chubb  
542 Bishops Caundle Sherborne  
Dorset DT9 5ND

Date: 29-9-2022

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**  
**Trading and Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
The Gables - ground floor	6,862		6,500	
The Gables - Drama Room	400		400	
The Gables - Top floor flat	6,997		6,678	
Hartfield	9,540		3,180	
Courtfield	4,800		4,800	
Newport House - Maisonette 1	5,700		5,700	
Newport House - Maisonette 2	7,920		7,125	
Newport House - Office	1,560		1,620	
Town & Country House - office	5,000		5,000	
Town & Country House - snooker room	921		637	
Homelea	-		6,722	
Truscott	7,500		7,500	
Lecture hall	4,161		718	
Garage	<u>480</u>		<u>480</u>	
		61,841		57,060
<b>Property direct costs</b>				
Repairs to property - Gables	258		85	
Repairs to property-Courtfield	2,846		265	
Repairs to property - Newport House	3,075		484	
Repairs to property - Truscott	90		323	
Repairs to property - Homelea	4,861		85	
Repairs to property - Lecture Hall	15,263		6,212	
Repairs to property-Hartfield	<u>120</u>		<u>66,987</u>	
		<u>26,513</u>		<u>74,441</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		35,328		(17,381)
<b>Establishment costs</b>				
Security	862		476	
Management fees	5,271		5,262	
Rates, water, & insurance	6,229		4,913	
Cleaning	1,836		1,107	
Heating & lighting	<u>1,572</u>		<u>1,883</u>	
		<u>15,770</u>		<u>13,641</u>
		19,558		(31,022)
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Telephone	328		315	
Post and stationery	353		-	
Advertising	50		110	
Sundry expenses	115		187	
Accountancy	650		650	
Other professional fees	120		-	
Donations & grants	<u>(3)</u>		<u>-</u>	
		1,613		1,262
<b>Carried forward</b>		<u>17,945</u>		<u>(32,284)</u>

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**  
**Trading and Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2022**

		2022		2021	
	£		£	£	£
Brought forward			17,945		(32,284)
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Improvements to property	696			696	
Plant and machinery	<u>199</u>			<u>234</u>	
			<u>895</u>		<u>930</u>
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>			<u><u>17,050</u></u>		<u><u>(33,214)</u></u>


Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Balance Sheet  
30th June 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	1	191,263	191,829
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade debtors		107	497
Deposits held by Gilyard Scarth		5,337	5,407
Bank current account		29,038	11,701
Cash in hand		20	84
		<u>34,502</u>	<u>17,689</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade creditors		111	244
Deposits received from tenants		5,337	5,407
Accrued expenses		650	1,250
Loan - Peter Platt		10,000	10,000
Loan - Chris Wood		10,000	10,000
		<u>26,098</u>	<u>26,901</u>
		<u>8,404</u>	<u>(9,212)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>199,667</u>	<u>182,617</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>			
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	2	<u>199,667</u>	<u>182,617</u>

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

  
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Chairman

  
.....  
Treasurer

Date: 29-9-2022  
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Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2022

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st July 2021	159,462	34,803	2,391	2,179	198,835
Additions	-	-	329	-	329
At 30th June 2022	<u>159,462</u>	<u>34,803</u>	<u>2,720</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>199,164</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st July 2021	-	3,872	955	2,179	7,006
Charge for year	-	696	199	-	895
At 30th June 2022	-	<u>4,568</u>	<u>1,154</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>7,901</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th June 2022	<u>159,462</u>	<u>30,235</u>	<u>1,566</u>	-	<u>191,263</u>
At 30th June 2021	<u>159,462</u>	<u>30,931</u>	<u>1,436</u>	-	<u>191,829</u>

2. CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	182,617		215,831	
Add				
Net profit	<u>17,050</u>		-	
Less				
Net loss	-		33,214	
		<u>199,667</u>		<u>182,617</u>
		<u>199,667</u>		<u>182,617</u>

## Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30th June 2022

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2022.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

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) 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 procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. Basis of independent examiner's report

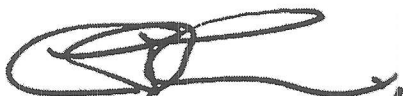
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Date: 29-9-2022

**MERE LECTURE HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 202620

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# Accounts

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Annual Report for The Mere Lecture Hall Trust  
For the Year Ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

(Charity Registration Number 202620)

1 Administrative Details

Registered Office:

Newport House  
Salisbury Street  
Mere  
Wiltshire  
BA12 6HE

Correspondence Address:

Chris Wood (Treasurer)  
Swainsford Fish Farm  
Woodlands Road  
Mere  
Warminster  
Wiltshire  
BA12 6BY

Trustees as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

Mr A Bristow	Mr S Burroughs	Rev M Laurie
Mr Gareth James	Mrs D Potter	Mr P Platt-Higgins
Mr A Rees	Mr C Rutter (chairman)	Mrs H Watts
Mr Simon Rutter	Mr B Watts	Mrs M White
Mrs Audrey Hart-Roy	Mr C Wood (treasurer)	

Number of Active Trustees at Year End: 14

Custodian Trustee:

Legal Trustee Limited  
Company registration number 00195819  
C/O Rutters Solicitors  
2 Bimport  
Shaftesbury  
Dorset  
SP7 8AY

Trust Document:

The Trust was created by Deed dated November 22, 1924

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For the Year Ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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## 2 Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is governed by up to 25 Administrative Trustees, with the backing of a Custodian Trustee. Six Trustees are especially representative of the Christian presence in the town and are elected by their own churches each for a period of three years. The rest are self-perpetuating, elected by the remaining trustees for an indefinite term, being gathered from the local community resident within 13 miles' radius.

"The Administrative Trustees shall manage or superintend the management of the trust properties with power to deal therewith as if they were absolute owners thereof." They thus have wide powers.

The Trustees currently meet once or twice a year. They annually elect a management committee to manage the day-to-day business of the trust, consisting of a chairman, secretary, treasurer and four others plus a hall manager. They also appoint a Grants' sub-committee of up to 5 trustees. The management committee meets as required, but usually 4 – 6 times a year. The Trustees approve the annual accounts, set the level of grants for the year, receive and discuss the management committee's report and decide items of policy.

The Trustees employ the services of a Caretaker/Cleaner for the Lecture Hall building. Although they are at liberty to employ any other servant if they wish, all the office holders are also trustees and act in a voluntary capacity. From time to time they employ professional help as required.

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### 3 Public Benefit Statement

The Primary Objective of the Trust is to provide a meeting place for the community of Mere and surrounding area for non-commercial use. This enables the various groups that make up the community to meet and develop spiritually, physically and socially.

The Hall is available to all sections and groups within the community although there are restrictions on use based on the requirements as set out by the original Trust Deed and the limitations of the building.

The Grants provided to the local community require the benefit to be used within an 8 mile radius of Mere and the purposes of the grant must be consistent with the objectives of the Trust as set out in the original Trust Deed.

None of the Trustees receive any benefit, direct or indirectly from the Trust.

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#### 4 Objectives and Activities

"The objects of the Trust are the promotion of the spiritual, moral, intellectual or social welfare of the inhabitants of Mere in the County of Wiltshire and elsewhere, along lines not inconsistent with non-conforming Christianity, or the promotion of temperance, or the promotion of similar charitable objects elsewhere."

To this end the "Lecture Hall" building, a main 100-seater hall and stage, two smaller halls and various ancillary spaces, was given to the Trust in 1924. In many ways it serves as a community hall. At the same time various properties were also given to the trust as endowment for the Hall to ensure its spiritual freedom and financial independence.

The Trustees maintain the Hall as an attractive and suitable venue for many local activities as a benefit to the community. One of the halls is now a coffee bar and there are modern toilets and disabled facilities. The rooms are offered for rent at a subsidised rate to the community and at a commercial rate for commercial purposes.

The trustees endeavour to make small grants each year to community organisations and continue to explore opportunities to promote the objects of the Trust.

To maintain a viable level of income, the trustees maintain, manage and let a number of properties, both residential and commercial.

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## 5 Achievements and Financial Review

Having been closed for certain periods during the pandemic the Mere Lecture Hall is now being well used and the Trust is now able to meet the primary objective of providing a suitable venue for the people of Mere and district.

The Trust continued to do various works to maintain the properties the Trust owns and manages. The Trust endeavours to keep abreast of current legislation to ensure all the properties are within the Health and Safety and building regulations.

The property known as Hartfield has been substantially renovated and is now let. Two, fully documented short term loans of £10,000 each at interest of 5% p.a. have been made by two of the trustees to cover the work on Hartfield. The main and front hall have been redecorated and a new efficient gas central heating boiler has been fitted to replace the two 20-year-old boilers. As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, all the trust properties are let bar Homelea which has just become vacant and is awaiting refurbishment.

During the pandemic some rent holiday was agreed with the snooker club as they were unable to use the premises and no grants were given during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Two long standing trustees have regretfully had to resign their trusteeships and attempts will be made to find new trustees.

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

**for**

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

# Mere Lecture Hall Trust

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**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

**General Information**

**for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

**TREASURER:**

C R C Wood

**ADDRESS:**

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Salisbury Street  
Mere  
Warminster  
Wiltshire  
BA12 6HE

**ACCOUNTANT:**

Gordon Chubb  
542 Bishops Caundle  
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**Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Trading and Profit and Loss Account  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations received	-		10	
The Gables - ground floor	6,500		6,500	
The Gables - Drama Room	400		400	
The Gables - Top floor flat	6,678		3,045	
Hartfield	3,180		600	
Courtfield	4,800		4,813	
Newport House - Maisonette 1	5,700		5,700	
Newport House - Maisonette 2	7,125		4,557	
Newport House - Office	1,620		1,560	
Town & Country House - office	5,000		5,000	
Town & Country House - snooker room	637		605	
Homelea	6,722		6,900	
Truscott	7,500		7,968	
Lecture hall	718		3,169	
Garage	<u>480</u>		<u>480</u>	
		57,060		51,307
<b>Property direct costs</b>				
Repairs to property - Gables	85		295	
Repairs to property-Courtfield	265		630	
Repairs to property - Newport House	484		6,649	
Repairs to property - Truscott	323		85	
Repairs to property - Homelea	85		680	
Repairs to property - Lecture Hall	6,212		1,300	
Repairs to property - Town & Country House	-		19,500	
Repairs to property-Hartfield	<u>66,987</u>		<u>85</u>	
		<u>74,441</u>		<u>29,224</u>
<b>GROSS (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>		(17,381)		22,083
<b>Establishment costs</b>				
Security	476		822	
Management fees	5,262		5,124	
Rates, water, & insurance	4,913		5,214	
Cleaning	1,107		1,622	
Heating & lighting	<u>1,883</u>		<u>2,786</u>	
		<u>13,641</u>		<u>15,568</u>
		(31,022)		6,515
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Telephone	315		297	
Post and stationery	-		17	
Advertising	110		110	
Sundry expenses	187		-	
Accountancy	650		600	
Donations & grants	<u>-</u>		<u>4,000</u>	
		<u>1,262</u>		<u>5,024</u>
Carried forward		(32,284)		1,491

Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Trading and Profit and Loss Account  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		(32,284)		1,491
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Improvements to property	696		696	
Plant and machinery	<u>234</u>		<u>275</u>	
		<u>930</u>		<u>971</u>
<b>NET (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>		<u>(33,214)</u>		<u>520</u>

Mere Lecture Hall Trust

Balance Sheet

30th June 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	1		191,829		192,759
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Trade debtors		497		299	
Deposits held by Gilyard					
Scarth		5,407		5,258	
Bank current account		11,701		24,470	
Cash in hand		<u>84</u>		<u>142</u>	
		<u>17,689</u>		<u>30,169</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Trade creditors		244		1,239	
Deposits received from tenants		5,407		5,258	
Accrued expenses		1,250		600	
Loan - Peter Platt		10,000		-	
Loan - Chris Wood		<u>10,000</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>26,901</u>		<u>7,097</u>	
			<u>(9,212)</u>		<u>23,072</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>182,617</u>		<u>215,831</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>					
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>			<u>182,617</u>		<u>215,831</u>

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Charles Rutter  
Chairman

Chris Wood  
Treasurer

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Mere Lecture Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 30th June 2021**

**1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021	<u>159,462</u>	<u>34,803</u>	<u>2,391</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>198,835</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st July 2020	-	3,176	721	2,179	6,076
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>930</u>
At 30th June 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>3,872</u>	<u>955</u>	<u>2,179</u>	<u>7,006</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th June 2021	<u><u>159,462</u></u>	<u><u>30,931</u></u>	<u><u>1,436</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>191,829</u></u>
At 30th June 2020	<u><u>159,462</u></u>	<u><u>31,627</u></u>	<u><u>1,670</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>192,759</u></u>

**2. CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	215,831		215,311	
Add				
Net profit	<u>-</u>		<u>520</u>	
	215,831		215,831	
Less				
Net loss	<u>33,214</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>182,617</u>		<u>215,831</u>
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