

AXBRIDGE TOWN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 202880

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-04-30

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

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Activities

Objects: AFTER THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FIXED SUMS AND THE COST OF REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING THE TOWN HALL THE RESIDUE OF THE INCOME IS APPLICABLE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: Maintain and run the Town Hall as a public facility. Maintain the Square area of the town in floral displays. Administer and manage the property and chattels left when the Corporation of Axbridge was dissolved by the Municipal Corporations Act of 1883.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGH OF AXBRIDGE
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£22,647	£20,522	-	-
2024-12-31	£12,151	£8,212	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,413	£9,381	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,254	£14,095	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,432	£13,371	-	-

Trustees

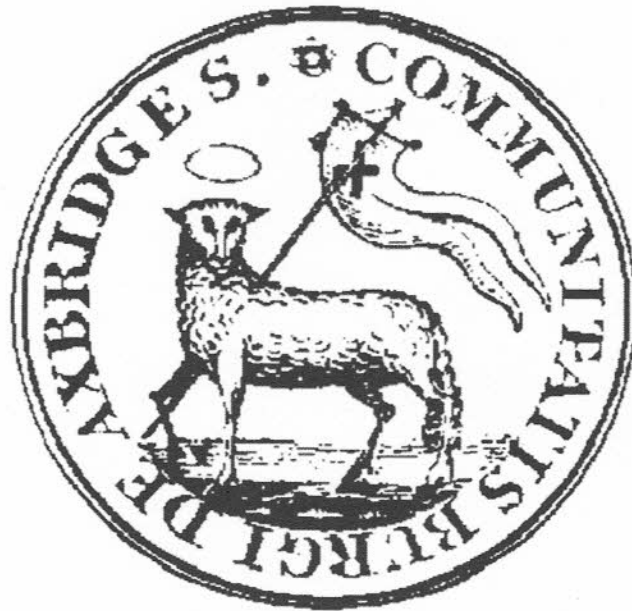
Name	Role	Appointed
PETER SCOTT	Chair	2014-03-12
Grahame Paine		2020-11-11
JOHN GRAHAM PAGE		
LESLIE JAMES STANLEY		2014-12-01
MIKE ANDERSON		2018-03-12
RIC CANHAM		2018-02-05
RICHARD PARSONS		
Sarah Jane Godwin		2022-02-07
Timothy Chard		2021-08-02

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18th JULY 2024
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Date

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TOWN HALL MARGIN

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Bookings	15,784		9,217	
Other income	154		3,038	
Donations				
		15,938		12,255
Expenditure				
Heat and light	-2,685		-2,921	
Wifi in Hall	-378		-324	
Water	-310		-264	
Manager's wages	-4,809		-4,135	
Manager's phone	-90		-147	
Cleaner's wages	-2,312		-1,754	
Cleaning Sundries	-149		-246	
Alcohol Licence (not paid in 2023, under investigation)	0		-70	
Repairs	-1,454		-3,046	
Equipment Servicing & Testing	-860		-561	
Performing Rights licence	-139		-132	
Professional Fees	0		-210	
Hall rent refunds	0		-77	
Sundry***	-927		-109	
		-14,113		-13,995
Gross Margin		1,825		-1,741

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SURPLUS & DEFICIT ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
Income	£	£
Town Hall margin	1,825	-1,741
Overham Field rent	200	200
Town square rent + Licences	5,160	403
Fair rent	500	425
Axbridge & District Museum Trust	3,500	3,500
Shooting Rights	300	
	Sub-total	Sub-total
	11,485	2,787
Grants received		
Ax. T. C.- Planter Grant	300	300
Axbridge Town Council	5,460	1,820
	0	0
	0	0
	Sub-total	Sub-total
	5,760	2,120
Other income		
2022 correction	100	
sundries	125	731
donations	920	
Transfers	0	300
Interest received	1,273	0
Donations into Artefacts A/C	1,600	923
50 Club Surplus	6,150	0
	Sub-total	Sub-total
	10,168	1,954
	27,413	6,861
Expenditure		
Insurance	-3,714	-4,386
Planting the Planters	-943	-604
Clerks wages	-660	-743
Maintenance Repairs	-233	-7,709
Town Hall Improvement Projects	0	-816
Website maintenance	-120	-198
Professional fees	0	-430
Sundries	-1,185	-274
Artefacts a/c expenditure	-2,527	
	(9381)	-15,158
Surplus	18,032	-8297.15

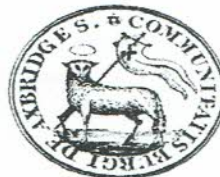
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

					2023		2022
					£		£
	Bank B/F				58,892		66,337
	Net Income				18,032		-7,523
	Bank B/F				77,023		58,814
	Surplus for year				18,032		-7,523

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Note 1 TRUST INCOME

150 club – £3,750 transferred to Trust a/c in Feb 2023 to reflect 2022 surplus.
The Club produced an income of £2,400 for 2023 year and transferred in Dec.

Note 2 Town Council Grant – Due to a delay in Council meeting agreement, the sums paid in 2023 reflect 2022 H2 and 2023 H1 & H2 grant payments.

Note 3 TRUST EXPENDITURE

Town Hall – A new water heater was installed to remove the need for kettle use (helpful for health & safety of hirers) £502

Town Hall Gas and Electric costs – The Trust continue to monitor opportunities to minimise both electricity and gas supply costs. New contract scheduled for May/June 24

Artefacts Project – the historic maces have been on display in the museum throughout the season.

Note 4 With bank interest rates being attractive for saved funds, the Trust has moved £44,700 to the account held with COIF to benefit from the interest income available.



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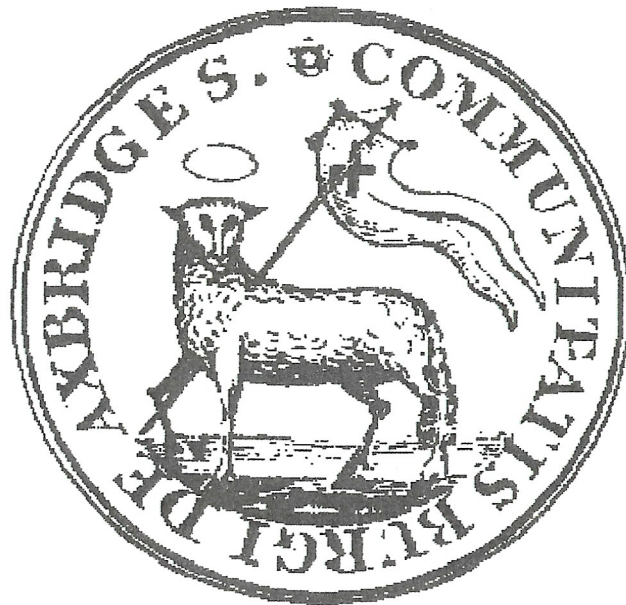
Registered Charity: 202880

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2021

- Charity Name:** Axbridge Town Trust
- Registration Number:** 202880
- Address:** The Town Hall, The Square, Axbridge, BS26 2AR
- Trustees:** Timothy Chard, John Page, Michael Anderson, Richard Parsons, Cedric Canham, Lesley Stanley, Grahame Paine, Sarah Godwin, Peter Scott and Mr Terrence Beasley.
- Structure:** Ten Trustees supported by a part-time Clerk and part-time Town Hall Manager. One Trustee acts as a Chair of the Trustees, selected by the Trustees themselves and supported by a deputy chair.
- Appointment of Trustees:** Five Representative Trustees are elected by public vote for a period of five years. One Trustee is appointed by the Archaeological and Natural History Society of Somerset with four Co-optative Trustees. These four Co-optative Trustees are appointed by the Trustees themselves for a term of seven years and are those who have served as Representative Trustees for several years and so they are very experienced in the workings of the Trust.
- Activities/Objectives:** Maintain and run the Town Hall as a public facility. Maintain the Square area of the town in floral displays. Administer and manage the property and chattels left when the Corporation of Axbridge was dissolved by the Municipal Corporation Act of 1883. The Trust has always maintained a five year business plan to ensure that continuous Town Hall improvements are completed when financially viable. Future improvements in 2022 are planned such as a new gas boiler and upgrading the electrical hard wiring.
- Achievement/Performance:** See annual accounts - the Trust performed well as a result of the government covid grants and the annual Town Council grant. Hall booking income improved in the latter half of 2021 due to the lifting of lock-down regulations.
- Financial review:** See accounts. Independently assessed by Michael Sartain (ACMA) who has no links to the Trust.
- Custodian Trustees:** No Trustees are custodian Trustees.

Prepared by Cedric Canham (Trustee)

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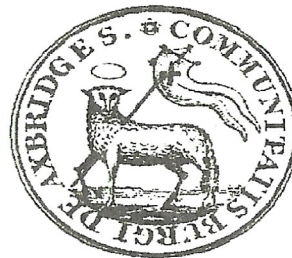
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Signed *H. A. SARTAIN*
ACMA

10 MAY 2022
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Date

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TOWN HALL MARGIN
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Bookings	5,350		4,623	
Other income	1,594		1,475	
Donations				
		6,944		6,098
Expenditure				
Hall Covid refunds	359		110	
Heat and light	1,471		2,012	
Wifi in Hall	107			
Water	190		230	
Manager's wages	3,700		2,880	
Cleaner's wages	932		1,049	
Cleaning Sundries	201		411	
Alcohol Licence	70		70	
Repairs	105		77	
Equipment Servicing & Testing	500		1,113	
Performing Rights licence	146		182	
Sundry***	93		34	
		7,874		8,168
Gross Margin		-930		-2,070

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SURPLUS & DEFICIT ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Town Hall margin	-930	-2,070
Overham Field rent	200	200
Town square rent + Licences	287	151
Fair rent		
Axbridge & District Museum Trust	3,500	3,500
Shooting rights		
	Sub-total	3,057
		1,781
Grants received		
Ax. T. C.- Planter Grant	300	300
Axbridge Town Council	5,460	1,820
SDC Covid Grants	16,335	11,334
National Grid Community Fund		8,593
	Sub-total	22,095
		22,047
Other income		
Sale of Balcony Flower Boxes		85
Co-op Community Fund (for Maces proj)		1,243
Transfers		
Interest received	2	44
Somerset Community Fund Grant		
Donations/payt for bike rack brackets	583	150
Donations into Artefacts A/C	100	
50 Club Surplus	1,595	1,675
	Sub-total	2,280
		3,197
		27,432
Expenditure		27,025
Insurance	5,862	5,660
Planting the Planters	273	337
Clerks wages	660	660
Maintenance Repairs	848	66
Town Hall Improvement Projects	4,814	12,819
Website Design	614	
Sundries	300	138
		(13371)
		(19680)
Surplus	14,061	7,345



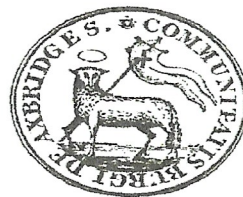
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

					2021		2020
						£	£
	Bank B/F						
	Net Income				52,276		44,931
					14,061		7,345
	Bank B/F				66,337		52,276
	Surplus for year				14,061		7,345

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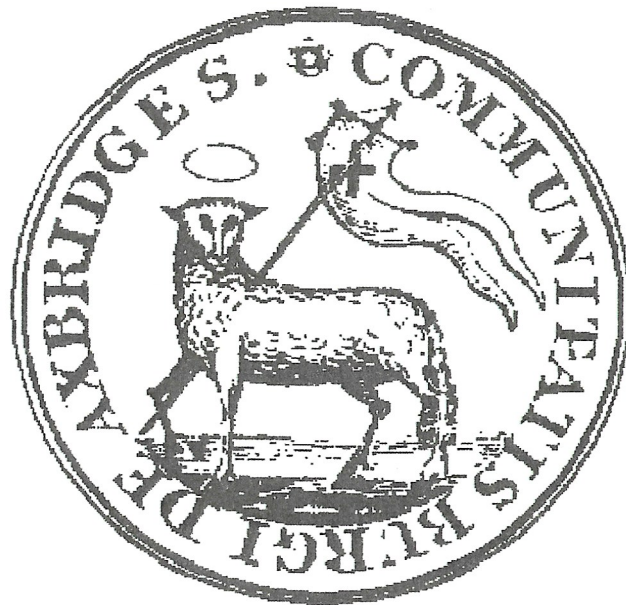
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150 club - Up and running for another year from October 2021 and should give a boost of around £1900 to income in 2022.
The Club produced an income of £1595 for this year.
- Note 2 Government Covid Grants (via Sedgemoor District Council)**
A total of £16335 was received for the year.
- Note 3 Town Council Grant** - Due to a misunderstanding the second half year grant of £1820 was not received in October 2020. This was paid in January 2021 and the Reason this is showing at £5460.
- Note 4 TRUST EXPENDITURE**
Town Hall - The bar area of the hall completely refurbished at a cost of £4814.
Town Hall Gas and Electric costs - Down around £500 on last year, however with surging energy costs this is going to be a major expense in 2022. The gas supplier was one of the energy companies that failed and the Trust is now with British Gas on a much higher tariff. Looking to switch supplier when the market stabilises. Electricity supplied by EON on a 2 year fixed contract which expires at the end of June 2022.
Artefacts Project - on hold as the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is not accepting any further applications for the time being due to Covid. The £1243 received from the Co-op Community Fund which was donated towards the project In 2020 was transferred to the Artefacts Account January this year. It is hoped the application will be submitted in 2022.
Insurance - Ensuring the Trust has good and sufficient insurance cover continues To be a major expense at £5862.
- Note 5 Town Hall Bookings** - As expected lower than normal at £5350 but an improvement on 2020.
Income offset by the Government Covid Grants - see note 2 above
The £1329 received from Axbridge Town Council relates to the council using the hall for their meetings in 2021.
- Note 6 Planters** - Planting costs remain within budget due to the Trustees buying the plants doing the planting themselves.
The Trust receives an annual donation of £300 from the Town Council towards the Planters.
- Note 7 2021-2025 Business Plan** - The Trust has a 5 year plan in place for continual improvement of the Town Hall, its equipment and facilities.
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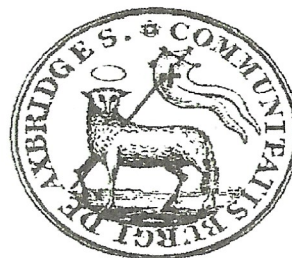
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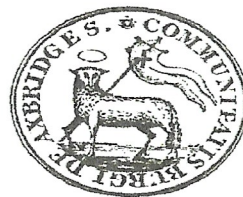
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