

# GASKELL MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL, SILVERDALE

England & Wales · Charity number 225842

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1963-10-08

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PHYSICAL AN MENTAL RECREATION AND SOCIAL MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF READING AND RECREATION ROOMS LIBRARY LECTURES CLASSES RECREATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS OR OTHERWISE AS MAY BE FOUND EXPEDIENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** To promote physical ,mental, recreation, social, moral and intellectual development by encouraging lectures, classes, sports, recreations and entertainments or otherwise for the benefit of the inhabitants of Silverdale and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex, race and age or of political, religious or other opinions.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF SILVERDALE
- Lancashire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£49,874	£22,506	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,524	£17,624	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,948	£26,281	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,660	£21,684	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,962	£15,717	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Michael John MOON</b>	Chair	
Alastair Cairns		2024-09-16
Andrew Clay		2022-09-12
Barbara Jane Curzon		2023-09-11
Barbara Leigh Heywood		2025-09-17
David John Beaton		2023-09-11
Dawn Marie Sharples		2017-09-11
James William Ferguson		2021-10-25
John Lister		2025-09-17
John Pritchard		2025-09-17
Keith Reed		2022-09-12
Lynn Margaret Humphrey		2021-10-31
Stephanie Knowles		2024-09-16

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## Chairmans Annual Report for Gaskell Hall AGM September 2025

This has been a busier year than usual and I suppose the highlight has to be the gig in our Silverdale cavern with an Audience With Some Other Guys. Many thanks to Alastair for all the effort he put into this along with the excellent support from other trustees. But there have been many other very successful events, Life Through The Lens comes to mind as does The Mikron Theatre productions and Houghton Weavers. And then we have our own village players, who regularly entertain us throughout the year.

Coffee mornings are on the increase. The hall is used for so many events, for parish meetings, a voting centre, parties and weddings, The Women's Institute, Horticultural Society and the Mourholme history group all meet regularly, especially in winter. Many events centre around well being, health and fitness. Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, Meditation, Line Dancing and Pickleball, which really seems to have taken off this year, all fulfil this objective. Every body seems pleased with the floor resurfacing. It is now 94 years old!

On Wednesday mornings during Spring and Summer we have The Garden Surplus Stall on the carpark. A great meeting point. There are regular cinema events, courtesy of the Village Film Society and to that end we have purchased a new bigger screen and projector, with a grant from the Victoria Wood Foundation. We also received a grant from The West Lancashire Freemasons Charity to pay for the refurbishment of the lower kitchen, which is now better suited to serving drinks and refreshments. There are also some new mugs to supplement the green cups and saucers. It is largely due to the efforts of David that we were successful in our grant applications.

A big thanks goes to Jim for his tireless efforts to keep on top of the many maintenance issues. It is perhaps a forlorn hope that we will eventually complete his action list! But it is not only that. We are obliged to have regular inspections to cover electrical, fire and general health and safety issues, all of which, along with other hidden costs such as licences for entertainment, and the use of alcohol, plus heating, cleaning and insurance, are all a drain on finances. Talking of drains, and along with gutters, these are also part of the maintenance issues. Our lone worker and safeguarding policies are also up to date.

I feel we now have a good balance of trustees, who all contribute in different ways. We have lost Liz who is now Chairperson of the Parish Council, but we have hopefully gained three new trustees. Our new treasurer Lynn has worked hard on the finances, we owe Barbara Griffiths thanks for her many years of service in this capacity. Secretary Jane keeps us all well in order and me in particular. Dawn, representing the Players, works tirelessly, often in the background. Steph is always prepared to volunteer and help, whilst Frank and Keith are valued for their knowledge and input on planning, legal matters and how to do things that the rest of us know nothing about! Andrew organises our cinematic experiences. Alastair has improved the booking system and importantly improved our communication with the cleaners. Polly keeps us all spick and span and keeps an eye on the accident book. We have had a few accidents, mainly linked to sport, but none that have required reporting. David, as mentioned looks after obtaining grants. And another David, David Crowe, manages our Website. But everybody contributes in one way or another, and I thank you all for your continued support. The only position vacant is a dedicated events organiser.

We have a volunteer in David Mason who keeps an almost daily eye on the hall in general and also helps at events. And we have to thank Ash at the Pharmacy for selling tickets for events. There are also have a number of other volunteers and people that frequently turn up to help at events.

I have no doubt I have missed something, or somebody, and will be suitably admonished!

Chairmans Report Sept 2025M

Mike Moon



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**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Apr23 to Mar24 £	<b>INCOME</b>	Apr24 to Mar25 £
£14,815.50	Hire of Hall	£22,888.50
£300.00	Donations	£1,805.49
£2,591.44	Committee Events	£6,646.67
£205.85	SVP don for Electric	
£0.00	Grants	£18,200.00
£305.69	Bank Interest	£333.32
£305.73	Sale of chairs/scrap	
<b>£18,524.21</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£49,873.98</b>

Apr23 to Mar24 £	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Apr24 to Mar25 £
£10.45	Printing/stationery/postage	£80.88
£8,064.00	Caretaking/Laundry	£7,167.60
£756.13	Fire Alarm	£1,388.28
£3,015.38	Electric	£2,461.20
£1,453.15	Heating oil	£1,530.76
£484.84	Repairs/maintenance	£4,149.19
£476.68	Renewals/equipment	£1,239.27
£516.60	Phone/Internet	£552.60
£2,236.75	Licences/Insurance	£2,192.47
£205.34	Water	£168.79
£278.35	Sundries/Bins	£302.30
£126.60	GH Expenses	£243.77
	GH Fundraising Events	£848.00
	Refunds	£181.00
<b>£17,624.27</b>		<b>£22,506.11</b>

<b>ASSETS</b>		
£	£	
£841.23	Cash in hand	£150.00
£7,523.78	Bank Account – Current	£35,279.56
£8,046.40	Bank Account - Savings	8379.72
<b>£16,411.41</b>		<b>£43,809.28</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
£	£	
<b>£16,411.41</b>	<b>£40,809.28</b>	

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
	£
AAWSOG invoice	£3,000.00

Signed... *L M Murphy* ..... Treasurer  
 Date... *18/9/25* .....  
 Signed... *D Wood* ..... Verifier  
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# Gaskell Memorial Hall, Silverdale, Lancashire

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## Trustee Report for 1/1/22-31/3/23

### Overview

The Gaskell Hall was opened in 1931 and is named after Elizabeth Gaskell, the novelist who regularly stayed in the village. The hall was originally designed with the local amateur dramatics society, the Silverdale Village Players in mind. The Village Players continue to put on 2-3 productions a year including a Christmas Pantomime.

The Hall has two main rooms that can be booked for a variety of activities. The Hall is used regularly by village and outside groups for many events and activities, including, yoga, Pilates, coffee mornings, theatrical productions, line-dancing, country-dancing, badminton, W.I, private parties, weddings, lectures, concerts, public meetings etc.

### Governance

The Gaskell Hall charity holds the land and buildings conveyed in trust for the purpose of “physical and mental recreation and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Silverdale in the County of Lancashire and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions”.

The new Gaskell Hall Constitution came into effect on 22 July 2021, this replaced the original Conveyance of 1930.

The hall is managed by a Committee composed of a maximum of 17 trustees, who can be nominated by eligible groups, elected or co-opted. The minimum number of trustees is 7. Trustees can be elected or co-opted to fill vacancies if there are fewer than 17 representative trustees. No decision shall be taken at a meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum is defined as 2 Trustees or one third of the total number, whichever is the greater.

The eligible groups who can nominate Trustees are;

Silverdale Village Players

Silverdale Bowling Club

Silverdale Cricket Club

Silverdale Golf Club

Silverdale Village Institute

Silverdale Horticultural and Gardening Society

Silverdale Art Group  
Silverdale Women's Institute

At least 4 trustees are to be inhabitants of the Area of Benefit.  
All trustees, however appointed, have the same voting rights.

The management committee can also co-opt additional volunteers or paid officers to fulfil supporting roles and provide advice as necessary, on a temporary basis. These are not trustees and do not have a vote.

Members of the Committee fulfil the following posts;

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Bookings Secretary

Fund Raising & Events

Cleaning and Caretaking duties are performed by a third party.

#### Major work carried out and changes made in this period

- There has been work completed on the floor, roof and the clock, with a new kitchen door and an update of the website.
- A new Management protocol has been adopted.
- A Calendar of Business has been created and is reviewed at each meeting
- The Hiring agreements were updated.
- All the electrics have been checked and made EICR compliant. Similarly with the heating, and a new remote heating control system is in place to reduce costs.
- Fire safety inspections have resulted in installation of new smoke alarms and more regular checks of the system.
- New risk assessments have been written, and all inspections are now up to date.
- The hall is a designated Village Safety Centre and there is now an Emergency Plan which has been developed by the Silverdale Parish Council.
- Committee members attended a Training session.

#### Bookings

The Hall Bookings have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels but are slowly increasing. In particular the weekly Saturday Coffee Mornings are sporadic. We also are suffering due to competition from other local venues.

Despite the reduction in Bookings we just about manage to run the Hall without dipping into reserves.



## Current Issues

No serious incidents have been reported.

The Hall itself continues to provide us with ongoing maintenance problems and we no sooner seem to solve one, then we move onto another.

We have a very dedicated management committee, and some members put in inordinate amounts of effort and time. Unfortunately we lost a few lynch pins all at the same time, all people who had done their stint and worked hard over the years. It has been difficult to recruit new Committee Members and it would be good if we could find some younger volunteers.

Following on from the flexibility afforded to us by the new constitution, we are in a much better place than we were a few years ago.

The change of the financial year end from 31 December to 31 March, has meant that this report covers 15 months rather than the usual 12 months data. This 15 month period has resulted in us reporting income of over £25,000 for the first time and hence falling into more onerous reporting requirements. This coupled with not having a full quota for the for the committee for the last year has unfortunately led to our Charity Commission return being late. Fortunately we now have a full team, which bodes well for the future.



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Annual Accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

2021 £	INCOME	2022-3 £	2021 £	EXPENDITURE	2022-23 £
£6,152.20	Hire of Hall	£15,829.75	£0.00	Admin/printing/postage	£81.75
£700.00	Donations	£5,021.80	£2,574.00	Caretaking/Laundry	£7,101.20
			£929.95	GH Expenses	
£337.50	GH Committee Events	£1,862.26	£2,044.69	Electric	£5,389.19
	SVP don for Electric	£500.00	£988.94	Heating Oil	£4,723.76
£12,470.92	Grants (LLC-covid)	£2,667.00	£1,025.07	Repairs/Maintenance	£4,517.13
	Bank Interest	£67.58	£10,982.68	Renewals/Equipment	£403.41
			£183.45	Phone/Internet	£675.00
			£2,475.27	Licences/Insurance	£3,133.40
			£77.88	Water	£175.39
			£402.68	Sundries	£80.97
<u>£19,660.62</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>£25,948.39</u>	<u>£21,684.61</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>£26,281.20</u>

£	ASSETS	2022-23
£664.45	Cash in hand	£430.90
£7,626.70	Bank Account - current	£7,339.86
£7,553.13	Bank Acc - (regeneration fund)	£7,740.71
<u>£15,844.28</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>£15,511.47</u>

Barbara Griffiths  
Treasurer

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all checked by Mr Adrian Garn, 27 The Row, Silverdale.

April 2024