

Jessie Hughes Institute
Registered charity number: 510073

“The Jessie Hughes Village Hall”

Trustees’ annual report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

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Legal and administrative information

Committee of Management

(also Charity Trustees)

Peter Holloway (Chair)
David Bailey (Treasurer)
Steve Wright (Secretary)
Jan Freeman
John Freeman
Pam Holloway
Helen Hutchinson
Michael Hutchinson
Nick Parker
Wendy Parker
Bert Platt
Brian Purchas

Registered charity name

Jessie Hughes Institute

Registered charity number

510073

Village hall address

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Trustees' report

The Committee of Management ("the Committee") presents its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Committee has elected to prepare the financial statements using the receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of The Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are the provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the Parish of Rushton in Cheshire 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.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was established under a lease and trust deed dated 10 October 1975, which constitutes the Charity's governing document. The lease was transferred to the Official Custodian for Charities during the year.

All Committee members must resign annually but may offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting; officers are appointed at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

The members of the Committee are charity trustees and as such are responsible for the governance of the charity and village hall.

The following were members of the Committee during the year:

David Bailey
Jan Freeman
John Freeman
Pam Holloway
Peter Holloway
Helen Hutchinson
Michael Hutchinson
Nick Parker
Wendy Parker
Bert Platt
Brian Purchas
Steve Wright

Achievements, performance and financial review

Hall maintenance and reserve funds

The Committee seeks to maintain the hall to a very high standard of repair and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. To this end we consider it essential that the charity build up sufficient reserves to not only fund routine maintenance works, but also any necessary improvements or unforeseen expenditure, which may arise from time to time.

Financial overview

The receipts and payments account on page 8 show gross receipts for the year from hall hire and fundraisers of £24,948 (2022: £22,486). Unrestricted funds held at the bank at the year-end amounted to £75,089 (2022: £64,574).

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LED lighting

The replacement of the 42 fluorescent tubes in the main hall and 5 exterior sodium lamps with LED tubes and bulbs was completed on 11 January 2023. The new heat pumps were installed just before the start of the year and their effectiveness has been closely monitored; the energy savings from these changes is considerable. The Committee thanks Brian Purchase for all his work in sourcing and installing this new equipment.

Solar

The battery, a key part of the solar roof panel project, was successfully installed. This was funded by a mix of Spacehive crowd-funding and grants from CWAC. Thanks to Mike Tough and Brian Purchas for all their work on this project. Work has continued with obtaining the appropriate "smart" meter and preparing for excess power to be exported to the Grid.

Dedication of Platinum Jubilee Stained-glass panels and HM Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Garden

A major event for the hall in 2023 was the installation of stained glass panels in the windows at the front of the hall celebrating our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the creation of a small rose garden in front of the hall with a memorial stone commemorating the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II. About 55 guests and villagers attended the dedication of the Jubilee stained-glass panels and memorial rose garden on 29 September. The evening started with a short presentation of images from the jubilee year celebrations in Eaton compiled by Mike Wilson and many thanks to him for putting this together. Jan Freeman spoke about the work of the Jubilee sub-committee and Gill Ellison gave a talk about the design and making of the stained glass. The committee is immensely grateful to Gill for the huge amount of work she put into the project and the children of Eaton Primary School for their work on the wonderful designs.

The dedication itself was by the Rector of Tarporley, the Reverend Jim Bridgman. The lights were then switched on behind the stained-glass panels. Everyone then returned to the hall for an excellent buffet and many thanks to all who prepared and served this. Thanks to Brian Purchas for hanging and illuminating the panels.

This event marked the end of the work of the Platinum Jubilee sub-committee, and we record our thanks to Jan Freeman for heading this up and for all the work she and other sub-committee members did to make the Jubilee commemorations so successful.

Village hall usage and events

We continue to be grateful to our regular hall users who run courses and activities for the benefit of the wider community. We appreciate their support of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and are confident this will continue through 2024 and beyond.

Throughout the winter the monthly village Quiz and Film Nights remain key social events in the village and have again been well attended. An historic event hosted by the hall in 2023 was the live streaming of the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May and also the Coronation concert the following day. Both were well attended. The Committee thanks Mike Wilson for organising the technical aspects over that weekend. A supper with singalong to the film *Oliver* organised by Mike and Mary Wilson was held in the hall in December and was a huge success.

The Committee

The Committee, which continues to work well, would like to thank all who have played a part in ensuring the hall remains welcoming and available to the community. We are confident this support will continue into 2024 and beyond and welcome anyone interested in joining the Committee or who would like to help with individual events.

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The Committee (continued)

Finally, we wish to express our thanks to John Freeman. John stood down as Chairman on 1 August after four years as Chairman. He oversaw several major projects at the hall, including the application of solar panels to the roof, plus associated battery, and also the installation of heat pumps and LED lighting. John was in the hot seat during the extremely difficult period of the Covid epidemic, which called for some difficult decisions to be made. The Committee has hugely appreciated John's encouragement, leadership, and motivation. John has kindly agreed to remain on the Jessie Hughes Committee so we will continue to benefit from his knowledge and expertise. Approved by the Committee on 30 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Peter Holloway
Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of the Jessie Hughes Institute (charity number 510073) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

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 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



Mr. J. A. Morris
30 April 2024

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Receipts and payments account

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Receipts		
Hire of hall - regular users	17,001	16,344
Hire of hall - other users	1,215	946
Fundraiser - quiz nights	2,343	1,178
Fundraiser - film nights	2,636	1,729
Fundraiser - tea and chat	194	198
Fundraiser - other events	1,559	2,091
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Sub-total – receipts from hall hire and fundraisers	24,948	22,486
Donations	100	100
Grants/crowdfunding	8,836	5,000
Bank interest	1,949	714
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Total receipts	35,833	28,300
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Payments		
Fundraising and sundry costs	3,165	3,059
Hall management and cleaning	5,417	4,774
Insurance	1,004	924
Electricity	547	3,705
Water	406	242
Donations	442	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,570	1,680
Telecommunications	288	173
Capital expenditure (see page 9)	10,250	33,349
Licences and subscriptions	628	266
Sundry	601	-
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Total payments	25,318	48,172
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Net receipts/(payments) for the year	10,515	(19,872)
Cash funds at 1 January 2023	64,574	84,446
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Cash funds at 31 December 2023 (see page 9)	75,089	64,574
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Unrestricted funds	75,089	64,574
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Statement of assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash funds		
Current account	6,676	13,719
Deposit accounts	67,133	47,684
Cash in hand	1,280	3,171
	<u>75,089</u>	<u>64,574</u>
Total cash funds (per receipts and payments account - page 8)	<u>75,089</u>	<u>64,574</u>

OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

Other monetary assets

Hall lettings receivable	1,832	2,514
	<u>1,832</u>	<u>2,514</u>

Liabilities

Accruals	455	1,140
	<u>455</u>	<u>1,140</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity's principal asset is the village hall building, which is held under a lease arrangement due to expire in 2074. The hall was re-built in 2008 with a storeroom extension completed in 2015 and car park improvement in 2010. Total cumulative hall construction costs, including improvements, amounted to £263,352 (2022: £263,352).

Expenditure on equipment during the year amounted to £10,250 and relates to the following items:

Energy storage system (9.2kWh)	8,655
"Jubilee" stained glass window	1,500
Credit card reader	95
	<u>10,250</u>

Approved by the Management Committee on 30 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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David Bailey FCA
Treasurer

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