

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 233752

Details

Other names	CHARITY FOR A GYMNASIUM AND OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1964-04-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City SG6 3JF
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Activities

Objects: A GYMNASIUM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HITCHIN AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SAID DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE COUNCIL UNDER THEIR STATUTORY POWERS ARE ENTITLED TO USE BUILDINGS AND LAND VESTED IN THEM.

Activities: A WIDE VARIETY OF USES OF THE TRUST FACILITIES BY ALL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE TRUST IN THE PURSUIT OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS OBJECTIVES

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£105,518	£169,463	-	-
2024-03-31	£113,925	£176,383	-	-
2023-03-31	£92,658	£155,116	-	-
2022-03-31	£72,615	£136,493	-	-
2021-03-31	£51,092	£111,885	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL		2012-02-17

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024** To

31st March 2025

Charity name: HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Charity registration number: 233752

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the Trust are set out as: "Upon trust to use or permit it to be used as a Gym for the benefit of the residents of Hitchin and for other purposes mentioned in s6(3) Museums and Gymnasiums Act 1891 and also for any other (charitable) purpose for the benefit of the North Hertfordshire District for which North Hertfordshire District Council can lawfully use building and land vested in them"
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Museum provides a fantastic community facility for the residents of North Herts and beyond.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity's purposes are in accordance with the tests set out in the Public Benefit rules. The trustees are aware of the Public Benefit tests, and would apply them to any relevant decisions. There have been no decisions requiring Trustee consideration during the year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Visitor numbers to the museum were almost 33,000. The museum put on a wide range of popular exhibitions, including the <i>Camden Town to Garden City exhibition</i>, where the museum borrowed from museums across the country, and the hugely popular <i>The Snowman</i> exhibition. The latter was the most popular exhibition to date, attracting 11, 870 visitors. The museum celebrated both South Asian Heritage Month and Black History Month with exhibitions in the Arches. Museum staff and creative artists ran art and craft workshops for adults and children, and staff ran sessions for schools, and gave monthly day and evening talks. There were also evening visits by Brownies, Rainbows and Cub Scouts.</p> <p>There were 15 volunteers and work experience students, who contributed a total of 630 hours to the museum.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Resources expended of £169k, of which £64k relates to asset impairments and depreciation. The charity generated £30k from grants, donations and sales. The balance is funded from unrestricted funds provided by North Hertfordshire District Council.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Trust's reserves total £2.622m at 31 March 2025. The reserves consist totally of restricted funds. These funds represent the land and equipment assets of the trust.</p> <p>The Trust has no unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2025 that can be expendable at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result, North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time. If the financial situation was to change and the Trust's level of income significantly increased the Trust would need to adopt a policy on an appropriate level of reserves</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2.622m at 31st March 2025, all restricted funds relating to the value of assets held.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result North

		Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None, continuing financial support from North Hertfordshire District Council covers any shortfalls.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	233752
Charity's principal address	North Hertfordshire District Council, District Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City SG6 1JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	North Hertfordshire District Council	Corporate Body (represented by Sub Committee consisting of the trustees named below)		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Councillor Amy Allen		
Councillor Mick Debenhem		
Councillor Ian Albert		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<p>The Trust comprises of an element of the Hitchin Town Hall comprising the Gymnasium and Workman's Hall. The remainder of the building is in the ownership of North Hertfordshire District Council, which is also the Trustee of the Trust part of the property. Both parts of the property are managed by the District Council (the Trust property under formal agreement) and are used for community purposes, in line with the objectives of the Trust. To affect management of the Trust and ensure separation from the Council, a Sub-Committee with full decision-making powers in the interest of the Trust has been set up comprising of three Members of the Cabinet, whose Portfolios have no direct interest in the Council's part of the building. Since local government re-organisation in 1974, when the Trustee changed from Hitchin Urban District Council to North Hertfordshire District Council, until 2009 the distinction between the Trust owned element of the building and the Council owned element has been lost. The arrangements explained above have been put in place to correct this omission.</p>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<p>THE COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER DETAILS THAT THE LAND IS HELD IN TRUST.</p>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended March 31st 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Contribution from North Herts District Council		75,661	-	75,661	90,289
Grants and Donations		14,928	-	14,928	9,104
Sales		672	-	672	9,182
Rents Income		438	-	438	244
Museum Talks and Events		11,083	-	11,083	4,706
Special Events Income		2,736	-	2,736	400
Total Incoming Resources:		<u>105,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,518</u>	<u>113,925</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
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Charitable Activities		105,518	63,945	169,463	176,383
Total Resources Expended:		<u>105,518</u>	<u>63,945</u>	<u>169,463</u>	<u>176,383</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year before Transfers.		<u>-</u>	<u>- 63,945</u>	<u>- 63,945</u>	<u>- 62,458</u>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	<u>- 63,945</u>	<u>- 63,945</u>	<u>- 62,458</u>
Total Funds B/Fwd		-	2,685,707	2,685,707	2,748,165
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD:-		<u>-</u>	<u>2,621,762</u>	<u>2,621,762</u>	<u>2,685,707</u>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	2,621,762	2,685,707
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,621,762</u>	<u>2,685,707</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds		2,621,762	2,685,707
Unrestricted Funds		-	-
Total Funds:-	3	<u>2,621,762</u>	<u>2,685,707</u>

HITCHIN GYM AND WORKMAN'S HALL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31st 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
1 RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Direct Costs		
Indirect Employee Expenses	150	-
Utilities	39,756	56,773
Repairs and Maintenance	25,999	25,839
Surveys	1,799	-
Transport	117	-
Museum Exhibition and events	21,740	17,584
Equipment Purchases and Repairs	13,392	13,438
Subscriptions	678	-
Fixture and Fittings	471	- 497
Stationery	470	197
Hired Services	946	591
Depreciation	63,945	62,458
	169,463	176,383

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Hitchin Town Hall Gym and Workman's Hall

Carrying Value b/fwd at 1st April	2,685,707	2,748,165
Revaluation	-	-
Depreciation Charge for Year	- 63,945	- 62,458
Net Book Value at 31st March	2,621,762	2,685,707

3 FUNDS	Restricted Funds £	General Unrestricted £	Total £
Balance at Start of the Year	2,685,707	-	2,685,707
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the Year	-	-	-
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	- 63,945	-	- 63,945
Net Movement in Funds	-63,945	-	-63,945
Reserves at the end of the Year.	2,621,762	-	2,621,762

Independent Examiner's Report for the Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust for 2024/25.

Basis of independent examiner's report

The Trusts transactions run through the North Herts Council's bank accounts. My examination includes a review of the accounts prepared, considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any matters arising. 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 by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have obtained all the information and explanations I consider necessary to complete the statement below. Further, I have not identified any significant concerns regarding these accounts which remain either unresolved or undeclared in the accounts themselves or this report.

I certify that the accompanying final accounts (summary income and expenditure account and balance sheet) present a fair picture of the activities and transactions undertaken through this account and of the financial position at the end of the year.

Examiner's / Auditor's signature



Date: 16 December 2025

Name: Chris Wood FCCA CPFA – HCC Head of Assurance and CAE for North Herts Council

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31st March 2024

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Charity registration number: 233752

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the Trust are set out as: "Upon trust to use or permit it to be used as a Gym for the benefit of the residents of Hitchin and for other purposes mentioned in s6(3) Museums and Gymnasiums Act 1891 and also for any other (charitable) purpose for the benefit of the North Hertfordshire District for which North Hertfordshire District Council can lawfully use building and land vested in them"
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Town Hall is a beautiful community facility available to hire for a wide range of private and corporate events. which along with the Museum provides a fantastic community facility for the residents of North Herts and beyond. In the week, a range of regular classes is held during the day, from Tai Chi to fitness classes, including those catering for older people. In the holidays children's discos are always popular. On weekday nights the hall is rented out for regular dance lessons and other activities, including concerts and private functions. At weekends the hall is used for events like art and craft fairs, and private weddings and other private parties. On Sundays the hall is sometime used by a church group. The museum café offers event and exhibition themed afternoon teas eg Halloween Teas, Mother's Day teas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity's purposes are in accordance with the tests set out in the Public Benefit rules. The trustees are aware of the Public Benefit tests, and would apply them to any relevant decisions. There have been no decisions requiring Trustee consideration during the year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Town Hall has regular hall hire events such as dance and exercise classes including classes catering for older people.</p> <p>Visitor numbers to the museum were up, at 33,053. The museum put on a wide range of popular exhibitions, including a <i>Peter Rabbit</i> exhibition, and a <i>Diane Arbus</i> photography exhibition (from the Tate), both of which attracted 8,500 visitors. The museum celebrated Black History month with an exhibition about the Windrush migrants. Museum staff ran art and craft workshops for adults and children, sessions for schools, and monthly day and evening talks. There were also evening visits by Brownies, Rainbows and Cub Scouts.</p> <p>There were 20 volunteers and work experience students, who contributed a total of 750 hours to the museum.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Resources expended of £176k, of which £62k relates to asset impairments and depreciation. The charity generated £33k from grants, donations and sales. The balance is funded from unrestricted funds provided by North Hertfordshire District Council.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Trust's reserves total £2.686m at 31 March 2024. The reserves consist totally of restricted funds. These funds represent the land and equipment assets of the trust.</p> <p>The Trust has no unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2024 that can be expendable at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result, North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time. If the financial situation was to change and the Trust's level of income significantly increased the Trust would need to adopt a policy on an appropriate level of reserves</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2.686m at 31st March 2024, all restricted funds relating to the value of assets held.

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None, continuing financial support from North Hertfordshire District Council covers any shortfalls.

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Councillor Amy Allen		
Councillor Mick Debenhem		
Councillor David Winstanley		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<p>The Trust comprises of an element of the Hitchin Town Hall comprising the Gymnasium and Workman's Hall. The remainder of the building is in the ownership of North Hertfordshire District Council, which is also the Trustee of the Trust part of the property. Both parts of the property are managed by the District Council (the Trust property under formal agreement) and are used for community purposes, in line with the objectives of the Trust. To affect management of the Trust and ensure separation from the Council, a Sub-Committee with full decision-making powers in the interest of the Trust has been set up comprising of three Members of the Cabinet, whose Portfolios have no direct interest in the Council's part of the building. Since local government re-organisation in 1974, when the Trustee changed from Hitchin Urban District Council to North Hertfordshire District Council, until 2009 the distinction between the Trust owned element of the building and the Council owned element has been lost. The arrangements explained above have been put in place to correct this omission.</p>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<p>THE COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER DETAILS THAT THE LAND IS HELD IN TRUST.</p>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended March 31st 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Contribution from North Herts District Council		81,215	-	81,215	70,507
Grants and Donations		9,104		9,104	9,575
Sales		18,256	-	18,256	7,542
Rents Income		244	-	244	107
Museum Talks and Events		4,706	-	4,706	4,056
Special Events Income		400	-	400	871
Total Incoming Resources:		<u>113,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,925</u>	<u>92,658</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
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Charitable Activities		113,925	62,458	176,383	155,116
Governance Costs		-	-		
Total Resources Expended:		<u>113,925</u>	<u>62,458</u>	<u>176,383</u>	<u>155,116</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year before Transfers.		<u>-</u>	<u>62,458</u>	<u>62,458</u>	<u>62,458</u>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	<u>62,458</u>	<u>62,458</u>	<u>62,458</u>
Total Funds B/Fwd		-	2,748,165	2,748,165	2,810,623
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD:-		<u>-</u>	<u>2,685,707</u>	<u>2,685,707</u>	<u>2,748,165</u>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	2,685,707	2,748,165
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,685,707</u>	<u>2,748,165</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds		2,685,707	2,748,165
Unrestricted Funds		-	-
Total Funds:-	3	<u>2,685,707</u>	<u>2,748,165</u>

HITCHIN GYM AND WORKMAN'S HALL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31st 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
1 RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Direct Costs		
Indirect Employee Expenses	-	45
Utilities	56,773	29,136
Repairs and Maintenance	25,839	32,894
Museum Exhibition and events	17,584	18,136
Equipment Purchases and Repairs	13,438	9,738
Fixture and Fittings	- 497	1,527
Stationery	197	297
Hired Services	591	885
Depreciation	62,458	62,458
	176,383	155,116

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Hitchin Town Hall Gym and Workman's Hall

Carrying Value b/fwd at 1st April	2,748,165	2,810,623
Revaluation	-	-
Depreciation Charge for Year	- 62,458	- 62,458
Net Book Value at 31st March	2,685,707	2,748,165

	Restricted Funds £	General Unrestricted £	Total £
3 FUNDS			
Balance at Start of the Year	2,748,165	-	2,748,165
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the Year	-	-	-
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	- 62,458	-	- 62,458
Net Movement in Funds	-62,458	-	-62,458
Reserves at the end of the Year.	2,685,707	-	2,685,707

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Date: 19 December 2024

Name: Chris Wood FCCA CMIIA – HCC Head of Assurance and CAE for North Herts Council

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Resources expended of £155k, of which £62k relates to asset impairments and depreciation. The charity generated £22k from grants, donations and sales. The balance is funded from unrestricted funds provided by North Hertfordshire District Council.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Trust's reserves total £2.748m at 31 March 2023. The reserves consist totally of restricted funds. These funds represent the land and equipment assets of the trust.</p> <p>The Trust has no unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2023 that can be expendable at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result, North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time. If the financial situation was to change and the Trust's level of</p>

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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None, continuing financial support from North Hertfordshire District Council covers any shortfalls.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	THE COUNCIL AS A CORPORATE BODY IS THE TRUSTEE, COUNCILLORS SIT AS TRUSTEES AND ARE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS OF NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	233752
Charity's principal address	North Hertfordshire District Council, District Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City SG6 1JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	North Hertfordshire District Council	Corporate Body (represented by Sub Committee consisting of the trustees named below)		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Councillor Ian Albert		
Councillor Ruth Brown		
Councillor Alistair Willoughby		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<p>The Trust comprises of an element of the Hitchin Town Hall comprising the Gymnasium and Workman's Hall. The remainder of the building is in the ownership of North Hertfordshire District Council, which is also the Trustee of the Trust part of the property. Both parts of the property are managed by the District Council (the Trust property under formal agreement) and are used for community purposes, in line with the objectives of the Trust. To affect management of the Trust and ensure separation from the Council, a Sub-Committee with full decision-making powers in the interest of the Trust has been set up comprising of three Members of the Cabinet, whose Portfolios have no direct interest in the Council's part of the building. Since local government re-organisation in 1974, when the Trustee changed from Hitchin Urban District Council to North Hertfordshire District Council, until 2009 the distinction between the Trust owned element of the building and the Council owned element has been lost. The arrangements explained above have been put in place to correct this omission.</p>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<p>THE COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER DETAILS THAT THE LAND IS HELD IN TRUST.</p>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended March 31st 2023

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Contribution from North Herts District Council	70,507	-	70,507	65,211
Grants and Donations	9,575	-	9,575	5,931
Sales	7,542	-	7,542	108
Rents Income	107	-	107	633
Museum Talks and Events	4,056	-	4,056	732
Special Events Income	871	-	871	-
Total Incoming Resources:	92,658	-	92,658	72,615
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
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Charitable Activities	92,658	62,458	155,116	136,493
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended:	92,658	62,458	155,116	136,493
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year before Transfers.	-	- 62,458	- 62,458	- 63,878
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	138,793
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-	- 62,458	- 62,458	74,916
Total Funds B/Fwd	-	2,810,623	2,810,623	2,735,707
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD:-	-	2,748,165	2,748,165	2,810,623

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	2,748,165	2,810,623
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,748,165</u>	<u>2,810,623</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds		2,748,165	2,810,623
Unrestricted Funds		-	-
Total Funds:-	3	<u>2,748,165</u>	<u>2,810,623</u>

HITCHIN GYM AND WORKMAN'S HALL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31st 2023

	2023		2022
	£		£
1 RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Direct Costs			
Indirect Employee Expenses	45		-
Rates	-	-	4,182
Utilities	29,136		24,758
Repairs and Maintenance	32,894		11,449
Premises Insurance and Licences	-		28
Museum Exhibition and events	18,136		26,557
Equipment Purchases and Repairs	9,738		11,470
Fixture and Fittings	1,527		1,471
Stationery	297		201
Hired Services	885		863
Depreciation	62,458		63,878
	<u>155,116</u>		<u>136,493</u>

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Hitchin Town Hall Gym and Workman's Hall

Carrying Value b/fwd at 1st April	2,810,623		2,735,707
Revaluation	-		138,793
Depreciation Charge for Year	- 62,458	-	63,878
Net Book Value at 31st March	<u>2,748,165</u>		<u>2,810,623</u>

	Restricted Funds £	General Unrestricted £	Total £
3 FUNDS			
Balance at Start of the Year	2,810,623	-	2,810,623
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the Year	-	-	-
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	- 62,458	-	- 62,458
Net Movement in Funds	<u>-62,458</u>	-	<u>-62,458</u>
Reserves at the end of the Year.	<u>2,748,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,748,165</u>

Independent Examiner's Report for the Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust for 2022/23.

Basis of independent examiner's report

The Trusts transactions run through the North Herts Council's bank accounts. My examination includes a review of the accounts prepared, considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any matters arising. 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 by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have obtained all the information and explanations I consider necessary to complete the statement below. Further, I have not identified any significant concerns regarding these accounts which remain either unresolved or undeclared in the accounts themselves or this report.

I certify that the accompanying final accounts (summary income and expenditure account and balance sheet) present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken through this account and of the financial position at the end of the year.

Examiner's / Auditor's signature



Date: 08 January 2024

Name: Chris Wood FCCA CMIIA – HCC Head of Assurance and CAE for North Herts Council

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 233752

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2021 To

31st March 2022

Charity name: HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Charity registration number: 233752

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the Trust are set out as: "Upon trust to use or permit it to be used as a Gym for the benefit of the residents of Hitchin and for other purposes mentioned in s6(3) Museums and Gymnasiums Act 1891 and also for any other (charitable) purpose for the benefit of the North Hertfordshire District for which North Hertfordshire District Council can lawfully use building and land vested in them"
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Town Hall is a beautiful community facility available to hire for a wide range of private and corporate events. which along with the Museum provides a fantastic community facility for the residents of North Herts and beyond. In the week, a range of classes is held during the day, from Tai Chi to fitness classes, while on weekday nights the hall is rented out for dance lessons, choir practice and Zumba. On Sundays the hall is used by a church group.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity's purposes are in accordance with the tests set out in the Public Benefit rules. The trustees are aware of the Public Benefit tests, and would apply them to any relevant decisions. There have been no decisions requiring Trustee consideration during the year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Because of the Covid closure, the Town Hall and Museum did not open until 18 May 2021.</p> <p>The Town Hall has regular hall hire events such as dance and exercise classes including classes catering for older people.</p> <p>Visitor numbers to the facility were down because of the pandemic. The museum put on a range of exhibitions, including the popular <i>The Tiger who Came to Tea</i>, which attracted 6500 visitors. Overall, there were 19,481 visitors. The museum ran art and craft workshops for adults and children, sessions for schools, and monthly day and evening talks. There were also evening visits by Brownies, Rainbows and Cub Scouts.</p> <p>There were 4 regular volunteers and 6 work experience students at the museum.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Resources expended of £136k, of which £64k relates to asset impairments and depreciation. The charity generates £7k from grants, donations and sales. The balance is funded from unrestricted funds provided by North Hertfordshire District Council.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Trust's reserves total £2.81m at 31 March 2022. The reserves consist totally of restricted funds. These funds represent the land and equipment assets of the trust.</p> <p>The Trust has no unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2022 that can be expendable at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result, North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time. If the financial situation was to change and the Trust's level of income significantly increased the Trust would need to adopt a policy on an appropriate level of reserves</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2.81m at 31st March 2022, all restricted funds relating to the value of assets held.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trust's general expenditure is typically greater than general income. As a result North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted

		funds are maintained at a zero balance over time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None, continuing financial support from North Hertfordshire District Council covers any shortfalls.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	THE COUNCIL AS A CORPORATE BODY IS THE TRUSTEE, COUNCILLORS SIT AS TRUSTEES AND ARE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS OF NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	233752
Charity's principal address	North Hertfordshire District Council, District Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City SG6 1JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	North Hertfordshire District Council	Corporate Body (represented by Sub Committee consisting of the trustees named below)		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg		
Councillor Ruth Brown		
Councillor TBC		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<p>The Trust comprises of an element of the Hitchin Town Hall comprising the Gymnasium and Workman's Hall. The remainder of the building is in the ownership of North Hertfordshire District Council, which is also the Trustee of the Trust part of the property. Both parts of the property are managed by the District Council (the Trust property under formal agreement) and are used for community purposes, in line with the objectives of the Trust. To affect management of the Trust and ensure separation from the Council, a Sub-Committee with full decision-making powers in the interest of the Trust has been set up comprising of three Members of the Cabinet, whose Portfolios have no direct interest in the Council's part of the building. Since local government re-organisation in 1974, when the Trustee changed from Hitchin Urban District Council to North Hertfordshire District Council, until 2009 the distinction between the Trust owned element of the building and the Council owned element has been lost. The arrangements explained above have been put in place to correct this omission.</p>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	<p>THE COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER DETAILS THAT THE LAND IS HELD IN TRUST.</p>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended March 31st 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Contribution from North Herts District Council		65,211	-	65,211	42,968
Grants and Donations		5,931	-	5,931	6,676
Sales		108	-	108	58
Rents Income		633	-	633	473
Museum Talks and Events		732	-	732	917
Total Incoming Resources:		<u>72,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,615</u>	<u>51,092</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
	1				
Charitable Activities		72,615	63,878	136,493	111,885
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended:		<u>72,615</u>	<u>63,878</u>	<u>136,493</u>	<u>111,885</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the year before Transfers.		<u>0</u>	<u>- 63,878</u>	<u>- 63,878</u>	<u>- 60,793</u>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			138,793	138,793	349,811
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		0	74,915	74,916	289,018
Total Funds B/Fwd		-	2,735,707	2,735,707	2,446,689
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD:-		<u>0</u>	<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	2,810,623	2,735,707
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds		2,810,623	2,735,707
Unrestricted Funds		-	-
Total Funds:-	3	<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>

HITCHIN GYM AND WORKMAN'S HALL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31st 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
1 RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Direct Costs		
Rates	- 4,182	2,025
Utilities	24,758	22,034
Repairs and Maintenance	11,449	11,126
Premises Insurance and Licences	28	-
Museum Exhibition and events	26,557	6,553
Equipment Purchases and Repairs	11,470	7,383
Fixture and Fittings	1,471	1,002
Stationery	201	252
Hired Services	863	717
Depreciation	63,878	60,793
	<u>136,493</u>	<u>111,885</u>

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Hitchin Town Hall Gym and Workman's Hall

Carrying Value b/fwd at 1st April	2,735,707	2,446,689
Revaluation	138,793	349,811
Depreciation Charge for Year	- 63,878	- 60,793
Net Book Value at 31st March	<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>

** Revaluation as at the 7th February 2022 undertaken by the Chartered Estates Surveyor at North Hertfordshire District Council. The valuation is a depreciated replacement cost, and it is sensitive to build cost volatilities. As build costs have been fairly volatile over the last year or so, it was deemed prudent to undertake a further valuation of the property rather than wait for the residue of the 5-year cycle to expire.*

3 FUNDS	Restricted Funds £	General Unrestricted £	Total £
Balance at Start of the Year	2,735,707	-	2,735,707
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the Year	138,793	-	138,793
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	- 63,878	-	- 63,878
Net Movement in Funds	<u>74,916</u>	-	<u>74,916</u>
Reserves at the end of the Year.	<u>2,810,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,810,623</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report for the Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust for 2021/22.

Basis of independent examiner's report

The Trusts transactions run through the North Herts Council's bank accounts. My examination includes a review of the accounts prepared, considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any matters arising. 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 by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have obtained all the information and explanations I consider necessary to complete the statement below. Further, I have not identified any significant concerns regarding these accounts which remain either unresolved or undeclared in the accounts themselves or this report.

I certify that the accompanying final accounts (summary income and expenditure account and balance sheet) present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken through this account and of the financial position at the end of the year.

Examiner's / Auditor's signature



Date: 26 January 2023

Name: Chris Wood FCCA CMIIA – HCC Head of Assurance and CAE for North Herts Council

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM AND WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 233752

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2020	To	31	March	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMANS HALL TRUST

Other names charity is known by CHARITY FOR A GYMNASIUM AND OTHER PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS

Registered charity number (if any) 233752

Charity's principal address

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL	
COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD	
LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, HERTS	
Postcode	SG6 1JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 North Hertfordshire District Council	Corporate Body (represented by Sub Committee consisting of the trustees named below)		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Councillor Judi Billing	
Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg	
Councillor Steve Jarvis	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	TRUST DEED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	THE COUNCIL AS A CORPORATE BODY IS THE TRUSTEE, COUNCILLORS SIT AS TRUSTEES AND ARE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS OF NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trust comprises of an element of the Hitchin Town Hall comprising the Gymnasium and Workman's Hall. The remainder of the building is in the ownership of North Hertfordshire District Council, which is also the Trustee of the Trust part of the property.

Both parts of the property are managed by the District Council (the Trust property under formal agreement) and are used for community purposes, in line with the objectives of the Trust.

To affect management of the Trust and ensure separation from the Council, a Sub-Committee with full decision-making powers in the interest of the Trust has been set up comprising of three Members of the Cabinet, whose Portfolios have no direct interest in the Council's part of the building.

Since local government re-organisation in 1974, when the Trustee changed from Hitchin Urban District Council to North Hertfordshire District Council, until 2009 the distinction between the Trust owned element of the building and the Council owned element has been lost. The arrangements explained above have been put in place to correct this omission.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the Trust are set out as:

"Upon trust to use or permit it to be used as a Gym for the benefit of the residents of Hitchin and for other purposes mentioned in s6(3) Museums and Gymnasiums Act 1891 and also for any other (charitable) purpose for the benefit of the North Hertfordshire District for which North Hertfordshire District Council can lawfully use building and land vested in them".

The whole of the Hitchin Town Hall complex, including the Trust part of the property was closed at the end of October 2012 to commence work on converting the building to a refurbished community facility, substantially incorporating that part of the building owned by the Council, and a District Museum substantially incorporating the Trust part.

Work continued throughout until 2016, with the Museum opening on a restricted basis in 2017.

After a period of complex contractual negotiations between the Council and Hitchin Town Hall Limited, the Council finally purchased 14 & 15 Brand Street in January 2019, which now consists of the main entrance to the facility. The refurbishment was completed, and the Museum was fully opened to the public with access through the new entrance on 6 July 2019.

The new Museum has four galleries, including a terrace gallery and a changing exhibition gallery. The museum hosts educational activities for adults and children, including school groups, in the top floor Learning Centre. These include a regular after-school activities for stressed young people, called 'A Space to Be', and dance projects for teenagers, as well as regular holiday art and craft workshops.

An on-site café that serves food and drinks catered by staff in the new kitchen hosts seasonal activities such as afternoon teas.

The Town Hall is a beautiful community facility available to hire for a wide range of private and corporate events. which along with the Museum provides a fantastic community facility for the residents of North Herts and beyond. In the week, a range of classes is held during the day, from Tai Chi to fitness classes, while on weekday nights the hall is rented out for dance lessons, choir practice and Zumba. On Sundays the hall is used by a church group. From comedy nights to conferences, weddings to wakes, the Mountford Hall is booked well into 2022.

Since its full opening in summer 2019 North Herts Museum has held many exhibitions and events. In the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, visitor numbers were 30,930. Since then the museum has had to close its doors twice because of the Covid pandemic, but has still managed to host some extremely popular exhibitions. Summer 2021 saw '*The Tiger who came to Tea*' exhibition, which brought in over 6,500 children and families from a wide area. In 2021 the museum also held an exhibition about a local project during the lockdown period, where people with dementia and their carers made artworks based on the museum objects. The participants all visited the museum to see their work on display.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust's reserves total £2,735,707 at 31 March 2021. The reserves consist totally of restricted funds. These funds represent the property asset (Gymnasium and Workman's Hall), which is retained for actual use rather than to be expended.

The Trust has no unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2021 that can be expendable at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's general expenditure is greater than general income. As a result North Hertfordshire District Council provides a contribution to the Trust and unrestricted funds are maintained at a zero balance over time. If the financial situation was to change and the Trust's level of income significantly increased the Trust would need to adopt a policy on an appropriate level of reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Income from activities for generating funds is earned from the hire of the Workman's Hall and Gymnasium. The Trust received a contribution from North Hertfordshire District Council to cover all resources expended.

Expenditure incurred during 2020/2021 was general running expenses of the Workman's Hall and Gymnasium.

The income and expenditure in 2020/21 was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Trust does not have any significant assets or liabilities other than the tangible fixed asset.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31st March 2021

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Contribution from North Herts District Council	42,968	-	42,968	13,067
Grants and Donations	6,676	-	6,676	22,625
Sales	58	-	58	4
Rents Income	473	-	473	-
Museum Talks and Events	917	-	917	3,669
Total Incoming Resources:	<u>51,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,092</u>	<u>39,365</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities	51,092	60,793	111,885	109,270
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended:	<u>51,092</u>	<u>60,793</u>	<u>111,885</u>	<u>109,270</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the year before Transfers.	<u>-</u>	<u>- 60,793</u>	<u>- 60,793</u>	<u>- 69,905</u>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	349,811	349,811	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-	289,018	289,018	- 69,905
Total Funds B/Fwd	-	2,446,689	2,446,689	2,516,595
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD:-	<u>-</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>	<u>2,446,689</u>

HITCHIN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM & WORKMAN'S HALL TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	2,735,707	2,446,689
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,735,707</u>	<u>2,446,689</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds		2,735,707	2,446,689
Unrestricted Funds		-	-
Total Funds:-	3	<u>2,735,707</u>	<u>2,446,689</u>

HITCHIN GYM AND WORKMAN'S HALL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021 £		2020 £
1 RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Direct Costs			
Rates	2,025	-	54,143
Utilities	22,034		16,711
Repairs and Maintenance	11,126		5,496
Museum Exhibition and events	6,553		28,743
Equipment Purchases and Repairs	7,383		40,873
Fixture and Fittings	1,002		127
Stationery	252		96
Hired Services	717		1,463
Depreciation	60,793		69,905
	<u>111,885</u>		<u>109,270</u>

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Hitchin Town Hall Gym and Workman's Hall

Carrying Value b/fwd at 1st April	2,446,689		2,516,595
Revaluation	349,811		-
Depreciation Charge for Year	-	-	69,905
Net Book Value at 31st March	<u>2,735,707</u>		<u>2,446,689</u>

** Revaluation as at the 22nd February 2021 undertaken by the Chartered Estates Surveyor at North Hertfordshire District Council. The valuation is a depreciated replacement cost, and it is sensitive to build cost volatilities. As build costs have been fairly volatile over the last year or so, it was deemed prudent to undertake a further valuation of the property rather than wait for the residue of the 5-year cycle to expire.*

3 FUNDS	Restricted Funds £	General Unrestricted £	Total £
Balance at Start of the Year	2,446,689	-	2,446,689
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the Year	349,811	-	349,811
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	<u>- 60,793</u>	-	<u>- 60,793</u>
Net Movement in Funds	289,018	-	289,018
Reserves at the end of the Year.	<u>2,735,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,735,707</u>

Independent Examiner's Report for the Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust

I report on the accounts of Hitchin Town Gymnasium & Workman's Hall Trust for 2020/21.

Basis of independent examiner's report

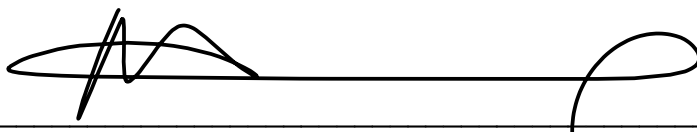
The Trusts transactions run through the North Herts District Council's bank accounts. My examination includes a review of the accounts prepared, considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any matters arising. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have obtained all the information and explanations I consider necessary to complete the statement below. Further, I have not identified any significant concerns regarding these accounts which remain either unresolved or undeclared in the accounts themselves or this report.

I certify that the accompanying final accounts (summary income and expenditure account and balance sheet) present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken through this account and of the financial position at the end of the year.

Examiner's / Auditor's signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Date: 26 January 2022

Name (please print): Mark Chalkley