



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January, 2023 to 31st December, 2024

Charity name: North Mymms Memorial Hall

Charity registration number: 302439

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of North Mymms and its neighbourhood. It is the focal point in the Parish for many local events, meetings and entertainments with the object of enhancing the life of the community.
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 Hall has been serving the North Mymms community since its foundation in 1957 and is completely self-funded. The hall is let on an hourly basis to a number of local clubs and classes for specific groups during the day, evenings and weekends. These range from exercise and dance classes for retirees, children's parties, and events supporting local charities such as the Macmillan Cancer Support. We have participated in the "Warm Space" initiative to provide a warm shelter and hot food during the winter months. The trustees arrange many activities such as tea dances, and events for children at Easter and Christmas. Following the cancellation of the Hertfordshire County Council mobile library in the area, the Memorial Hall incorporated a community 'Book Swap' service in 2016, which has run successfully ever since.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and confirm compliance when planning our activities.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We regularly apply for, and are grateful to receive, grants from national and regional charitable organisations, local businesses and governmental bodies to carry out specific activities and also for the general maintenance of the fabric of the hall and improvement of its facilities.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The management committee offers reduced charges for local charities and the hall hosts a number of charitable events for local societies.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The management committee comprises unpaid local volunteers, as are the organisers of special events. The hall would be unable to offer the range of activities without their assistance.
Other		We also benefit from “ad hoc” donations from local folk who attend coffee mornings, and the sale of local products gifted to the hall.

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	Following the success of the book swap service the main hall is opened twice a month so local people can meet friends, make new ones, exchange books from the growing library and enjoy refreshments within a large community meeting place. The hall now offers a delivery service to elderly residents for books and jigsaw puzzles, and local schoolchildren visit during the annual "Book Day". The hall hosts a number of events for the community during the year including afternoon teas, dances, etc. and this year a successful pantomime at Christmas with performers from the local community including children from local schools. Over the winter months we have participated in the "Warm Space" initiative, providing soup and a hot drink over the winter months.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We achieved our objective of building hall usage back to pre-Covid levels. This is critical since the trustees are tasked with providing a hall facility at no cost to the local parish. We continue to enhance our electronic booking system for the hall which enables us to keep track of events, monitor income and raise invoices. Recently we've interfaced our heating and heating systems such that the hall is only heated when hired out. We continue to enhance our dedicated website which informs the community of upcoming events, and enables potential users to check availability and request bookings.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	During the year we have received funding from local recreational charities, from our local borough and parish councils.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We seek to maintain a positive balance between expenditure and income, and maintain a reserve fund for building repairs.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have been the recipients of a number of specific grants from the parish council, and other local bodies for enhancement of stage lighting which is now fully functional. Last year we completed refurbishment of an underused storage area, which is now hired on a regular basis.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy of the Management Committee is to hold a reserve to allow for any emergency funding requirements. All our funding is unrestricted and readily available.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Minimum of £40,000 in our ready-access business reserve account and minimum of £10,000 in our current account.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The primary source of funding is from letting the hall's facilities for regular lessons and classes, and occasional special events. We hold fund-raising events from time to time, but regularly apply for and receive, grants from local and national organisations to carry out more general maintenance and improvement activity and this will continue in the future.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As stated, above policy of the Management Committee is to hold sufficient reserves to allow for any emergency funding requirements.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We have a very supportive local community, but like many charities suffer from the scarcity of volunteers who can give of their time on a regular basis. In common with many institutions, we are concerned at the potential rise in our future costs, particularly energy.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated 8 th February, 1960
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust with a maximum of 9 elected trustees and up to 4 co-opted members. North Mymms Parish Council shall appoint one member of the Committee
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	Trustees are appointed or reappointed every three years at the Annual General Meeting held in August/September.

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All policies and procedures are discussed, voted on and agreed at meetings of the Management Committee held at least once a quarter. All decisions are recorded in the minutes of the meetings. Trustees joining the Management Committee are given a broad outline of their responsibilities prior to joining and subsequently provided with a personal copy of the Trust Deed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Management Committee has a close working relationship with North Mymms Parish Council and at least one member of the Committee is a Parish Councillor. The Parish, Borough, and County Councils have provided grants previously to support the work of the Committee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Memorial Hall was built by public subscription and is named in memory of the men of the Parish who died in the two world wars and, as such, is an Imperial War Museum Registered War Memorial. The Management Committee liaises with the War Memorials Trust, which has previously provided a grant to restore our War Memorial Board.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Mymms Memorial Hall
Other name the charity uses	NMMH
Registered charity number	302439
Charity's principal address	36 Station Road, North Mymms, Hertfordshire, AL9 7PG

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	Anthony John Green	Chairman		NMMH Management Committee
2	Paul Thomson		10/09/2022	As above
3	Frances Thompson			As above
4	Jennie Dee			As above
5	Teresa Florence TRAVELL			North Mymms Parish Council
6	North Mymms Parish Council	Custodian Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	NatWest Bank Plc	13 Stonehills, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6ND
Bank	Unity Trust Bank	4 Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2JB
Accountant	Chris Birtwistle FCA	29 Brookmans Avenue, Brookmans Park, AL9 7QH

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Anthony John Green

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

15/08/2024

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Income and Expenditure Accounts

Year Ended the 31st December 2024

<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
29715	Hall and Room Letting	31858	
500	Rental Income		
	Fund Raising		
2446	Pantomime		
7203	Grants - General	2250	
	Donation	493	
111	Interest on Investments	630	
39975			35231
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
3700	Wages	3820	
350	Accountancy	350	
12449	Gas and Electricity	10199	
150	Office expenses	1045	
1231	Insurance	1222	
384	PRS and PPL	719	
633	Rates and Water	1092	
6608	Repairs and Renewals	2683	
283	Sundry Expenses	360	
3606	Cleaning	3129	
1035	Website	905	
2483	Consumables	1633	
486	Depreciation - Fixtures and Fittings	635	
33398			27792
6577	Excess Income Over Expenditure		7439

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Balance Sheet as at the 31st December 2024

<u>2023</u>				<u>2024</u>
		<u>ASSETS</u>		
		Fixed Assets		
9624		Freehold Property		9624
	30467	Fixtures and Fittings	30467	
		Add : Addition in 2024	1084	
			31551	
	29011	Less Depreciation	29646	
1456				1905
11080		Total Fixed Assets		11529
		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
	39877	<u>Nat West - Current Account</u>	8077	
		<u>Nat West - Business Reserve Account</u>	32868	
		Unity Bank - Current Account	20007	
	14365	NSB Investment		
	200	Prepayments	500	
	54442		61452	
		<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
		Amount held for Book Swap		
	2730	Accruals	2750	
51712	2730		2750	58702
		<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
62792				70231
		Financed by		
46615		Capital Account		53192
5800		Reserves		5800
3800		Specific Reserve-Panto Fund Raising		3800
6577		Profit for the year		7439
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I have examined the Balance Sheet dated the 31st December 2024 and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account with the books and documents submitted to me and have subsequently received such information as required.

I certify that the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet show a true and fair view of the Financial Affairs of the North Mymms Memorial Hall for the Year ended 31st December, 2024

Hon Auditor Date 21st October 2025

Chris Birtwistle F.C.A

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