

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 203778

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-04-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF THORVERTON WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF THE PARISH OF THORVERTON WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPIONIONS INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: We currently provide a centre for village activities such as Pilates, Dance Tuition, Yoga, Fitness etc. We also provide a meeting place for use by local organisations, the Village Primary School, by local people for weddings and other family gatherings and for the TMH community cinema. The hall amenity area is also used by various local organisations for village activities throughout each year.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF THORVERTON
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£34,606	£32,557	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,819	£41,569	-	-
2022-12-31	£36,790	£20,297	-	-
2021-12-31	£40,625	£26,760	-	-
2020-12-31	£15,301	£13,757	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Clare Gomersall		2023-04-20
Andrew Saunders		2022-09-08
Carolyn Louise Johnson		2024-04-18
Guy Bracewell		2025-04-23
Michael Baldwin		2015-11-03
Patricia Naomi Hepworth		2025-04-23
Penelope Wiles		2022-09-08
Peter Howard Griffiths		2025-10-07
SARAH ELIZABETH ADDICOTT		

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission for the period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Charity name: **THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL**

Charity registration number: 203778

Objectives and Activities: to provide & maintain a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Thorverton without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including the use of meetings lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the objective of improving the condition of life for the villagers.

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Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee of Management is comprised of up to ten elected Trustees, plus two co-opted Trustees, as well as one representative nominated by the Parish Council and up to five others nominated by recognised local organisations.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April.

In 2024 our Trustees were the following:

Penny Wiles, Michael Baldwin, Peter Marshall, Jan Wills (until 18th April 2024), Sarah Addicott, Andrew Saunders, Stephanie Gounaris Shannon, Emmie Payne Cook, Noel Tancock, Carolyn Hooker (from 18th April), Bryony Uglow (Parish Council representative from 27th June)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Increasing the use of the hall

We are conscious that we have a well-used and attractive hall. A number of hirers, some of whom come from quite far afield, have expressed their appreciation of the facilities together with the hall's appealing setting. In the last Annual Report I drew attention to the fact the hall's use was increasing – this trend not only continued throughout 2024 but actually accelerated with an increase in both number of hours the hall was used as well as hire income which rose significantly by 20%. We've had occasions where a meeting takes place in the hall at the same time as a fitness class on the lawn, and one activity ending just as the next one is about to start. We see TMH very much as a resource for the village used for significant events in the lives of villagers – Christening parties, wedding receptions and wakes

Carrying out a number of improvements to the hall.

In terms of the building we completed a number of improvements identified by the Committee as priorities back in late 2022: a new sign at the front of the hall, which is an attractive addition to the streetscape as well as drawing attention to the hall, upgraded wifi and some external painting. Our long-desired capital improvement of improving & revamping the accessible cloakroom, which had been put on hold for several years due to the high

prices quoted by building contractors, was finally completed in the early autumn of 2024 following our receiving a much more reasonable quote.

Drawing up new policies

A new Safeguarding policy was approved at a Committee meeting on 23rd May 2024. New Food Safety Guidelines were drawn up in collaboration with the kitchen team and these were approved by Mid Devon District Council in May.

Activities & events in Thorverton Memorial Hall in 2024

The activities that take place in the hall are a mix of classes organised by third parties, a space for the school to use in wet weather, as well as a stream of bookings for parties of all kinds, and events organised by Thorverton Memorial Hall.

Regular events included monthly Film Nights with a menu of popular and more niche films eg foreign language films. Cygnet Theatre returned in July to perform 'The Comedy of Errors' and luckily the fine weather meant that this time the performance was able to take place on the lawn. Other events included a Skittles evening in the Autumn which raised over £400 for the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Monthly Big Breakfast and Saturday Market mornings continued to be popular, with the stalwart team consistently producing delicious breakfasts – the team has been going strong for a quarter of a century.

In terms of events put on in the hall, they don't come much bigger than the Biennial pop festival 'Thorfest' which took place on a wonderfully hot day in September. Putting on an event of this size involved a great deal of hard work coupled with close collaboration between TMH and the Thorfest organisers. The TMH role was principally to ensure the necessary licences, insurances, and risk assessments, first aider were in place and that the bar was staffed and bar drinks sorted. Thorfest attracted around 1200 over the course of the day and evening and was a massive success. TMH was one of the village beneficiaries of the funds raised by this event, the grant of £4000 we received going towards the cost of the accessible cloakroom upgrade. We recognise we are extremely fortunate to be supported financially in this way by local organisations such as Thorfest.

Financial Review

Throughout 2024 the TMH finances continued to operate at a healthy level, again as in 2023 thanks to the level of bookings and events held in the hall.

Apart from the cost of the accessible cloakroom (part funded from our grant from Thorfest), all other improvement costs were funded by TMH's own resources.

Conscious of the increase in running costs such as utilities, cleaning & gardening and other fixed costs, in the last year we have taken steps to reduce our costs whenever the opportunity cropped up. A number of examples include cutting back on the frequency of waste collections, & making sure through liaising with Utility Aid that we get the best deal possible on our energy costs. Our relationship with Devon Communities

Together, which is affiliated to Action with Communities in Rural England, has stood us in good financial stead– in late 2024 they advised us on our Music Licence renewal and helped save a significant sum in the process.

Future plans

Looking ahead, we will be continuing to look for savings in our running costs and also looking at our income, & considering some modest increases in some of our hire charges so that the hall continues to be financially buoyant. We will be asking ourselves such broad questions as: given the increase in bookings, what changes are needed to manage the hall bookings & events? What works well and what doesn't work quite so well? What events should we be organising & how best to consult with the village about this? What changes to the TMH website should be considered?

It takes a village to raise a child, so the saying goes – in our experience it takes a village to run a busy hall. We are fortunate to be able to rely on the help of many villagers, not least our hard working Trustees, to get stuck in to so many aspects of the managing the hall and for helping ensure it remains a key village asset.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Penny Wiles

Chair of Trustees

5/5/25



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	10,836	-	-	10,836	9,002
TMH Events	1,730	-	-	1,730	1,729
Bar & Kitchen Takings	13,307	-	-	13,307	16,376
Electricity Generation	753	-	-	753	887
Grants/Donations	4,000	-	-	4,000	250
Interest	357	-	-	357	408
Miscellaneous Income	3,623	-	-	3,623	3,168
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,606	-	-	34,606	31,820
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,606	-	-	34,606	31,820
A3 Payments					
Cleaning/Gardening/Painting.	4,972	-	-	4,972	3,524
New Amenities	8,202	-	-	8,202	5,457
Hall Maintenance	2,804	-	-	2,804	16,036
Event Costs	10,282	-	-	10,282	11,004
Utilities & Website	2,931	-	-	2,931	2,146
Insurance/Licences	2,383	-	-	2,383	1,963
Miscellaneous	883	-	-	883	1,439
Donation	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,557	-	-	32,557	41,569
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,557	-	-	32,557	41,569
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,049	-	-	2,049	9,749
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,319	-	-	33,319	43,068
Cash funds this year end	35,368	-	-	35,368	33,319

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	732	-	-
	Savings Account	33,953	-	-

Cash	683	-	
Total cash funds	35,368	-	-

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
PA Wiles	PENELOPE WILES	7/5/25

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Thorverton Memorial Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

203778

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

7/5/25

Name:

Stuart Crebo

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No areas of concern to disclose

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 203778

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission for the period

1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

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Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April.

In 2023 our Trustees were the following:

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Reviewing aspects of hall management and finance:

A number of aspects of hall management have been reviewed such as the hire rates of the hall, which remain unchanged, as well as prices for Big Breakfasts and the bar.

Having jumped through an ever increasing number of hoops we were finally approved by the Co-operative Bank to open a bank account with them and whilst this has been a long drawn out process our account, which offers full internet banking, was finally up and running in November 2023.

Conscious of the need to ensure robust financial record-keeping is in place, we have spent time developing and improving our financial systems. Following a challenge to our electricity supplier about a debt they had claimed was owed by TMH arising during lockdown, our formal complaint was upheld with the debt

being wiped out and a sizable credit on our electricity account re-instated. Thorverton Memorial Hall is fortunate to benefit from payments in the form of an electricity feed-in tariff from the solar panels fitted a number of years ago.

We have kept close links with Devon Communities Together and we participated in an online training course on various aspects of running a village hall. The course was a mixture of new information and familiar material, itself re-assurance that TMH is on the right track in terms of policies & procedures.

Over the past year we were able to recruit some new volunteers to help with the bar and film night – we have a good base of volunteers to build on. We are also fortunate to have the stalwart team in the kitchen who produce the ever popular breakfasts each month.

Financial Review

Whilst there was no repeat of the pandemic-related grants available from the local authority, the TMH finances continued run at a healthy level thanks mainly to the level of bookings and events held in the hall. We were able to pay for the improvements of the terrace & gates and other new amenities out of the hall's own funds.

Finances are reviewed at each of the monthly Trustee meetings.

The accounts are presented in a separate report.

Activities and events in Thorverton Memorial Hall in 2023

The hall continues to be a well-used community resource with a good mix of regular classes, a space for the school to use in wet weather, & parties of all kinds. We have continued to organise and/or host a variety of events.

Bookings throughout the year were buoyant, with the hall being used for a greater number of hours each week, reflected in the increased income from hire charges in 2023 compared with the previous year. The bookings for regular classes have really taken off – for instance, at the beginning of the year there were 2 classes of Pilates. By the end of 2023 this had increased to 4 classes, plus two fitness classes. One interesting feature is that groups from outside Thorverton choose to use Thorverton Memorial Hall (TMH) rather than their own village halls – a testament to the facilities such as a generous car parking area that TMH has to offer.

A total of 5 wedding receptions were held in the summer, 4 of them in May and June. Managing this number of weddings was quite a steep learning curve for us as a committee but all the happy couples were delighted with their receptions & from a TMH perspective things mostly worked out. The terrace, built this time last year, really came into its own over the summer, creating a space flowing from the hall and a versatile amenity for all hall users: it makes a really attractive outside area for wedding receptions as well as a space for the weekly Toddler group to roar around on their trikes.

We hosted a performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream by the Cygnet Theatre who skillfully adapting what should have been an open-air performance to performing instead inside the hall because of the rain. In collaboration with Villages in Action, we hosted the Neil Maya quartet for a well-received jazz performance in the autumn.

Physical improvements to the hall in 2023

We have had a hearing loop fitted and are grateful to have received a grant for Devon County Council to help fund this work. We have commissioned a new external sign to be erected to ensure the hall looks a little less tucked away.

Future plans for hall improvements

Looking ahead in terms of our plans for the hall as a building, there is some external painting to be tackled and this is something that is being programmed in for the summer 2024. Obtaining quotes from building contractors to improve the accessible WC, a long desired capital improvement, has proved challenging and so scaling down the work is something under active consideration.

Committee meetings have been held once a month throughout the year. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefit. Whilst four long-standing Trustees stood down during the year, we were fortunate to recruit three new Trustees.

Running the hall is a true village endeavour and we are grateful to be able to draw on the help of many villagers to run the website, to organise the Big Breakfast and Saturday Market as well as Film Night.

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above at the Committee Meeting held 26th September 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Penny Wiles

Chair of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	9,002	-	-	9,002	7,683
TMH Events	1,729	-	-	1,729	2,315
Bar and Kitchen Takings	16,376	-	-	16,376	16,589
Electricity and Storage	887	-	-	887	466
Grants	250	-	-	250	6,667
Interest	408	-	-	408	84
Miscellaneous Income	3,168	-	-	3,168	2,987
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,820	-	-	31,820	36,791
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,820	-	-	31,820	36,791
A3 Payments					
Cleaning and Gardening	3,524	-	-	3,524	2,253
Equipment	5,457	-	-	5,457	1,825
Hall maintenance	16,036	-	-	16,036	1,285
Event costs	11,004	-	-	11,004	10,658
Utilities and web site	2,146	-	-	2,146	603
Insurance and Licences	1,963	-	-	1,963	1,751
Miscellaneous and petty cash	1,439	-	-	1,439	1,922
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,569	-	-	41,569	20,297
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,569	-	-	41,569	20,297
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,749	-	-	9,749	16,494
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,068	-	-	43,068	26,575
Cash funds this year end	33,319	-	-	33,319	43,069

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Accounts	6,256	-	-
	Reserve Account	26,309	-	-
	Cash	754	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,319	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Penelope A. Wiles</i>	PENELOPE WILES	7-11-24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Thorverton Memorial Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023
Charity no (if any) 203778

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023 ~~DD / MM / YYYY~~.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

8.11.2024

Name:

Stuart Crebo

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No areas of concern to disclose

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THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 203778

Accounts



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT – 2021

Thorverton Memorial Hall, Silver Street, Thorverton EX5 5LT

Charity Number: 203778

Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee is comprised of up to ten elected Trustees, two co-opted Trustees, one representative Trustee nominated by the Parish Council and up to five others by recognised local organisations. In 2021 our Trustees were the following:

Russell Clarke, Michael Shelton, Janet Wills, Jenny Reygate, Michael Baldwin, David Reygate, Sarah Addicott, Claire Heaven-Roberts, Ian Ford, Tim Cusack.

Trustees hold monthly meetings and for the first half of 2021 these were held on Zoom, before the easing of Covid restrictions permitted face-to-face meetings for the second half of the year. Trustees recognised the importance of keeping good channels of communication going, particularly during periods when the hall had to close. Regular articles appeared throughout 2021 in the monthly village magazine 'in Focus' to keep villagers updated.

During the Covid restrictions in the first few months of 2021 we kept the hall ticking over as well as spending time in preparation for a Covid safe re-opening. After the hall was used for the local elections in April we bounced back in May and, applying some Covid-safe restrictions, we actioned a range of events for the local community to offer a way back to some sort of normality.

The first of these events was in conjunction with Villages in Action in which The Assembleth Theatre company, performed 'The Shodessey', a humorous take on aspects of Greek Mythology. The show sold out and was a resounding success. We followed this with a Dog Show and Music in the Park drawing many people from the village and local area. It seemed that Summer had arrived and confidence was returning. Various regular hirers returned including the Sewing Classes, Toddlers Group and Pilates. Three wedding bookings took place during August and September and Film Nights and Big Breakfast/ Saturday Market returned to the calendar. The Autumn season events, including further live Drama, Jazz and Folk Music, Skittles, Craft Fair and Bingo continued to be well supported and began to show some essential income. Further Covid restrictions at the end of the year meant once again the hall had to close.

During the past year we have been very aware that, with little or no income, the hall's finite resources would have a limited life. However, a number of opportunities for grant aid became apparent for which we were able to apply.

We are grateful to our Treasurer for the time and effort he put into obtaining several vital grants throughout the pandemic from various sources that provided us with the income we required. These grants enabled us to pay our regular bills during the Covid closures including some essential major electrical rewiring and upgrade work.

The Finance & Management Sub Committee was formed during the past year to discuss and share ideas and to report back to the main committee to help develop and improve our accounting systems and put in place forward planning procedures. One particular challenge to our financial systems was caused by problems with our bank which led to a period of several months without a cheque book or debit card. The details of our accounts 2021 are shown on our annual account sheet. The charity ended the year on a strong financial footing.

Achievements during the year in terms of our policies and procedures include the following: Revising the Hire Contract we issue to hirers to clarify some issues and align our contract with the Charity Commission's requirements.

Revising the Hire Rates charged with particular reference to local group charges but also to ensure that TMH continues to remain a viable organisation for the local community.

Our policies for Health & Safety, Management and Maintenance and Equal Opportunities have been reviewed this year and are currently in place.

We are also currently producing a Safeguarding Policy and training for our Trustees in conjunction with ACRE (*Action With Communities In Rural England*) to give everyone a clearer understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

We are conscious of our responsibilities to ensure we undertake all the necessary safety checks carried out on the building, for example, Fire Safety and Electrical Tests. In relation to the electrical tests we undertook all recommended work with the exception of the extra light on the walkway from the car park to the rear of the building. This is currently awaiting completion.

All Buildings and Public Liability Insurances are fully up to date and include an Indemnity Insurance to cover personal litigation against all our Trustees (Committee Members).

One exciting new development has been the launch of our new website in the summer of 2021. This has generally proved very useful in promoting the hall's facilities, regular classes, events and information to the various devices the public now use. We need and should continue to develop the use of useful digital information systems to assist our communication and the management of TMH.

Looking forward, our aim is to continue to offer the hall as a useful and vibrant facility for the use of all members of the local community. We will be doing this against a background of rising costs for everyone. As a charitable organisation we rely on many volunteer helpers, for whom we are particularly grateful, and our Trustees (our Committee members) who

meet together to discuss and organise a varied programme of events and oversee the operation and running of TMH.

To enable this to continue effectively we are always open to recruit new committee members and to encourage villagers to have an input into the continuing development of TMH as a valuable asset to our community.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Thorverton Memorial Hall

203778

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 01-Jan-21 To 31-Dec-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	4,328	-		4,328	
TMH Events	722		-	722	
Bar & Kitchen Takings	15,415			15,415	
Electricity & Storage	750			750	
Grants	18,746			18,746	10,000
Interest	2			2	
Misc income	661		-	661	5,301
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,625	-	-	40,625	15,301
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
				-	
				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,625	-	-	40,625	15,301
A3 Payments					
Cleaning & Gardening	2,892			2,892	
Equipment incl. H&S re covid	1,618			1,618	
Hall Maintenance	10,754			10,754	
Event Coasts	5,462			5,462	
Utilities & Website	1,893			1,893	
Insurance and Licences	1,907			1,907	
Misc & Petty Cash	2,234			2,234	13,757
				-	
				-	
Sub total	26,760	-	-	26,760	13,757
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
				-	
				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,760	-	-	26,760	13,757
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,865	-	-	13,865	1,544
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	12,710
Cash funds this year end	13,865	-	-	13,865	14,254

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	50		
	Reserve Account	25,825		
	Cash	700		
	Total cash funds	26,575	-	-
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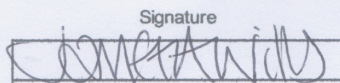
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name JANET A. WILLIS	Date of approval 27/4/2023
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Thorverton Memorial Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

203778

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021** DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: **James P. Roberts**

Date: **3rd May 2023**

Name: **James P Roberts**

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

None

Address:

8 Little Silver

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The end-of-year balances revealed that TMH had received £ 2,569 more than has been accounted for. This unrecorded income has paid for necessary expenditure, with the remainder in the cash and bank balances.

After extensive investigation of the paperwork and discussions with the Treasurer and other Trustees the source of this income cannot be identified. I am confident that it is unrecorded cash income. I recognise the significant difficulties that the lockdown period at the beginning of the year posed, especially the lack of debit card and chequebook.

I am pleased to report that the Treasurer has already implemented measures to record the cash movements more assiduously.