

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2022 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Charity Name:** Victory Hall Stockland

**Registered Charity Number:** 300977

**Charity's Principal Address:** Stockland, Honiton, Devon  
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## **Section A: Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office [if any]</b>	<b>Name of body entitled to appoint trustee [if any]</b>
Leonora Allen		Joint Tennis Club
William Graham Gilmore-White		
Robert Millington		School/PTFA
Patricia Beatrice Bass		Fair Committee
Lucinda Curnoe		Retired 9/5/2023
Melanie Joan Andrews		Youth Club
Brian Richard Gosden	Chair	
Barbara Durrant		Parish Council
Tracey Kim Harvey		
Dorothy Angela Johnson		Retired 8/11/2022
Monica Jean Parris		
Kelly Angela Patch		
Michael David Sarsfield	Honorary Treasurer	
Jennifer Ann Whitley		Joint Tennis Club
Shirley Ann Williams		
Jane Yates	Secretary	Stockland Community Pub Limited
Nigel Robert Charles Parris		Cricket Club
Gemma Burroughs		Preschool Rep Retired 11/7/2023
Jane Smith		Parochial Council
Sarah Bernhardt		Co-opted
Claire Nuttall		Co-opted

## **Section B: Structure Governance and Management**

### **Description of the Charity's Trusts**

**Type of Governing Document:** Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of Conveyance of 9th October 1946.

**How the Charity is constituted:** It is constituted of not more than twenty members exclusive of up to no more than six co-opted members. It is made up of ten core members, plus representatives of all village organisations plus co-opted members (if required).

**Trustee selection methods:** Core members are nominated and elected by Management Committee Members; others are appointed by village organisations using the Victory Hall. Co-opted members are elected by all Management Committee Members. Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in September each year or as soon as practicable after that month. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

## **Section C: Objectives and Activities**

### **Summary of the objects of the Charity set out in the governing document**

The purpose of the Charity is to "provide accommodation for the physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise that may be considered useful for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stockland in Devon and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions".

The Victory Hall is a vital hub of community life which is available to the many organisations and groups who currently benefit from using its facilities.

Protecting and enhancing the building enables its long-term use and sustainability for the current and future user groups (e.g. Preschool, Youth Club, Cricket and Tennis Clubs, Country Market etc.) along with the community at large through the numerous functions, plays and musical events which are held throughout the year. In addition, the Hall is used for wedding receptions, various sports activities and a wide range of events held to raise funds for activities in and around the village.

## **Section D: Achievements and Performance**

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

The Victory Hall is a vital component in enhancing and enriching the lives of the community living in and around Stockland by providing facilities for many user groups to share and enjoy. With no shop, post office or public transport the Victory Hall activities play a valuable role in providing social events for all including the young, the elderly and those that are isolated or alone.

In planning our activities, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit is kept in mind at our trustee meetings when making decisions concerning the uses of the Hall. Villagers have been surveyed to find out what they value about the village hall and what other activities or events they would like to have available which has resulted for example in requests for new keep fit classes.

The activities held on the premises include a Preschool Group held regularly during term time and also out of school activities for the Stockland Church of England Primary Academy.

The premises now have a Youth Club which is held every fortnight during term time. Physical health activities include tennis and cricket clubs. A large group of villagers join the walks around the area at New Year and Easter. The New Year Walk ends with a lunch in the Hall and the Easter Walk starts with a brunch in the Hall. These community walks are for all ages and provide both a healthy and social activity for many. The Christmas Lunch prepared on the premises provides lunch and company for over 140 villagers of all ages. A new event of a visiting Fish and Chip van every month for villagers to eat in the Hall together makes another community occasion where families can meet. As a contribution is made by the vendors of the food to the Hall for every adult portion purchased it is also a fundraising event. The community has also been able to meet in the Victory Hall for the annual meeting concerning the village public house.

Music, Dance and Drama events provide beneficial educational and social events which bring together villagers in this scattered community. There is an Annual Stockland Fair, which is attended not only by villagers but also by visitors from distant surrounding areas. The Victory Hall is used to provide refreshments at the Fair. The Country Market is an opportunity to buy local produce and crafts and to meet socially. The Stockland Victory Hall provides a venue for wedding receptions, parties and other social events. Jumble Sales and entertainments provide fundraising opportunities to help pay for routine running costs and maintenance.

The Hall provides the venue for Parish Council meetings, a Polling Station for elections and is used for holding public meetings.

### **Charitable Purposes**

The charitable purposes which are undertaken within the Victory Hall encourage the public to undertake amateur physical activities, enhance their education, partake in community development, as well as attend social, horticultural, arts and cultural events.

The Management Committee is made up of the main user groups along with a number of core members who represent the interests of the village as a whole. This has meant that the decisions regarding maintenance and upgrading of the building and its contents have been taken and ratified by both village representatives and all of the main user groups.

The Management Committee fulfilled its good governance requirements by holding regular meetings and also communicating by email. Policies and Procedures were developed to enable the committee to ensure that any users would be able to abide by the varying regulations.

## **Section E: Financial Review**

### **Treasurer Report:**

The Charity has a formally approved reserves policy. The policy uses the terminology and definition of reserves as defined in published Charity Commission guidance.

Application of the Reserves Policy to the balance carried forward at the end of the 2022-23 year is as follows:

- Reserves £4,194.13
- Designated Funds £33,857.31
- Restricted Funds £2,364.33
- Total Funds £40,415.77

Designated Funds approved by the Trustees are as follows:

- Contingency Fund £33,637.35
- Provision for Wedding Reception event £219.96

A minimum contingency fund level of £12,000 is to enable the Charity to operate for one year, up to a maximum of £33,563 to replace a failed boiler. The contingency fund is reviewed annually to take account of inflation. The contingency fund is now at 100% of the planned maximum, plus interest.

Restricted funds consist of the funds donated for the following specified purposes:

- Youth Club £352.48
- Preschool play area and fence replacement £2,011.85

Restricted Funds include the interest earned on deposit.

Spreadsheets are used to identify 'virtual' accounts within the Charity Deposit Account. This allows balances for Restricted Funds to be separately identified and tracked to ensure funds are applied only for the purposes for which they were initially raised or donated.

The Charity holds cash as follows:

- Cash float for use at fundraising events £100.00
- Cash float for use by Stockland Victory Hall Youth Club £100.00

The Charity uses two bank accounts; Lloyds Bank Current and Lloyds Bank Deposit. The previously held Charities Aid Foundation Account has been closed. There are no funds in deficit.

The Charity uses an iZettle account to enable it to take payment by credit and debit cards.

Year end balances are such that the Charity can support at least two years of normal expenditure.

The outturn for the year is a surplus of £1,817.05.

The Approved Accounts for 2022-23 are attached at the end of this report, as is the Inspection of Accounts Report.

### Charity Income:

The Charity derived income from the following sources:

- Pre-School Group Rents and Hire £8,744.52 (26%)
- Hire fees for use of the Hall etc. £4,707.25 (14%)
- Income from fundraising £12,515.51 (38%)
- Donations £3,412.53 (10%)
- Renewable Heat Incentive £3,468.48 (10%)
- Bank Interest £257.46 (1%)
- Other income £91.22 (<1%)

This has been a successful year for fundraising by the Charity, with income showing a welcome 32% increase on the previous year.

### Charity Expenditure:

Expenditure by the Charity in support of its objectives is as follows:

- Provision of accommodation, heat, light, cleaning, insurance etc. £24,542.62 (78%)
- Costs of fundraising to provide recreations, entertainments etc. £6,837.30 (22%)

A small donation of £48.53 was made to enable the purchase of Public Liability Insurance by local volunteers who organised a tea party to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.


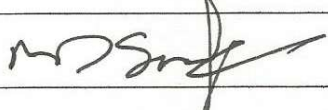
### Section F: Other optional information

None.

### Section G: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

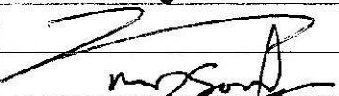
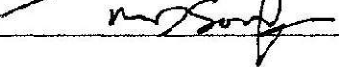
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Full names	JANE YATES	MICHAEL D. SANDFIELD
Position	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Date	27-06-2024	27.06.2024

**STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Receipts:	£	£	Expenditure:	£	£
Income		32,927.51	Expenditure		31,379.92
Interest on accounts:					
Deposit	257.36				
CAF	0.10	257.46			
CAF Donations		12.00	Surplus for the year		1,817.05
Total		33,196.97	Total		33,196.97


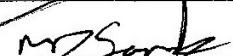
**BALANCE SHEET**

	£		£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	38,598.72	<b>Balances at Bank etc:</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
		Lloyds Current Account	26.68			26.68	
Surplus for the year	1,817.05	Lloyds Deposit Account	3,967.45	33,857.31	2,364.33	40,189.09	
		CAF Account (Closed)	0.00			0.00	
		Cash Floats	200.00			200.00	
		<b>Totals:</b>	4,194.13	33,857.31	2,364.33	40,415.77	
		Balance carried forward				40,415.77	
Total	40,415.77	Total				40,415.77	

Signed by two Trustees on behalf of all Trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
		BRIAN FOSTER	14/11/23
		M.D. SANSFIELD	14/11/23

**STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL ACCOUNTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**CASH BOOK RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

Heading	2022-2023			2021-2022	Variance (£)
	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)	Contribution (£)	Contribution (£)	
<b>Rent:</b>					
Tennis Club	80.00		80.00	80.00	0.00
Preschool	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,160.00	240.00
W. Power Wayleave	11.22		11.22	11.22	0.00
<b>Hall Hire:</b>					
Bookings	4,599.75		4,599.75	4,808.25	-208.5
Preschool	6,344.52		6,344.52	5,850.90	493.62
Offsite Hire	107.50		107.50	63.00	44.50
<b>Fundraising:</b>					
Markets	848.00	27.82	820.18	1,000.51	-180.33
100 Club	1,105.00	485.00	620.00	560.00	60.00
Other Events	10,562.51	4,986.88	5,575.63	1,507.31	4,068.32
<b>Donations:</b>					
General purposes	400.53		400.53	424.00	-23.47
Specific purposes	3,000.00	48.53	2,951.47	-1,500.00	4,451.47
<b>Costs:</b>					
Cleaning		6,426.53	-6,426.53	-6,082.68	-343.85
Insurance		1,466.09	-1,466.09	-1,379.04	-87.05
Maintenance		7,657.13	-7,657.13	-1,604.65	-6,052.48
PRS		152.11	-152.11	-132.00	-20.11
Advertising		1,005.49	-1,005.49	-686.20	-319.29
Licence		180.00	-180.00	-180.00	0.00
Improvements		702.30	-702.30	-26,745.13	26,042.83
Committee		106.08	-106.08	-66.61	-39.47
<b>Utilities</b>					
Electricity		2,179.22	-2,179.22	-1,393.87	-785.35
Water		800.91	-800.91	-450.43	-350.48
Wood Pellets		4,557.51	-4,557.51	-3,716.97	-840.54
Telecoms		598.32	-598.32	-460.78	-137.54
RHI	3,468.48		3,468.48	3,814.44	-345.96
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32,927.51</b>	<b>31,379.92</b>	<b>1,547.59</b>	<b>-24,118.73</b>	<b>25,666.32</b>

Signed by two Trustees on behalf of all Trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date
		ALAN GOSDEN	14/11/23
		M.D. SANSFIELD	14/11/23



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

300977

**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 30/09/2023.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

22/5/2024

**Name:**

Sabrina Dawn Baily

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

None, but retired police officer.

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