

# HEPPLE VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 507613

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1978-06-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF HEPPLER AND DISTRICT 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.

**Activities:** Provision of Village Hall for use by the local community

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF HEPPLER AND DISTRICT
- Northumberland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,613	£74,628	-	-
2024-03-31	£11,700	£3,160	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,740	£12,424	-	-
2022-03-31	£13,424	£6,892	-	-
2021-03-31	£100,421	£80,968	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carole Bell		2019-08-15
Charlotte Boxall		2019-08-15
Christine Wilson		2019-08-15
Jennifer Joyce Bates		2025-05-28
Michael Bell		2019-08-15
Stephen Kerry		2025-05-28
Stewart Whitfield		2019-08-15
William Hamish Masterton		2025-06-10

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# Accounts

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## **Hepple Village Hall**

**Charity Number 507613**

**Trustees Annual Report**

**01/4/2024 – 31/3/2025**

- Hepple Village Hall, Hepple, Morpeth, Northumberland. NE65 7LH. We are based in a small rural farming community. Our trustees are all local people who are passionate about maintaining our Village Hall which is an important hub of the village, providing a space for socializing and activities.
- During the above dates we had 7 trustees as follows;- Christine Wilson (chair& treasurer), Charlotte Boxall (vice chair), Carole Bell (Secretary), Stewart Whitfield, Jack Hasson, Michael Bell, Annette Liechti (aka Evans). At our AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Jack Hasson and Annette Liechti (aka Evans) resigned and were replaced by Jennifer Bates and Steven Kerry.
- The building was built around 1872 as a school and the school closed in 1969. The building has been modernised and used as a village hall since then. However the toilet facilities were very basic with difficult access. The ladies toilet was housed in a cold timber clad lean to extension accessed by a narrow passageway, not wide enough for wheelchair access. The gents toilet was in a stone outbuilding reached by going outside across the yard, which was part of the original toilet for the school. Feedback from the community was that the toilets were cold and inadequate.

- Our main objective for the year after securing funding from various sources and £40,000 from The National Lottery to build an extension on the side of the building with 2 new accessible toilets, and a much needed room for storage. The trustees felt the hall required accessible toilet facilities that comply with current standards. This would provide comfort, convenience and a warm and more inviting space for the benefit of the community.
- We have regular hirers of the hall providing varied activities for the community and by improving the facilities the number of hirers will increase for private functions and events.
- We managed to complete the extension project within budget of £76,800. There will be £3,750 expenditure to show in the 2025/26 annual return as this was paid out after our 2025 year end. The current account is in a healthy position of £14,573 to cover our everyday expenses. The income from our regular hirers will support our running costs. We are holding £15,054 in our reserves to cover any unexpected emergencies.

On behalf of the trustees

Christine Wilson  
( Hepple Village Hall Treasurer)  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**Hepple Village Hall**  
**Registered Charity Number 507613**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year to 31/03/2025**

**Year to 31/03/2024**

Income	£	Income	£
Hire of Hall	1,971	Hire of Hall	2,058
Events	226	Events	368
Donations	83	Donations	-
<b>Total Normal Income</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>Total Normal Income</b>	<b>2,426</b>
Project Grants	40,000	Project Grants	8,000
<i>National Lottery</i>		<i>Community Chest - £5000</i>	
		<i>The Joicey Trust - £3000</i>	
Heritage Grant	-	Heritage Grant	-
Energy Grant	-	Energy Grant	900
Interest	333	Interest	374
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,613</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,700</b>

Expenditure		Expenditure	
Heat & Light	757	Heat & Light	1,144
Water Rates	400	Water Rates	369
Cleaning Materials, etc	-	Cleaning Materials, etc	-
Printing and Stationery	-	Printing and Stationery	-
Repairs	-	Repairs	442
Insurance	643	Insurance	483
Miscellaneous	-	Miscellaneous	41
Membership fee	10	Membership fee	10
Training Courses	-	Training Courses	18
Service	77	Service	653
<b>Total Normal Expenditure</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>Total Normal Expenditure</b>	<b>3,160</b>
Project Expenditure	72,741	Project Expenditure	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>74,628</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,160</b>

<b>Surplus this year</b>	<b>-32,015</b>	<b>Surplus this year</b>	8,540
<b>Surplus brought forward</b>	61,642	<b>Surplus brought forward</b>	53,102
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>29,627</b>	<b>Total surplus</b>	61,642
<b>Represented by:-</b>		<b>Represented by:-</b>	
<b>Current Account</b>	14,573	<b>Current Account</b>	26,147
<b>Deposit Account</b>	15,054	<b>Deposit Account</b>	35,495
<b>Funds Available at Year End</b>	<b>29,627</b>	<b>Funds Available at Year End</b>	61,642

Signed by the acting treasurer  
on behalf of  
Hepple Village Hall Committee

*C. Wilson*

Christine Wilson  
09/04/2025

Hepple Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 507613

Income and Expenditure Accounts Year to 31/03/2025

Independent Verification Mr. W.H.Masterton

All records checked and found in order.

Date: 15 / 5 / 2025

Signed: 

**HEPPLE VILLAGE HALL**

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# Accounts

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**Hepple Village Hall** (Registered Charity No. 507613)

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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## **Hepple Village Hall** (Registered Charity No. 507613)

### **Annual Report for Year Ending 31/03/2021**

#### **Object of the charity**

The provision and maintenance of the Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Hepple Parish and neighbouring villages without distinction of religious, political or other opinions including use for social activities, sports, meetings and classes and other leisure time activities with the object of providing a facility within the parish to contribute to the pleasure and wellbeing of the community.

#### **Trustees of the Village Hall**

As of 31/03/2021 the trustees were:

Brendan Buckley Chairman  
Christine Wilson Vice Chairwoman  
Peter Bates Treasurer  
Carole Bell Secretary

Other members: Jenny Bates, Michael Bell, Charlotte Boxall, Jack Hasson, Lizzie Honey, Christian Trinder, Anne Whitfield, Stewart Whitfield.

#### **Deed of Trust**

The original Lease and deed of Trust were agreed in December 1977. At the time of writing agreement in principle has been reached for a new lease to be drawn up incorporating the trust deed.

#### **Governance**

The charity is governed by the trustees who are elected annually by residents of Hepple parish at the AGM and by trustees who represent regular user groups. The trustees meet regularly, usually monthly. The full committee will on occasion appoint a subcommittee to pursue specific projects. Said subcommittees will report back to the main committee on a regular basis.

#### **Finance**

Details of the financial activities are available in the attached accounts.

The trustees embarked on a campaign to raise funds to achieve two major aims. To renew the roof of the hall and to replace the toilets, which fall below what would be deemed to be acceptable, so that the hall provides a comfortable and pleasing environment. The income and expenditure relating to the first of these can be seen in the accounts, the second objective is yet to be achieved.

#### **Review of the year's activities.**

The use of the hall has been limited due to the effects of Covid. The trustees adhered to the rules relating to the pandemic which meant that for a majority of the year there was no activity within the hall. During this time the trustees continued to meet using Zoom to further the projects previously identified. They also agreed to look into improving the heating and to address the need to replace the large east window, the frames of which continue to deteriorate.

Although the Hall could not be used for social activities one trustee, Lizzie Honey, set up a fruit and vegetable ordering service for local residents. This resulted in between 35 and 40 orders a week being packed and delivered by Lizzie Honey aided by Charlotte Boxall, Jenny Bates and Luisa Trinder.

The hall has entered into the Warm Hub initiative which, it is hoped, will increase the profile of the Village Hall as a community centre open to all, offering regular coffee mornings, afternoon teas and an occasional lunch club. These plans are unfortunately on hold for the duration of the pandemic and its associated regulations.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Hepple Village Hall

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

507613

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

**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:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

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

**Address:**

**Hepple Village Hall**  
Registered Charity Number 507613

Income and Expenditure Account (unaudited)

Year to 31/03/2021

Year to 31/03/2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total		
Income	£	£	£	Income	£
Hire of Hall	555		555	Hire of Hall	2,003
Donations	30		30		30
Coronavirus Grants	19,669		19,669		
Renovation Grants		78,420	78,420	Renovation Grants	2,500
Renovation Fund Raising Events			0	Renovation Fund Raising Events	779
Renovation Donations		1,745	1,745	Renovation Donations	5,993
<b>Renovation Income</b>			<b>80,165</b>	<b>Renovation Income</b>	<b>9,272</b>
Interest	1		1	Interest	3
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,256</b>	<b>80,165</b>	<b>100,421</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,308</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Heat & Light	338		338	Heat & Light	313
Water Rates	274		274	Water Rates	302
Cleaning Materials etc	45		45	Cleaning Materials etc	59
Cleaning (Wages)			0	Cleaning (Wages)	50
Printing & Stationery	14		14		0
Repairs	808		808	Repairs	1,231
Insurance	413		413	Insurance	409
Miscellaneous	130		130	Miscellaneous	45
<b>Normal Expenditure</b>	<b>2,023</b>		<b>2,023</b>	<b>Normal Expenditure</b>	<b>2,408</b>
Renovation Project Expenditure		78,945	78,945	Renovation Project Expenditure	2,690
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>78,945</b>	<b>80,968</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,098</b>
<b>Surplus this year</b>	<b>18,233</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>19,453</b>	<b>Surplus this year</b>	<b>6,210</b>
Surplus b/f	13,219	6,582	19,801	Surplus b/f	13,592
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>31,452</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>39,254</b>	<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>19,801</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
Current Account	26,347	7,802	34,149	Current Account	14,697
Deposit account	5,105	0	5,105	Deposit account	5,104
<b>Funds Available at year end</b>	<b>31,452</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>39,254</b>	<b>Funds Available at year end</b>	<b>19,801</b>

Signed by Treasurer on  
behalf of Hepple Village Hall Committee

P G Bates

P. G. Bates  
27/01/22