

NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 505949

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1977-01-17

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NEW HARTLEY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE

Activities: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of New Hartley and the neighbourhood without the distinction of sex or of political or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation improving life to local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NEW HARTLEY
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£31,336	£35,083	-	-
2024-05-31	£41,234	£27,377	-	-
2023-05-31	£33,513	£37,085	-	-
2022-05-31	£19,487	£21,354	-	-
2021-05-31	£43,271	£13,188	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hazel Leaver		2022-07-20
JOHN MICHAEL BARRELL		2017-03-15

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Accounts

Chairs Report by Michelle Williams.

It has been another interesting year. The Christmas Fair, the V.E. Day Celebrations and the Summer Fair were all very successful, well attended and enjoyed by the village. However, on the other hand, we have not had as many individuals or commercial groups/ classes hiring the hall. Therefore, we are not bringing in as much money as usual.

The fairs in the Memorial Hall were complimented by activities in the village, including the scarecrow competition, glam post competition, and we once again teamed up with Seaton Valley Council so that the Christmas lighting celebrations followed on straight after our Christmas Fair. This year Michelle asked the village which of the competitions we should have and, by popular demand, we are having a Christmas Window/Garden Display competition which will be judged over the 20th/21st December.

In January, we remembered the victims of the Hester Pit Disaster with a moving service in the Memorial Garden, followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Hall. It was lovely to be joined by so many residents on this special day for the village and to be supported by local folk group, Beeswing who provided entertainment after the service.

The Hall continues to be used by the Toddler Group, Tot Shots, the Kid's Club, Karate, W.I., Walking Cricket, Dance classes, and the Craft Group (who continue to keep the village entertained with their amazing post box toppers). New Hartley First School continues to use the Hall for school performances and St Michaels Church comes in to host some of their fundraising events. We will once more assist the church by opening the hall on Remembrance Sunday so that people are welcomed in to see the War Memorial inside the hall. We are willingly doing this to offer a warm and dry place for people to remember. The hall will be opened as a safe, warm place, on request, at any time when needed.

As well as maintaining the Memorial Hall to provide a base for local community groups and facilities for birthday parties and celebrations for residents of the village, the committee has also continued to support the community through the monthly Afternoon Teas, the weekly Food Pantry, monthly hot lunches, providing Soup and a Sandwich most Mondays during winter and annual Christmas Dinner. Our community freezer donated through FareShare assists us greatly to sell food on and give out ready meals. We are delighted to have received a grant from the council, thanks to Cllr David Ferguson, to provide a new cooker which has made such a difference. Seaton Valley Council also provide us with free lunches for children attending the free Holiday Sports Clubs.

We are so lucky to have a really good community Post Office/Café in the village. We must all make sure that we use the Post Office to ensure that this important facility is not taken away.

We are continuing to work with Seaton Valley Council and the other community associations in Seaton Valley to plug the gap left by Northumberland County Council's decision to stop funding youth services. Working with Children North East, we aim to hold youth services one night every week, using our room in the upstairs hall as a base. We are continuing to acquire funding, including a generous donation from Barratt Homes, to refurbish this room and make it more welcoming for this purpose.

To uphold our Child Protection Policy, we are very fortunate to have Helen **Mathwin** as our suitably qualified Safeguarding Officer, who also runs Kids Club, to whom any concerns about children's safety or welfare will be reported.

Grants successfully applied for by the committee and Food Pantry have enabled us to purchase new re-cycling bins inside the hall, a **new front door for the hall** and new large & small children's games for the Summer Fair. We also got a grant for the Summer Fair from the council and had a donation from BAM Builders.

We are continuing to liaise with Northumberland County Council to push for the sorting out of our Hall lease. We need this in place so that we can apply for grants to make structural improvements, with the priorities being improved toilet facilities and storage. Currently this is being discussed with a local solicitor to resolve an issue regarding who is legally responsible for maintenance, repair and alteration costs.

We are also in continued communication with the council regarding a solution to the dangerous car parking taking place at the front of the Memorial Hall.

As you all know, we have 4 Defibrillators throughout the village, and these are monitored and maintained so that we are in the very best position to save lives. Every time the pads are used or the batteries expire we have to buy replacements which are expensive. However, thanks to generous donations of YOU people of New Hartley we have a pot of money building. Michelle set up the Just Giving page, and this money is saved under the umbrella of the NHCA because, as we are a registered charity, we are able to apply for grants to help it grow. Michelle also arranged for defib training sessions for all which were held in the hall and run by Lynsey Leighton who was amazing.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ann our cleaner for all of her hard work and commitment. The hall is always so clean, hygienic and fresh.

New Hartley In-Bloom goes from strength to strength, with more new members whose enthusiasm and hard work keep our village and the Memorial Garden looking beautiful. Karen Collier's 'In-Bloom' Group have been recognised yet again having now received a 'Gold Award' in the SVC Garden Competition and a 'Level 5 Outstanding' grade in the RHS Awards for the Memorial Garden. A huge well done and thank you to each member of this amazing group. Litter picks are carried out every month, which all residents are welcome to join in.

Over the year we have been doing our best to increase the usage of the Hall, as our bookings are down. Sadly, we have lost a few of the groups that used the hall regularly. We have to balance our grant funding and our own income (from hall hire and fundraising events) to cover our running costs, which are rising all of the time. Over the years we have tried several events to raise money including tabletop sales and quizzes with pie and pea suppers, but we are open to more ideas from residents please. Let us know what you would like to see, or do, in the hall.

Events that we have already planned include:

- Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November, followed by turning on of SVC Christmas lights.
- Christmas Window/Garden Display competition with judging 20/21st December.
- Christmas lunch for 60 residents.
- Christmas Afternoon Tea 8th December.
- Centenary of the Memorial Hall celebrations throughout the year.
- Hester Pit Disaster Memorial Service in January.
- Easter Fair.
- Summer Fair.

Details of all these events will be advertised around the village and in our regular newsletters, produced by Michelle and delivered, along with SVC Futures magazines, by committee members and volunteers to every house in the village.

We are already planning celebrations for 2026, when the Memorial Hall will have been open for 100 years. It was built as a memorial for those villagers who lost their lives in the First World War and was funded by miners donating 2d a week from their wages! It also served as a soup kitchen during the General Strike. Now, we are restoring the prominence of the War Memorial in the Hall, researching the history of the Hall, and have been contacting descendants of those who lost their lives to produce a historic record of the Memorial Hall. We will involve the local schools as usual and of course it will all end with a village celebration in

the Hall, decorated with their work! We are also going to host a soup kitchen event and also have an old-fashioned picnic on the field. In this way we can spread out this Centenary celebration throughout the year. Let us know if you would like to be involved in this project.

There have been changes on the committee over the past year. Unfortunately, Geri and Fred Manning resigned from the committee to do other things, and Judith Fraser had to resign due to ill health. They will be missed. We wish them all well and thank them for their service. However, we are delighted to welcome Carol Conway who was co-opted onto the committee at a meeting earlier in the year.

I would like to thank all the committee members, without whom none of this would be possible. Every member of the committee contributes to the success of the Community Association and the maintenance of our lovely Memorial Hall, so that we can serve all the residents of New Hartley, who are all members of the Association. Everyone comes with different skills and experience and our meetings are focussed, but fun. Please come forward and join us if you would like to offer anything at all. Just an extra pair of hands would be like gold dust.

NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025

**NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st May 2025, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Association and examiner

The Association's representatives are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts
2. To ensure the accounts are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of report

My examination was carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the preparation of accounts. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association 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 representatives of the Association, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P. Connon

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Date 15th September 2025

New Hartley Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31-May-24		31-May-25	
	£	£	£	£
New Hartley Kids Club	500		810	
Dancing	306		984	
Lunch Club	275		285	
Mother & Toddler	700		710	
Klids Football	471		615	
Exercise	1,142		1,450	
New Hartley Crafts	248		183	
Misc Income	20		800	
Dancing School	888		480	
Marching Band	258		360	
Functions	3,540		4,008	
Grants & Donations	26,748		15,599	
Interest Received	927		1,202	
Carpet Bowls	0		930	
Karate	831		840	
Meetings & Parties	3,782		2,079	
Photocopier, Ads etc	600		0	
IT Suite	0		0	
Total Income		41,234		31,336
GROSS SURPLUS		41,234		31,336
EXPENDITURE				
Youth & Kids Club	0		2,000	
Water Charges	1,368		1,830	
Lunch Club	0		0	
Postage & Telephone Charges	911		570	
Cleaning	6,657		7,326	
Gas & Electric	3,379		4,499	
Equipment & Stationery	30		14	
Printing Newsletters	536		133	
Repairs	493		8,157	
Hall Expenses	358		192	
Functions	2,160		3,034	
Licences /Food Hub	7,348		5,927	
Refurb Costs	3,000		250	
Advertising	646		529	
Audit & Accountancy	145		152	
Insurance	346		470	
Total Expenditure		27,377		35,083
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		27,377		35,083
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		13,857		-3,747
I&E Account B/Forward		70,095		83,952
I&E ACCOUNT		83,952		80,205

New Hartley Community Association
Balance sheet as at 31 May 2025

ASSETS	Year Ended 31-May-24		Year Ended 31-May-25	
	£	£	£	£
Bank & Cash				
Co-Op savings A/C		79,394		76,596
Co-op Current A/C		4,558		3,608
Cash in Hand				
Current Assets		<u><u>83,952</u></u>		<u><u>80,205</u></u>
Less: Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
Current Liabilities		0		0
Current Liabilities		<u><u>0</u></u>		<u><u>0</u></u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u><u>83,952</u></u>		<u><u>80,205</u></u>
NET TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>83,952</u></u>		<u><u>80,205</u></u>
FUNDS				
I&E ACCOUNT C/Forward		<u><u>83,952</u></u>		<u><u>80,205</u></u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED				
Unrestricted Funds		36,803		31,800
Restricted Funds		33,459		30,863
Operating Reserve (50% expenditure)		13,690		17,542
Total Funds Employed		<u><u>83,952</u></u>		<u><u>80,205</u></u>

2024-25

Treasurer's Annual Report

The accounts for the financial year ending on 31 May 2025 shows an overall deficit of £ 3,747 compared to a surplus of £13,857 in the year ending 31 May 2024. The main reason for this is the award of £20,000 from National Lottery in support of the Food Pantry in 2024 and drawdown on this during the year. The accounts operate on cash receipt basis. That is to say, funds actually in the account at the end of the period, as opposed to accrual accounts which also assess outstanding payments and debts.

Total income for the year of £31,366 was significantly lower than the previous year's income of £41,234, while expenditure has increase to £35,083 compared with £27,377 previously.

The balance sheet for 2024-25 shows total retained funds of £80,205 as of 31 May 2025, compared to £83,952 in 2024. This can be further analysed into unrestricted or operational funds and restricted or project funds.

The movements in income & expenditure result from the timing of expenditure on projects for which the grants were received in different accounting periods and varying maintenance costs.

The restricted funds balance has reduced from £33,459 to £30,863, principally to support the activities of New Hartley Food Pantry and HOPE. This is a combination of drawdown on previous year grants together with receipt of new applications to continue these activities, which again will be spent over the coming years.

Grants received in 2024/25 are to cover:

Summer Fair - 2024 and 2025
Supported by NCC, Seaton Valley Council, Ted Weekes
Fund

Upstairs Hall redecoration
Support by Barratt Homes NE

Food Hub and HOPE
Supported by: National Lottery
Scotmid (L&D)
ASDA

New cooker
Supported by NCC Cllr David Ferguson

There are also restricted funds held to support New Hartley Post Office operations and improvements generated from occasional surpluses over the years.

Taking out the deficit in the Restricted funds leaves an overall operating deficit on the year of £1,151

This leaves unrestricted funds of £31,800 for general use which is a reduction from 2024 of £4,803 and is considered enough to provide cover for the coming year.

In line with good financial management, an Operating Reserve has been set at 50% of current expenditure. This would allow sufficient funds to meet expenditure obligations for 6 months without any income. This level will be reviewed throughout the coming year as expenditure levels are confirmed.

In the longer term, however, the Association must continue to break even or make an operational surplus on a regular basis to continue its activities. This can only be achieved with increased use of the hall.

The overall financial position will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis and further Grant funding opportunities explored. in order to improve the building and maintain it as a valued facility for the community. These can only be progressed once the long-term lease for the hall has been secured with Northumberland County Council.

Discussion with NCC over this are still ongoing and current Head of Terms propose all financial responsibility for the upkeep of the hall and structure to be borne by the Community Association – even if funds are not available NCC can compel the Community Association to finance repairs. This is unacceptable to the Trustees and until this is satisfactorily resolved we are restricted in what funding opportunities are available as funding organisations will not offer grants to projects that do not have long term security of their premises. NCC are repeatedly pressed to resolve this issue.

John Barrell

October 2025

NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Accounts

New Hartley Community Association Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 17th October 2024.

Chairs Report.

It has been another fantastic year and we have been holding our regular events, including very successful Christmas, Easter and Summer fairs, all of which were well attended and enjoyed by the whole village.

The fairs in the Memorial Hall were complimented by activities in the village, including the glam post competition, and we once again teamed up with Seaton Valley Council so that the Christmas lighting celebrations followed on straight after our Christmas Fair.

In January, we remembered the victims of the Hester Pit Disaster with a moving service in the Memorial Garden, followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Hall. The Hall was decorated with project work produced by students from Astley High School and artwork made by New Hartley First School pupils. It was lovely to be joined by so many residents on this special day for the village and to be supported by local folk group, Beeswing who provided entertainment after the service.

The Hall continues to be used by the Toddler Group, the Kid's Club, Exercise Group, Karate, Yoga and Zumba classes and the now thriving Craft Group and WI. New Hartley First School continues to use the Hall for school performances and St Michaels Church comes in to host some of their fundraising events. We have been asked if we can assist the church by opening the hall on Remembrance Sunday so that people are welcomed in to see the War Memorial inside the hall. We are willingly doing this to offer a warm and dry place for people to remember.

As well as maintaining the Memorial Hall to provide a base for local community groups and facilities for birthday parties and celebrations for residents of the village, the committee has also continued to support the community through the monthly Afternoon Teas, Lunch Clubs, and the weekly Food Pantry. For the past year we have provided hot lunches. Our community freezer donated through FareShare assists us greatly to sell food on and give out ready meals. We now have money available to buy a new cooker. Seaton Valley Council also provide us with the funding to provide free lunches for children attending the free Holiday Sports Clubs. We also acted as a warm hub last Winter.

We are lucky to have a really good community Post Office/Café in the village. We must all make sure that we use the Post Office to ensure that this important facility is not taken away.

We are continuing to work with Seaton Valley Council and the other community associations in Seaton Valley to plug the gap left by Northumberland County Council's decision to stop funding youth services. Working with Children North East we have secured funding to employ youth workers for a night every week, working outreach and having a base in our room upstairs. We are continuing to acquire funding to refurbish the room and make it more welcoming for young people.

To uphold our Child Protection Policy, we are very fortunate to have Helen Mathwin as our suitably qualified Safeguarding Officer to whom any concerns about children's safety or welfare will be reported.

Grants successfully applied for by the committee and Food Pantry have enabled us to purchase new re-cycling bins inside the hall, a new front door for the hall and new large & small children's games for the Summer Fair. We also got a grant for the Summer Fair.

We have had a meeting with Northumberland County Council to push, again, for the sorting out our lease. We need this in place so that we can apply for grants to make structural improvements, with the priorities being improved toilet facilities and storage. Progress is being made and we should have a letter next month. We are also in communication with the council regarding a solution to the dangerous car parking taking place at the front of the Memorial Hall.

We would like to say a big thank you to our cleaner for all of her hard work and commitment. The hall is always so clean, hygienic and fresh.

The New Hartley in Bloom goes from strength to strength, with a couple of new members whose enthusiasm and hard work keeps our village and the Memorial Garden looking beautiful. This is often recognised in the number of awards received in the SVC Gardening and Britain in Bloom competitions. Litter picks are carried out every month, which residents are welcome to join.

Over the year we have been doing our best to increase the usage of the Hall, as our bookings were down. We have raised our booking fees for commercial bookings. I am pleased to say that the hall bookings are up again and doing well. We have to balance our grant funding and our own income (from hall hire and fundraising events) to cover our running costs, which are going up for us the same as anyone else. We have held several events to raise money including table top sales and pie and pea suppers with quizzes, but we are open to more ideas from residents please.

Events that we have already planned include:

- Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November, followed by turning on of SVC Christmas lights.
- Glam Post competition with judging around 20 December.
- Christmas lunch for 60 residents.
- Christmas Afternoon Tea.
- Hester Pit Disaster Memorial Service in January.
- Easter Fair.
- Summer Fair.
- Scarecrow competition in October.

Details of all these events will be advertised around the village and in our wonderful regular newsletters, produced by Michelle and delivered, along with SVC Futures magazines, by committee members and volunteers to every house in the village.

Looking a bit further to the future, we are already planning celebrations for 2026, when the Memorial Hall will have been open for 100 years. It was built as a memorial for those villagers who lost their lives in the First World War and was funded by miners donating 2d a week from their wages! It also served as a soup kitchen during the General Strike. Ideas we have include restoring the prominence of the War Memorial in the Hall and we are researching the history of the Hall and trying to contact descendants of those who lost their lives to produce a historic record of the Memorial Hall. We will involve the local schools as usual and of course it will all end with a village celebration in the Hall, decorated with their work! Let us know if you would like to be involved in this project.

There have been changes on the committee over the past year. Unfortunately, Gillian Phillips and David Gilson resigned from the committee to do other things. They will be missed. We wish them both well and thank them for their service. However, we are delighted to welcome Geri and Fred Manning who were co-opted onto the committee at the last committee meeting.

I would like to thank all the committee members, without whom none of this would be possible. Every member of the committee contributes to the success of the Community Association and the maintenance of our lovely Memorial Hall, so that we can serve all the residents of New Hartley, who are all members of the Association. Everyone comes with different skills and experience and our meetings are focussed, but fun. Everyone rolls their sleeves up and gets stuck in.

Karen Collier
Chair.

2023-24

Treasurer's Annual Report

The accounts for the financial year ending on 31 May 2024 shows an overall surplus of £13,857 compared to a deficit of £3,572 in the year ending 31 May 2023. The main reason for this is the award of £20,000 from National Lottery in support of the Food Pantry and the fact that the accounts operate on cash receipt basis. That is to say, funds actually in the account at the end of the period. The movements in income & expenditure result from the timing of expenditure on projects for which the grants were received in different accounting periods , but still need to be expended fully.

Total income for the year of £41,234 was significantly higher than the previous year's income of £33,513, while expenditure has decreased to £27,377 compared with £37,085 previously.

The balance sheet for 2022-23 shows total retained funds of £83,952 as of 31 May 2024, compared to £71,095 in 2023. This can be further analysed into unrestricted or operational funds and restricted or project funds.

The movements in income & expenditure result from the timing of expenditure on projects for which the grants were received in different accounting periods and varying maintenance costs. Grants for 2023/24 included those for the Summer Fair at the beginning of June 2024. Grant applications were not received until after the close of the 2022/23 accounts on 31 May. Additionally, the award of £20,000 from National Lottery was to cover expenditure over two years.

Grants received are to cover:

One Off events
Summer Fair

Supported by NCC, Seaton Valley Council, Ted Weekes
Fund

Food Hub and HOPE
Supported by: National Lottery
Scotmid (L&D)
Rothley Trust

There are also restricted funds held to support New Hartley Post Office operations and improvements generated from occasional surpluses over the years.

The restricted funds balance has increased substantially from £16,072 to £33,459, principally to support the activities of New Hartley Food Pantry and HOPE. This is a combination of drawdown on previous year grants together with receipt of new applications to continue these activities, which again will be spent over the coming years.

Grants received for projects must be spent for the purpose for which they were given or otherwise returned and are hence restricted. On occasion some projects are overspent (Jubilee picnic in 2022/23 year) and such overspend is then met from general funds. This year a total adjustment of £1,292 has been made to close these expired funds. Similarly, outstanding grant receipt of £2,250 for the Summer Fair has resulted in an operational deficit of £2,236 – effectively the Association broke even on maintaining and managing the Memorial Hall.

The management committee and Trustees have raised the hire charges for use of the hall from £12 to £15 per hour as reported last year to try and offset this continuing deficit, which seems to have stabilised the position.

In line with good financial management, an Operating Reserve has been set at 50% of current expenditure. This would allow sufficient funds to meet expenditure obligations for 6 months without any income. This level will be reviewed throughout the coming year as expenditure levels are confirmed.

This leaves unrestricted funds of £36,803 for general use which is an increase from 2023 of £1,323 and is considered enough to provide cover for the coming year.

In the longer term, however, the Association must continue to break even or make an operational surplus on a regular basis to continue its activities. This can only be achieved with increased use of the hall.

The overall financial position will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis and further Grant funding opportunities explored. In order to improve the building and maintain it as a valued facility for the community. These can only be progressed once the long-term lease for the hall has been secured with Northumberland County Council. Discussion with NCC over this are still ongoing but seemingly no nearer to a conclusion. Until this is satisfactorily resolved we are restricted in what funding opportunities are available as funding organisations will not offer grants to projects that do not have long term security of their premises. NCC are repeatedly pressed to resolve this issue.

John Barrell
October 2024

NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met, or
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Date 4th October 2024

New Hartley Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31-May-23		31-May-24	
	£	£	£	£
New Hartley Kids Club	700		500	
Dancing	1,687		306	
Lunch Club	164		275	
Mother & Toddler	750		700	
Klids Football	432		471	
Exercise	1,412		1,142	
New Hartley Crafts	681		248	
Misc Income	170		20	
Dancing School	0		888	
Marching Band	0		258	
Functions	3,890		3,540	
Grants & Donations	21,500		26,748	
Interest Received	399		927	
Carpet Bowls	0		0	
Karate	1,104		831	
Meetings & Parties	84		3,782	
Photocopier, Ads etc	600		600	
IT Suite	0		0	
Total Income		33,513		41,234
GROSS SURPLUS		33,513		41,234
EXPENDITURE				
Youth & Kids Club	0		0	
Water Charges	1,034		1,368	
Lunch Club	0		0	
Postage & Telephone Charges	658		911	
Cleaning	6,703		6,657	
Gas & Electric	4,379		3,379	
Equipment & Stationery	0		30	
Printing Newsletters	355		536	
Repairs	1,339		493	
Hall Expenses	29		358	
Functions	6,100		2,160	
Licences /Food Hub	11,204		7,348	
Refurb Costs	4,559		3,000	
Advertising	0		646	
Audit & Accountancy	138		145	
Insurance	591		346	
Total Expenditure		37,085		27,377
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		37,085		27,377
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(3,572)		13,857
I&E Account B/Forward		73,667		70,095
I&E ACCOUNT		70,095		83,952

New Hartley Community Association
Balance sheet as at 31 May 2024

ASSETS	Year Ended 31-May-23		Year Ended 31-May-24	
	£	£	£	£
Bank & Cash				
Co-Op savings A/C		60,468		79,394
Co-op Current A/C		9,627		4,558
Cash in Hand				
Current Assets		<u>70,095</u>		<u>83,952</u>
Less: Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
Current Liabilities		0		0
Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>70,095</u>		<u>83,952</u>
NET TOTAL ASSETS		<u>70,095</u>		<u>83,952</u>
FUNDS				
I&E ACCOUNT C/Forward		<u>70,095</u>		<u>83,952</u>
FUNDS EMPLOYED				
Unrestricted Funds		35,480		36,803
Restricted Funds		16,072		33,459
Operating Reserve (50% of past expenditure)		18,543		13,690
Total Funds Employed		<u>70,095</u>		<u>83,952</u>

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Date 4th October 2024

New Hartley Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31-May-23		31-May-24	
	£	£	£	£
New Hartley Kids Club	700		500	
Dancing	1,687		306	
Lunch Club	164		275	
Mother & Toddler	750		700	
Klids Football	432		471	
Exercise	1,412		1,142	
New Hartley Crafts	681		248	
Misc Income	170		20	
Dancing School	0		888	
Marching Band	0		258	
Functions	3,890		3,540	
Grants & Donations	21,500		26,748	
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New Hartley Community Association Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 25 October 2023.

Chairs Report.

It has been fantastic this year to get back to normal after Covid and hold our regular events, including very successful Christmas and Easter and Summer fairs, all of which were well attended and enjoyed by the whole village.

The fairs in the Memorial Hall were complimented by activities in the village, including an easter egg hunt and the glam post competition and we once again teamed up with Seaton Valley Council so that the Christmas lighting celebrations followed on straight after our Christmas Fair.

In January, we remembered the victims of the Hester Pit Disaster with a moving service in the Memorial Garden, followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Hall. The Hall was decorated with project work produced by students from Astley High School and artwork made by New Hartley First School pupils. It was lovely to be joined by so many residents on this special day for the village and to be supported by local folk group, Beeswing who provided entertainment after the service. Amanda from Jack and the Bean Stark provided some beautiful flowers to decorate the Hall, which we then laid in the Memorial Garden.

In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles II with a celebration community picnic on the field and a special coronation afternoon tea, which was a sellout. The Hall was again decorated with art work produces by New Hartley First School pupils.

The Hall continues to be used by the Toddler Group, the Kid's Club, Karate and Zumba classes and the now thriving Craft Group and WI. New Hartley First School continues to use the Hall for school performances, and we were delighted to be able to open to accommodate children during the recent teachers strike. We have also worked with Astley High School to provide historical information for their Y9 project on the Hester Pit Disaster and lent them several artifacts and the banners for the week and we are doing so again this week, which is why the banners are not on display tonight.

Committee member and one of the founders of the craft club, Michelle Williams, organised several high quality and very successful craft fairs and in August we held a coffee morning to raise funds for Hartley Court's defibrillator appeal.

As well as maintaining the Memorial Hall to provide a base for local community groups and facilities for birthday parties and celebrations for residents of the village, the committee has also continued to support the community through the monthly Afternoon Teas, Lunch Clubs, and the weekly Food Pantry. For the past year we have provided hot lunches. We have had a community freezer donated through FareShare which enables us to sell food on, give out ready meals and batch cook to deliver as a hot meal for villager's freezers. We now have money available to buy a new cooker. Seaton Valley Council also provide us with the funding to provide free lunches for children attending the free Holiday Sports Clubs. We also acted as a warm hub last Winter.

Following the publication of the Boundary Commission's ridiculous proposal to divide New Hartley into two electoral wards, Seaton Valley Council used the Memorial Hall was used by Seaton Valley Council to host two consultation events for residents. The views of residents helped form the council's response to the Boundary Commission and along with resident's representations and one from the Community Association, we were successful in changing the proposal and the village will remain together in an unchanged Hartley Ward.

We are currently working with Seaton Valley Council and the other community associations in Seaton Valley to plug the gap left by Northumberland County Council's decision to stop funding youth services. Working with Children North East we hope to secure funding to employ youth workers for a night every week, working outreach and having a base in our room upstairs. We are also looking for funding to refurbish the room and make it more welcoming for young people.

In other business, we have updated our Child Protection Policy and have appointed Helen Mathwin as our suitably qualified Safeguarding Officer to whom any concerns about children's safety or welfare will be reported.

Grants successfully applied for by the committee and Food Pantry have enabled us to purchase a new dishwasher. We have also been able to buy additional tables (4 large and 4 small), another table trolley and table cloths, pans and chopping boards. We also got grants for the summer fair and Coronation celebrations.

We continue to press Northumberland County Council to sort out our lease, so that we can apply for grants to make structural improvements, with the priorities being improved toilet facilities and storage.

Unfortunately, our cleaner had to retire due to health reasons this year and we have had a new cleaner since January. We would like to thank them both for keeping our Hall so clean, hygienic and fresh.

The New Hartley in Bloom goes from strength to strength, with lots of new members whose enthusiasm and hard work keeps our village and the Memorial Garden looking beautiful and yet again this was recognised in the SVC Gardening and Britain in Bloom competitions. They also carry out monthly litter picks, which residents are welcome to join.

Looking to the future, we need to increase the usage of the Hall. Whilst we are incredibly successful in securing grant funding (mainly due to John and Chris Barrell), we do need to increase our income to cover our running costs, which are going up for us the same as anyone else. We had very few bookings during the summer holidays, when some of our regular bookings also take a break. We are planning to increase our publicity and will possibly have to raise our booking fees for commercial bookings. We have held several events to raise money including table top sales and pie and pea suppers with quizzes, but we are open to more ideas from residents please.

Events that we have already planned include:

- Craft Fairs on 4 and 25 November.
- Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December, followed by the turning on of SVC Christmas lights.
- Glam Post competition with judging around 20 December – more details to follow shortly.
- Christmas lunch for 60 residents on 6 December
- Christmas Afternoon Tea.
- Hester Pit Disaster Memorial Service on the weekend of 13/14 January.
- Easter Fair.
- Summer Fair.
- Scarecrow competition in late Summer/early Autumn.

Details of all these events will be advertised around the village and in our wonderful regular newsletters, produced by Michelle and delivered, along with SVC Futures magazines, by committee members and volunteers to every house in the village.

Looking a bit further to the future, we are already planning celebrations for 2026, when the Memorial Hall will have been open for 100 years. It was built as a memorial for those villagers who lost their lives in the First World War and was funded by miners donating 2d a week from their wages! It also served as a soup kitchen during the General Strike. Ideas we have include restoring the prominence of the War Memorial in the Hall, a Community Quilt and setting up a group within the village to research the history of the Hall and try to contact descendants of those who lost their lives to produce a historic record of the Memorial Hall. We will involve the local schools as usual and of course it will all end with a village celebration in the Hall, decorated with their work! Let us know if you would like to be involved in this project.

Sadly, this year we have lost Maureen Pringle who was still an active member of the committee and Ruth King, who served as a committee member for many years, and we remember them fondly. There have been other changes during the year, with Steph Edusei moving out of the village and Cara Dickinson sensibly deciding to stop overcommitting herself, although we are sure she will be back one day. We wish them both well and thank them for their service. However, we were delighted to welcome Hazel Leaver back and to co-opt Dave Gibson onto the committee at the last meeting.

I would like to thank all the committee members, without whom none of this would be possible. Every member of the committee contributes to the success of the Community Association and the maintenance of our lovely Memorial Hall, so that we can serve all the residents of New Hartley, who are all members of the Association. Everyone comes with different skills and experience and our meetings are focussed, but fun, with lots of ideas and suggestions being thrown around and everyone rolls their sleeves up and gets stuck in to ensure that all our events are a huge success, and our Hall is looked after.

Karen Collier
Chair.

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Date 5th October 2023

New Hartley Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	31-May-22		31-May-23	
	£	£	£	£
Youth & Kids Club	696		700	
Dancing	2,460		1,687	
Lunch Club	0		164	
Mother & Toddler	740		750	
Klids Football	1,050		432	
Exercise	600		1,412	
New Hartley Crafts	62		681	
Misc Income	700		170	
Dancing School	121		0	
Functions	1,578		3,890	
Grants & Donations	9,057		21,500	
Interest Received	20		399	
Karate	1,085		1,104	
Meetings & Parties	1,319		84	
Photocopier, Ads etc	0		600	
Total Income		19,487		33,513
GROSS SURPLUS		19,487		33,513
EXPENDITURE				
Water Charges	826		1,034	
Lunch Club	0		0	
Postage & Telephone Charges	440		658	
Cleaning	6,469		6,703	
Gas & Electric	3,935		4,379	
Equipment & Stationery	68		0	
Printing Newsletters	97		355	
Repairs	480		1,339	
Hall Expenses	613		29	
Functions	101		6,100	
Licences /Food Hub	3,316		11,204	
Refurb Costs	4,658		4,559	
Advertising	132		0	
Audit & Accountancy	112		138	
Insurance	105		591	
Total Expenditure		21,354		37,085
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		21,354		37,085
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(1,867)		(3,572)
I&E Account B/Forward		75,533		73,667
I&E ACCOUNT		73,667		70,095

New Hartley Community Association
Balance sheet as at 31 May 2023

ASSETS	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	£	£	£	£
Bank & Cash				
Co-Op savings A/C	60,128		60,468	
Co-op Current A/C	13,538		9,627	
Cash in Hand				
Current Assets	73,667		70,095	
Less: Current Liabilities				
Creditors				
Current Liabilities	0		0	
Current Liabilities	0		0	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		73,667		70,095
NET TOTAL ASSETS		73,667		70,095
FUNDS				
I&E ACCOUNT C/Forward		73,667		70,095
FUNDS EMPLOYED				
Unrestricted Funds		45,597		36,480
Restricted Funds		17,393		16,072
Operating Reserve (50% of past expenditure)		10,677		18,543
Total Funds Employed		73,667		71,095

2022-23

Treasurer's Annual Report

The accounts for the financial year ending on 31 May 2023 shows an overall deficit of £3,572 compared to a deficit of £1,867 in the year ending 31 May 2022 and a surplus of £30,083 the previous year ending May 2021. The main reason for this continuing deficit is the reduced usage of the hall for all uses following the lifting of COVID restrictions.

Prior to 2021 we had 15 regular sessions in the hall and numerous parties and functions nearly every weekend. We are now down to 9 sessions per week and reducing numbers of parties.

Therefore, the support of the of NCCs Small Business Grant Support received during COVID is now being used to support the increasing operating deficit. At the current rate this unrestricted support is likely to be exhausted over the coming years. In line with Charity Commission Guidance and the Association's constitution, an independent examination has been completed on the accounts and no specific items were identified as needing particular attention to explain them.

Total income for the year was £33,513 was at was significantly higher than the previous year's income of £19,487, while expenditure has increased to £37,085 compared with £21,354 previously. The movements in income & expenditure result from the timing of expenditure on projects for which the grants were received in different accounting periods and varying maintenance costs resulting from the County Council requiring the Association to meet the maintenance costs for the structure of the hall. Non COVID Grants are identified under Restricted Funds and as noted below, are still substantial this year, but need to be expended fully.

The restricted fund income and expenditure for 2022/23 were £21,500 and £22,621 respectively. This leaves an operating income of £12,013 compared with operating expenditure of £14,464- hence the increased deficit on the year.

The balance sheet for 2022-23 shows total retained funds of £71,095 as of 31 May 2023, compared to £73,667 in 2022 and £75,533 in the previous year. This can be further analysed into unrestricted or operational funds and restricted or project funds. Grants received for projects must be spent for the purpose for which they were given or otherwise returned and are hence restricted.

One Off events
Summer Fair
Jubilee Picnic
Coronation

support from NCC, Seaton Valley Council, Ted Weekes
Fund

Food Hub and Hope
Lottery
Scotmid (L&D)
Rothley Trust
Community Chest

There are also restricted funds held to support New Hartley Post Office operations and improvements generated from occasional surpluses over the years

The restricted funds balance has decreased slightly from £17,393 to £16,072, principally to support the Food Pantry and HOPE activities, mainly food and kitchen utensils but also including provision of major items that benefit hall users generally – new tables and fridges/dishwasher. This is a combination of drawdown on previous year grants together with receipt of new applications to continue these activities. The COVID 19 grants received are not included in restricted funds as they are general support for operating expenditure.

In line with good financial management, an Operating Reserve has been set at 50% of current expenditure. This would allow sufficient funds to meet expenditure obligations for 6 months without any income. This level will be reviewed throughout the coming year as expenditure levels are confirmed.

This leaves unrestricted funds of £36,480 for general use which is considered enough to provide cover for the coming year when the Association is expected to again make an operating deficit if the use of the hall continues with a reduction in the regular income due to limited use.

The management committee and Trustees have considered raising the hire charges for use of the hall from £12 to £15 per hour to try and offset this continuing deficit.

In the longer term, however, the Association must break even or make an operational surplus on a regular basis to continue its activities. The overall financial position will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis and further Grant funding opportunities explored in order to improve the building and maintain it as a valued facility for the community. These will be progressed once the long-term lease for the hall has been secured with Northumberland County Council.

John Barrell
October 2023

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NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

CHAIRS REPORT

As I end my fifth year as Chair of New Hartley Community Association, I would like to say how enjoyable I have found it. This is due to the support and hard work of the committee members whose dedication has made it possible for the Memorial Hall to function once more despite the temporary shutting down of the hall's activities due to COVID19. This virus has had a devastating impact on us all and has imposed heartbreaking restrictions on our lives. It has been brilliant to eventually see the usual events re-start in our hall and new activities begin. Our new activities include the Women's Institute, Walking Club, Craft Group (all of which are on-going) and one-off sessions such as Defibrillator Training Course, Drowning Prevention and MacMillan Coffee Morning.

In order to help our local community during this very difficult year we started running a Food Pantry in conjunction with Fare Share. In order to do this safely our volunteers have achieved passes in Level 2 (and some Level 3) Food Hygiene Safety Courses. These qualifications also allowed us to provide packed lunches in the school holidays for children funded by Seaton Valley Council while working with Active Northumberland for exercise, fitness and fun, and in the future will allow us to provide lunches in the hall, re-instate Afternoon Teas and create a drop-in café. The kitchen is a great asset and we have up-graded it and re-arranged it to create more space and to make food preparation, cooking and storage efficient and safe. We are very grateful for the support received from CVABV, grants from the National Lottery, vouchers from Lakes & Dales and a donation from Barratt Developments.

We hope to be continuing our links with New Hartley First School through the memorial garden planting and holding special school assemblies in our hall, and also maintaining our links with the church. Currently members of St Michael's Church are using the hall on Thursday mornings for their drop-in club until COVID19 numbers are sufficiently low for them to revert to their smaller church hall.

The Association continued to work closely with Seaton Valley Council and Northumberland County Council with organised litter picks and addressing village issues such as car parking, road markings, overgrown hedges and street lighting. Also, together, we combine the Christmas Fair with the switch on of the Christmas lights and Carol Service around the tree which is organized by Seaton Valley, and we are working together to create a Community Garden on a piece of land near the allotments behind the memorial hall where residents can grow fruit /veg and reap the rewards at their leisure. A new bus shelter has been built outside of the post office and a new picnic bench has been installed within Hastings Gardens play area.

CVABV are providing funding opportunities to help community hubs to get back onto their feet after the COVID lockdown. This assistance will help us to achieve the 'future proofing' of the Memorial Hall for all groups. We have been in discussion and hope to take advantage of this to acquire more storage space, replace our old heavy tables with lighter ones, purchase a new dishwasher, upgrade the toilets etc.

Our new village 'Café and Post Office' is continuing to prove very successful. Throughout the COVID19 lockdown the Post Office has been doing very well. The large amount of online buying has resulted in many more deliveries. Due to this up-turn it was decided to open the Post Office on Friday afternoons bringing it in line with the other weekdays. Due to the PO thriving so well, surplus money at the end of the year may be used to upgrade the door and doorstep into the Post Office.

As usual, New Hartley 'In Bloom' team was successful in the Seaton Valley Garden Competition, picking up numerous awards. A big thank you to the volunteers who give up their spare time to look after the barrels and Memorial Garden. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers who look after our Nature Reserve and keep it clean, safe and protect the environment. The village would not look half as beautiful without you!

One of our committee members, a very significant member, has decided to retire from the committee this year. Barbara Burt has given a lifetime of service to the Community Association, and to the village. She has been Vice-Chair and a stalwart of the committee. We wish Barbara well and hope to continue to see her at events. She will be hugely missed. On the other hand, I am pleased to say that we have welcomed a number of new members onto the committee this year. It is always good to have more willing hands and fresh ideas.

Finally, I can't praise enough the dedication and hard work of the committee members who give their free time to make sure the running of the Hall goes smoothly, especially in these difficult times. I thank you all.

Karen Collier
Chair
New Hartley Community Association
October 2021.

2021-21

Treasurer's Annual Report

The accounts for the financial year ending on 31 May 2021 shows an overall surplus of £30,083 compared to a surplus of £7,705 the previous year. Despite the Hall being closed for most of the year due to the mandatory COVID restrictions, we have been fortunate in being able to take advantage of NCCs Small Business Grant Support. In line with Charity Commission Guidance and the Association's constitution, an independent examination has been completed on the accounts and no specific items were identified as needing particular attention to explain them.

Income for the year at £43,271 was significantly higher than the previous year income of £23,553, while expenditure has decreased to £13,189 compared with £15,848 previously. The movements in income & expenditure result from the timing of expenditure on projects for which the grants were received in different accounting periods and varying maintenance costs resulting from the County Council requiring the Association to meet the maintenance costs for the structure of the hall. This movement has been minimal this year. No grants were sought for the Annual Fair for instance.

Operating expenditure has again been reduced – primarily for limited cleaning, repairs and equipment costs. Even with this reduced budgeting, an overall deficit of £10,959 would have resulted without the COVID 19 Small Business Support Grant awards throughout the year. The surplus generated through these awards will be used during the current year to offset limited income from returning Hall use. For the first quarter of 2020-21 general income was roughly 50% of recorded expenditure. This is slowly improving but is still unlikely to generate a surplus by May 2022.

The balance sheet for 2020-21 shows total retained funds of £75,533 as of 31 May 2020. This can be further analysed into unrestricted or operational funds and restricted or project funds. Grants received for projects must be spent for the purpose for which they were given or otherwise returned and are hence restricted.

The restricted funds balance has increased to £18,209, principally to support the Food Pantry and HOPE activities. The COVID 19 grant is not included in restricted funds as it is general support for operating expenditure.

In line with good financial management, an Operating Reserve has been set at 50% of current expenditure. This would allow sufficient funds to meet expenditure obligations for 6 months without any income. This level will be reviewed throughout the coming year as expenditure levels are confirmed.

This leaves unrestricted funds of £50,730 for general use and is considered enough to provide cover for the coming year when the Association is expected to again make an operating deficit if the use of the hall continues with a reduction in the regular income due to limited use.

In the longer term, however, the Association has to break even or make an operational surplus on a regular basis to continue its activities. The overall financial position will continue to be

reviewed on a regular basis and further Grant funding opportunities explored in order to retain the building as a valued facility for the community. These will be progressed once the long-term lease for the hall has been secured with Northumberland County Council.

John Barrell

October 2021

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW HARTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st May 2021, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Association and examiner

The Association's representatives are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts
2. To ensure the accounts are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of report

My examination was carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the preparation of accounts. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association 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 representatives of the Association, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 16th September 2021

New Hartley Community Association
Income & Expenditure Account

INCOME	Year Ended 31-May-21		Year Ended 31-May-20	
	£	£	£	£
Youth & Kids Club	60		340	
Dancing	240		0	
Lunch Club	0		80	
Mother & Toddler	0		795	
Dog Training	0		722	
Exercise	622		1,518	
Misc Income	40		746	
Dancing School	0		36	
Marching Band	0		0	
Functions	820		2,887	
Grants & Donations	41,042		10,000	
Interest Received	35		74	
Carpet Bowls	100		100	
Karate	276		1,095	
Meetings & Parties	36		1,193	
Photocopier, Ads etc	0		0	
IT Suite	0		3,968	
Total Income		43,271		23,553
GROSS SURPLUS		43,271		23,553
EXPENDITURE				
Water Charges	911		1,025	
Lunch Club	0		1	
Postage & Telephone Charges	450		719	
Cleaning	4,195		3,937	
Gas & Electric	2,223		3,045	
Equipment & Stationery	0		183	
Printing Newsletters	12		215	
Repairs	215		428	
Hall Expenses	600		1,221	
Functions	296		3,891	
Licences	0		173	
Food Hub	1,310			
Refurb costs	2,731			
Audit & Accountancy	126		126	
Insurance	120		884	
Total Expenditure		13,188		15,848
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		13,188		15,848
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		30,083		7,706
I&E Account B/Forward		45,450		37,744
I&E ACCOUNT		75,533		45,450