

BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 506856

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1977-10-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Byrness Village
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Activities

Objects: (1) THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF ROCHESTER WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.(2) THE LAND IDENTIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THIS SCHEME MUST BE RETAINED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR USE FOR THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY.

Activities: Byrness village hall provides recreation facilities for people in the area. There are weekly craft groups of card making and patchwork/quilting. Throughout the year there are social events for both children and adults eg halloween party, new years eve. The hall is also available for hire by private groups and is used by the parish council, whist groups , church groups etc.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF ROCHESTER
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,376	£2,208	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,295	£122,140	-	-
2023-03-31	£61,362	£1,756	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,163	£1,755	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,962	£898	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA SUNLEY		2017-06-07
Joan Oliver		
PETER SOFTLEY		2017-06-07
Susan Chapman		2019-06-13

BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number 506856

Charity's principal address
 Otterburn Green
 Byrness
 Newcastle upon Tyne
 NE19 1TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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2	Joan Oliver			
3	Caroline Richardson		01/04/24 - 05/08/24	
4	Barbara Sunley			Craft Group
5	Peter Softley			Rochester Parish Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The hall is sufficiently insured to a surveyed re-build valuation and which provides adequate third-party liability cover.

All necessary safety tests including annual PAT testing, 5-year electrical safety tests, and fire appliance maintenance are conducted and acted upon.

A periodic fire safety inspection of the building and policies took place in March with no concerns raised.

Policies relating to management and use of the hall continue to be developed with close cooperation with Community Action for Northumberland, ACRE's local representative, and include policies for:

Fire Risk Assessment,
Fire Safety,
Health and Safety Risk Assessment,
Equality and Diversity,
Safeguarding,
Finance,
Reserves
Risk Management

The following policies are being prepared for adoption:

Trustee Expenses
Conflicts of interest
Serious incident reporting

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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The trustees would like to thank the work and support from Caroline Richardson who stepped down in August 2024 to concentrate on her community support and care for her family.

During the year volunteers have helped with repairs to the gutters following heavy snowfall, and the application of preservative on the external wood cladding.

We also thank all our volunteers for their generous help with maintenance and upkeep, support for all our activities, and in helping us meet our charitable objectives.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the refurbishment of the hall, completed last year, the trustees have continued to work towards reducing reliance on mains electricity to further future proof the village hall for the next generation of users.

The next stage will help to reduce the cost of electricity by the installation of a roof-mounted solar panels and battery storage system. We have embarked on fundraising for this project and plan to implement this during year 2025-26. By the end of this year, we had received funding from Northern PowerGrid's Foundation fund and Northumberland County Council's Community Fund.

Our planned final stage is the installation of a stand-alone generator to provide independence from the electricity grid during extended periods of power outage. This will enable the hall to support the community and provide an emergency centre during adverse weather conditions.

The hall has hosted:

- Regular use by the Craft Group
- Wreath making course
- Spring fair
- Christmas fair
- Christmas Carols
- Sewing machine repair and maintenance sessions
- Local parents have used the hall for children's events.
- The hall is used for regular meetings by
 - a) Rochester with Byrness Parish Council
 - b) Horsley Parochial Church Council (St Francis)
 - c) The Village Hall management committee
 - d) Forestry England
 - e) Various training classes organised by a number of local organisations
- Various groups and activities attract visitors resident outside the area of benefit including Elsdon and Otterburn parishes. Given the proximity of the village to the border (16 miles), we also have visitors attending from Scotland.
- Hall used by Northern PowerGrid micro-resilience team for presentations to residents
- Hall used by local resident as a venue for training attendees in forestry techniques and safety
- Hall is used by the Montane Spine Race safety team during their winter and summer endurance events
- Occasional use is made of the hall for private parties
- Polling station
- Northumberland National Park Dark Sky project is in the process of installing photometers on the village hall to measure the 'darkness' of the Dark Sky over a period. The equipment will have the capability to record bird song and interpret the species. The Park's website will include this data showing the public the variety of birds detected.

The Spine Race safety team's usage of the hall is on a 24-hour multi-consecutive day basis for the time when competitors pass through the area. Their summer and winter Spine Race events that pass close to and through the village make use of the village hall for support, safety, and registration purposes. We take great care to ensure that these bookings do not interfere with charitable use of the hall. Income from these events each year is a significant boost to the charity and goes a long way to help trustees meet their obligation of making the hall available to the charity's beneficiaries.

To maintain flexibility in attracting users to the Hall, the Charity holds a Premise Licence (non-alcoholic) and a licence from the Performing Rights Society.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the reporting period unrestricted funds were £4,086. Annual expenditure of the charity is currently £2,208 and the trustees intend to reserve £2,000 to cover current approximate annual costs. Income streams from the Spine Race and possible excess energy sale to the 'grid' will be important in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

Hire of the hall is our main source of income with a smaller amount of general fundraising. We hope to increase general fundraising activities over the coming years to reduce dependence on a single activity. The installation of pv panels and battery storage systems should reduce electricity costs and restricted funding for this project held at the bank is £22,500. Additional fundraising for this project will hopefully achieve our target of £25,000.

Section F

Other optional information



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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PETER SOFTLEY	SUSAN CHAPMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	10/11/25	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

506856

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**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:

[Signature]

Date:

06.11.2025

Name:

MICHAEL NIXON

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

Minister of Religion

Address:

South Gatehouse, Tia Act
Hexham
NE48 1NB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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BYRNES VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No. 506856

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from 01/04/24 to 31/03/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2024/25	Total funds 2023/24
Receipts					
Hall Hire	2,549	-	-	2,549	1,064
Fundraising	277	-	-	277	220
Donations	50	-	-	50	-
Misc	-	-	-	-	11
PV & Battery Fund	-	22,500	-	22,500	1,000
Sub total (Gross income for	2,876	22,500	-	25,376	2,295
Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,876	22,500	-	25,376	2,295
Payments					
Heat & Light	697	-	-	697	682
Water Rates	280	-	-	280	269
General Admin	80	-	-	80	-
Safety Tests	77	-	-	77	57
Insurance	754	-	-	754	688
Licenses	-	-	-	-	155
Repairs & Maintenance	320	-	-	320	-
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Refurbishment Fund	-	-	-	-	120,290
PV panels & battery storage	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,208	-	-	2,208	122,140
Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,208	-	-	2,208	122,140
Net of receipts less payments	668	22,500	-	23,168	(119,844)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,419	-	-	3,419	123,263
Cash funds this year end	4,086	22,500	-	26,586	3,419

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Cash funds				
	Bank current account at y/e	4,086	22,500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,086	22,500	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current Value (optional)
Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current Value (optional)
Assets retained for charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Liabilities				
	PPL/PRS license	Unrestricted	160	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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England & Wales - Charity number 506856

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	04	2022	To	31	03	2023

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BYRNNESS VILLAGE HALL

Other names charity is known by

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Section C

Objectives and activities

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with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

The area of benefit is the parish of Rochester with Byrness.

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

The trustees ensure that the hall remains available for the beneficiaries and encourages its use for hire by local people and organisations whose activities meet the object of the charity.

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Members of the community assist trustees in small maintenance tasks, keeping the hall safe and running fundraising activities.

We thank all our volunteers for their generous help in meeting our charitable objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year the hall has hosted:

- Regular use by both the Craft Group and Exercise classes.
- Local parents have used the hall for children's events.
- The hall is used for regular meetings by
 - a) Rochester Byrness Parish Council
 - b) Horsley Parochial Church Council (St Francis)
 - c) The Byrness Village Hall management committee
 - d) Forestry England
- The local church of St Francis has hosted musical events using the hall as a venue.
- Local residents and visitors have used the hall and surrounding land for quoits competitions
- Childrens' drama group using the hall for Christmas play rehearsals and subsequent production
- Hall used by NorthernPowergrid micro-resilience team for presentations to residents
- Hall used by local resident as a venue for training attendees in forestry techniques and safety
- Occasional use is made of the hall for private parties.

To maintain flexibility in attracting users to the Hall, the Charity holds a Premise Licence (non-alcoholic) and a licence from the Performing Rights Society.

The hall refurbishment project remains our top priority and much hard work in finding a contractor continued from last year.

From an initial objective of improving the main hall and installing renewable heating we reviewed options and chose a complete internal refurbishment and replacement of the felt covering on the roof with composite tiles. By the start of August, we'd had several responses from potential contractors, although prices following Government changes substantially increased. Our main funder, The National Lottery Community Fund, offered a further grant.

At the end of the year we appointed a main contractor with work scheduled to begin by May 2024.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the reporting period, unrestricted funds were £31,107 which included £27,669 covid grants designated for use with restricted funds of £92,156 for the refurbishment project. Annual expenditure of the charity is £1,756 and the trustees intend to reserve £2,000 to cover current annual costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	P Softley	S Chapman
	Full name(s)	PETER SOFTLEY	SUSAN CHAPMAN
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
	Date	01/10/24	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 19/08/24

Name: M. NIXON

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

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2022/23	Total funds 2021/22
Receipts					
Hall Hire	599	-	-	599	540
Fundraising - Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising - other	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	510	-	-	510	570
Electricity Meters	76	-	-	76	40
Covid Grants	-	-	-	-	8,000
Hall Refurbishment Fund	-	60,000	-	60,000	30,013
Misc	178	-	-	178	-
Total receipts	1,362	60,000	-	61,362	39,163
Payments					
Heat & Light	334	-	-	334	334
Water Rates	188	-	-	188	149
General Admin	175	-	-	175	383
Safety Tests	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	653	-	-	653	636
Licenses	271	-	-	271	84
Repairs & Maintenance	135	-	-	135	40
Misc	-	-	-	-	128
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,756	-	-	1,756	1,755
Total receipts less payments	(394)	60,000	-	59,606	37,408
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	31,501	32,156	-	63,656	26,249
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Receipts waiting clearing	-	-	-	-	-
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A combination of the impact of last year's Covid pandemic and a failing heating system left its mark, and we started the year with a significant fall in usage.

We recognised that usage of the hall needs to be improved and one of the most significant factors is the expense associated with heating during the extensive winter period. Due to its location and at an elevation of approx. 750ft, cold weather often prevents use of the hall.

A project has been started which will insulate the main hall and replace the overhead heaters with a renewable energy heat-source. Significant costs will be incurred, and funding applications have commenced. In January 2020, with support and guidance from Community Action Northumberland, we approached the National Lottery and were awarded a grant of £30,013 to upgrade the heating system and insulate the main hall. Northumberland County Council's Community Chest fund awarded £2,143 towards the project.

Covid prevented progress of the planned upgrade and during the early part of 2021 following return to normal conditions, availability and high cost of trades and materials meant we were unable to find contractors willing to take on the work and provide quotes.

An application to a potential funder needed clarification of our land registry entry which necessitated the services of a solicitor to resolve, delaying progress on the project. CAN and ACRE provided us with invaluable support during this process.

In August a contractor for the refurbishment was appointed. The start of work was delayed due to covid related illness. Several subsequent start dates were delayed, and the contractor eventually ceased trading in March 2022 before work had started.

Searching for a contractor was still in progress by end of the reporting period.

Delays associated with the refurbishment project have resulted in £32,156 being retained. These delays have been communicated to respective funders.

During the year the hall has hosted:

- Regular use by both the Craft Group and Exercise classes.
- Local parents have used the hall for children's events.
- The hall is used for regular meetings by
 - a) Rochester Byrness Parish Council
 - b) Horsley Parochial Church Council (St Francis)
 - c) The Byrness Village Hall management committee
 - d) Forestry England
- The local church of St Francis has hosted musical events using the hall as a venue.

- The hall is used by the County Council for the purpose of informing residents of developments improving access to services.
- The local Elections Officer makes use of the hall as a polling station.
- Occasional use is made of the hall for private parties.

To maintain flexibility in attracting users to the Hall, the Charity holds a Premise Licence (non-alcoholic) and a licence from the Performing Rights Society.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the reporting period, unrestricted funds were £31,501 which included £27,669 covid grants. Annual expenditure of the charity is £1,755 and the trustees intend to reserve £2,000 to cover current annual costs. The remainder of the covid grants will be held as designated funds for use in the refurbishment project.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P Softley	S Chapman
Full name(s)	PETER SOFTLEY	SUSAN CHAPMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	01/10/24	



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

506856

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

M. Nixon

Date:

18/08/24

Name:

M. NIXON

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

DipIm (Dunelm) Minister of Religion

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A.

BYRNESS VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No. 506856

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from 01/04/21 to 31/03/22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
Receipts					
Hall Hire	540	-	-	540	-
Fundraising - Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising - other	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	570	-	-	570	1,150
Electricity Meters	40	-	-	40	-
Covid Grants	8,000	-	-	8,000	19,669
Hall Refurbishment Fund	-	30,013	-	30,013	2,143
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,150	30,013	-	39,163	22,962
Payments					
Heat & Light	334	-	-	334	158
Water Rates	149	-	-	149	103
General Admin	418	-	-	418	-
Safety Tests	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	636	-	-	636	602
Licenses	49	-	-	49	35
Repairs & Maintenance	40	-	-	40	-
Misc	128	-	-	128	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,755	-	-	1,755	898
Total receipts less payments	7,395	30,013	-	37,408	22,064
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	24,106	2,143	-	26,249	4,185
Cash funds this year end	31,501	32,156	-	63,656	26,249

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2021/22	Total funds 2020/21
Cash funds					
Bank current account at y/e	31,501	32,156	-	63,656	26,249
Receipts waiting clearing	-	-	-	-	-
Payments waiting clearing	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	31,501	32,156	-	63,656	26,249