

Gleaston Recreation Ground and Village Hall

Aim & Purpose

The Gleaston Recreation Ground and Village Hall is responsible for the maintenance of the village hall and recreation ground for the benefit of inhabitants of the village, without distinction of political, religious or other beliefs.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees are committed to deliver a safe and inclusive community facility that caters for all age groups within the confines of Gleaston village and the immediate surrounding area.

Central to this is ensuring that the recreation ground and associated playground and village hall are maintained to an appropriate standard and that events are organised to support the interests of the village.

Overview and Performance

The Trustees have embarked on an ambitious plan to refurbish the village hall and playground across financial years 2024 and 2025. This programme is designed to ensure that the playground remains an attractive leisure activity for all in the village, with targeted investment in equipment to meet the needs of all age groups, including provision of equipment to promote adult health. Refurbishment of the village hall has focused around reducing the environmental impact of the hall and ensure that recent increases in electricity prices are mitigated to the greatest extent possible via the installation of a solar PV system.

During the year a number of events have been organised both in the village hall and the recreation ground, with particular highlights including the summer ball and live theatre.

Hall utilisation has remained good across the year, with a range of groups utilising the village hall for regular meetings. In addition, the hall has been used to provide a warm community facility over the winter months in recognition of the recent high utility prices impacting on the financial position of many in society.

Financial Position & Performance

This report provides a summary of the financial position of the Gleaston Green and Village Hall Committee for the 12-month period ending 31st August 2024.

Income

Total income raised during the period stood at £44,886 (2023 £10,400) reflecting considerable success in securing grant funding to invest in Solar PV and battery storage and a one-off gift associated with the winding up of a local village trust.

Key highlights from the year include:

- Net proceeds of nearly £1,700 from the 2023 bonfire and fireworks.
- Hall hire income of £4,100 from a range of events and regular group activities over the year.
- A one-off gift of £14,200 associated with the wind-up of Leece Village Hall

- A grant of £17,500 from Baywind energy has been received that will be invested in a solar PV and battery storage solution
- Two dedicated fundraising events were held during the course of the year to fund the refurbishment of the village playground, raising in excess of £1,300.
- A range of entertainment events including the Summer Ball, Magic Show and theatre shows have been commissioned during the year providing social utility to the village. These activities have cumulatively generated a small surplus (revenue of £4,200 with costs of £4,000).

Expenditure

During the year the running costs of the hall included:

£2,669 electricity charges – the village has seen significant increases in the cost of electricity during the past two years in line with increases in the wholesale market. The installation of solar panels and battery storage (fully grant funded) will positively impact on future electricity bills and reduce our environmental impact.

£540 - Water & sewerage


£804 – insurance for village hall and public liability insurance

£380 – broadband services

£350 – village website hosting

Maintenance charges for the playground and green totalled £2,265, comprising mowing equipment maintenance, fuel costs and playground fence and equipment repairs.

The other major item of investment during the year has been the refurbishment and equipping of the former village telephone box with a defibrillator. Costs during the year totalled £3,126 and this should be commissioned shortly.

	Gleaston Green & Village Hall Committee		224756		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024	
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					
Village Green Collections	-	546	-	546	58
Donations (other Income)	14,186	17,523	-	31,709	2,083
House Events	8,641	880	-	9,521	4,446
Hire of Hall	2,112	-	-	2,112	1,531
100 Club	168	-	-	168	1,194
Craft Club	520	-	-	520	746
Other	310	-	-	310	342
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,937	18,949	-	44,886	10,400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,937	18,949	-	44,886	10,400
A3 Payments					
Petrol for Mower	-	357	-	357	345
Village Green Maintenance	839	1,069	-	1,908	2,653
Telephone Box	-	3,126	-	3,126	386
Water & Sewage	540	-	-	540	281
Electricity	2,669	-	-	2,669	3,007
Bank Charges	136	-	-	136	102
Insurance	804	-	-	804	738
House Events	3,461	-	-	3,461	3,007
Other	2,995	-	-	2,995	4,375
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,444	4,552	-	15,996	14,894
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,444	4,552	-	15,996	14,894
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,493	14,397	-	28,890	- 4,494
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	14,493	14,397	-	28,890	- 4,494

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	HSBC	49,895	18,403	-
	CashIn Hand	92	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,987	18,403	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustees is to ensure that a minimum unrestricted funds balance of £20,000 is maintained to ensure the ability to meet unexpected items of expenditure that may arise from time to time. The financial position of Gleaston Recreation Ground and Village Hall has improved over the course of this year, driven largely by one-off grants for Solar PV and the proceeds from the recent winding up of a neighbouring village's committee. This has given the Trustees confidence to undertake programme of improvements in 2024/25.

Major programmes planned to be undertaken:

- Refurbishment of village hall floor (now completed).
- Installation of solar PV and battery system to village hall (funded via grant).
- Refurbishment and improvement of playground to include equipment and safety surfaces, with total investment in this area expected to be approximately £32,000, ensuring a modern facility suitable for future generations.

The committee will continue to ensure appropriate financial caution is adopted.

Volunteers

We would like to formally thank the many volunteers who support activities in the village ensuring that we continue to be a vibrant community, supporting the interests and needs of all.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees have all been appointed via the Annual General Meeting process and all members of the village are encouraged to stand for election as a Trustee. The Trustees comprise a diverse range of skills and experiences, ensuring that the objectives of the committee are met and we remain relevant to our community.

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year, with additional meetings for sub-committees and event planning held as required.

Administrative Information

Gleaston Recreation Ground and Village Hall is located within the small village of Gleaston, around 5 miles from the local town of Ulverston.

Gleaton Recreation Ground and Village Hall operates as a Trust and is not recognised by HMRC for Gift Aid purposes. Two alternative working names are also used for the Trust:

- Gleaston Green and Village Hall Committee
- Gleaston Village Hall and Green

The Trustees who have served during this period are:

Barbara Birch – Chair

Bryan Houghton

Matt Barratt – Treasurer

Victoria Adams

Lauren Rawlinson

Edwin Rowlandson

Deirdre Houghton

David Shaw

Elaine Shaw

Nicole Furzeland

Manuela Schiele

Paul Segalini

Leigh Furlong

Jean Hunt

Andy McLaren

Paul Bower

Dianne Pepper

Lorna Low

Ann Wilson

Chris Brown

Maria Murray

Mike Brereton

John Lee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gleaston Green & Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gleaston Green & Village Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31st August 2024.

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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: James Brimelow

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Date: 18/05/2025