

Yelverton War Memorial Recreation Field and Village Hall Trust
Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No: 301025

Yelverton War Memorial Recreation Field and Village Hall Trust

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Object of the Charity

1. The object of the charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall and recreation ground for the use of the inhabitants of Yelverton and the neighbourhood thereof without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving conditions of life for said inhabitants.
2. The land shall be held in trust for the object of the charity.

List of Trustees

Mr J. A. Boston	Chairman
Mrs H Ford	Booking secretary
Mr J. A. Samuel	Treasurer
Mr R. Herring	Resigned 26 March 2024
Mrs H. O'Neill	
Mr G. Roach	Resigned 3 June 2024
Mr A. C. Cunningham	Appointed 26 March 2024
Mrs N. M. Cunningham	Appointed 26 March 2024
Mr J Bowler	Appointed 4 June 2024
Mrs J L Gentle	Penmoor Nursery
Mrs J L Collins	Penmoor Nursery
Mr C. D. Webber	Yelverton Tennis Club
Mrs S. Aspley	Ladies Open Group
Mr I. Mulholland	Horrabridge Rangers Sports Association
Mr P. Collins	Yelverton Bowling Club

The organisations above are entitled to appoint trustees.

All the above changes have been registered with the Charity Commission.

As the following report shows, the Trustees have continued to fulfil their obligation to the community of Yelverton by maintaining and improving the village hall and recreation field.

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Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

I am pleased to report that finances remain in good shape enabling us to continue the ongoing programme of improvements to the Hall & Field. During 2024 we spent £4,734 more than our income; this was due to significant capital expenditure. Notably we refurbished the wooden floor, improved the outside lighting and installed a new heating and ventilation system for the toilets. We have updated the website, which now includes an automated booking system that is much easier for anyone hiring the hall for special functions. We are now able to provide fast fibre broadband for the users of the hall.

Solar panels

During October 2023 we installed solar panels and battery storage. This cost us £16,585 after a Lottery Grant. 2024's results show that this reduces our electricity bills by approximately 30% despite us boosting the heating of the toilets.

Field Projects

Our ongoing thanks to Horrabridge Rangers for keeping the field & grounds in such good condition. Thanks also to the Tennis Club for maintaining the grass adjacent to the hard surface track from the lower gate up to the playing fields.

Tenants

Yelverton Bowling Club and Yelverton Tennis Club continue their sporting activities during the year, and they continue to be excellent tenants. We are pleased that the Tennis Club has extended its lease for a further 21 years, until 31 December 2045.

Car Boot Sales

Car boot sales continue to be held fortnightly in the summer months with the majority being managed by the Yelverton Bowling Club and some by the Rotary Club of Yelverton. 2024 was an improvement on the prior year as only 2 out of the 10 had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Hall Usage - Bookings & Marketing

The hall is in frequent use during the week. Children's parties and other events are increasing year on year at the weekends.

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Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Penmoor Nursery Pre-School

We are delighted with the commitment and enthusiasm shown by Josie and Jen in their first year of running Penmoor.

"Friends of the Hall"

This group continues to meet to improve the facilities. Thank you to all concerned.

Plans for 2025

We intend to refurbish the ladies' toilets in early 2025, for which grants of £4,000 have already been committed. The intention is then to refurbish the disabled toilets, and then the men's toilets, as soon as funds permit.

Committee Membership

I will be stepping down as Chairman at the 2025 AGM and I am delighted that Helen Ford and Alastair Cunningham have agreed to replace me.

Finally, a big thank you to all committee members and Friends of the Hall for their help and support throughout the year. It has been a real pleasure for me to work with such a strong team, who have always shown unlimited enthusiasm.

Thank you.

John Boston

2024 Chairman

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Regular and Occasional Bookings	9,018	9,658
Rent - Penmoor Nursery	9,392	9,269
Rent - Yelverton Tennis Club	1,380	1,380
Rent - Yelverton Bowling Club	1,160	1,160
Rent - Horrabridge Rangers SA	450	400
Fund Raising - Car Boot Sales - net	788	441
Bank Interest	751	984
Donations etc.	6	6
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Total Income	22,945	23,298
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Expenditure		
Insurance	1,164	1,132
Electricity	3,027	3,415
Water	761	1,361
Cleaning and caretaker	5,197	4,690
Waste Removal	1,335	1,225
Ground Maintenance	1,218	6,140
Hall Maintenance	5,687	2,724
Administrative and Secretarial Expenses	287	246
Audit Fees	420	420
Advertising & Website	360	432
Solar panel installation (net of £10,000 lottery grant)	-	16,585
Improvements: Hall Flooring	4,640	-
Improvements: Toilet heatings, etc (net of grant)	3,583	-
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Total Expenditure	27,679	38,370
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Deficit of expenditure over income	(4,734)	(15,072)

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Reconciliation of Cash and Bank Balances as at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward		
Current account	9,033	13,955
Deposit account	15,000	25,000
Less: Returnable deposit	(500)	(350)
Net deficit for the year	(4,734)	(15,072)
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Balance at the year end	18,799	23,533
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Represented by		
Cash at bank and in hand carried forward		
Current account	4,899	9,033
Deposit account	15,000	15,000
Less: Returnable deposit	(1,100)	(500)
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Balance at the year end	18,799	23,533
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The accounts set out on pages 4 to 5 have been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

Mr J Boston

Date:

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policy

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The Yelverton War Memorial Recreation Field & Village Hall Trust owns the land set out in the Charity Commission Schedule sealed on the 25th of March 1991, and the hall subsequently built on that land, together with the fixtures and fittings and equipment, and the bank and cash balances set out on Page 5.

3. Financial Commitments at 31 December 2024

There were no major capital commitments at 31st December 2024.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on Pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

have not been met; or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Graham Roberts FCA – Director for and on behalf of Blackwell Bate Ltd.

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountants

Address: Woburn House, Yelverton, Devon PL20 6BS

Date: