

BILLINGTON AND LANGHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 510217

Details

Other names BALCA

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1990-03-09

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF BILLINGTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR 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. (2) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Activities: PROVIDING HALL/ROOM FACILITIES FOR HIRE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF BILLINGTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£62,698	£55,681	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,301	£21,144	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,109	£22,877	-	-
2021-12-31	£13,585	£17,988	-	-
2020-12-31	£23,973	£25,375	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLYN TOPHAM	Chair	
Edward Gierat		
MARLENE BICKERDIKE		
PAULINE MAURITA HARLING		

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AGM HELD 25th SEPTEMBER 2025 8pm Meeting Room

TRUSTEE REPORT Y/E 31/12/2024 BALCA

The Grant request to the Lancashire Environment Fund (LEF) was finally submitted in the early part of 2024. It involved lots of extra work, particularly as we were covering the duties of the Bookings Clerk at that point as well. Maurita Harling and myself had to obtain several quotes per job and arrange the site visits to get the quotes. It was an extremely time-consuming exercise but we were rewarded with acceptance from the LEF which made it all worthwhile!!

The total estimates came to £47,537.00 and the grant offered 80 per cent of the estimates to be paid on production of paid invoices/instalment payment invoices. The Total grant, therefore, was worth £37,230, a major boost for the facility. The work ideally had to be completed within 12 months from July 2024, and I am pleased to say we achieved this with very little disruption to our user groups.

We now have a new Conservatory/quiet room which replaces a tatty lean to shelter; a 9.6kw battery backup for 18 solar panels; a new, safe, revamped, outdoor play area, and a huge new shed to help with our storage problems. We continue to increase our user groups including two valuable dementia groups, plus a tots and mother group who all seem to love the hall. The accounts reflect the income and expenditure of the normal hall activities. The grant expenditure has been kept separately and will be partly shown in our next year's 2025 accounts when the jobs were finally finished.

We are very low on volunteers, and this is worrying, as we are an ageing committee. It is important the hall users become more involved in keeping the place tidy and clean after each use. They need to send a representative to meetings, also, and be on the What's App group or however they prefer to report problems. We do not have the turnover to pay a hall manager on the our current fees, but this would be beneficial as the workload is falling more and more on myself and Maurita which is not sustainable. We also need help for our Treasurer. However we are mindful we want the hall to be affordable to the local community.

We took free advice from a Fire Safety expert, and started to have the whole hall electrics re-assessed for an up-to-date Electric Safety Certificate. This was arranged over several months and into 2025 as it had to be done with as little disruption as possible. Stuart Tydesley is a Billington resident who did the work via his company Spot Solutions, and we are grateful for his help in keeping costs down for us as much as practical. The Electrical Report was certified by Red Rose Electrical Services Ltd of Burnley finally on 12/5/25. The Fire Safety expert advised us to wait until the Conservatory was built before doing the new FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT, which we accepted as sensible. (now done however) We need user groups involvement here please.

Our new Bookings Clerk is Tracey Hargreaves and she took over during the summer months of 2024! She is a a valuable asset to the Hall and Maurita was only to pleased to show her the system!! Thank you to anyone who helped out during the year however small, it is appreciated.

Carolyn Topham

Chairman BALCA

On behalf of Trustees.

26/9/2025

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Hall Hirings Income	25,468.75	Bookings Clerk Remuneration	2700
Absolute Football	470	Cleaners/ caretaking	4566.95
Badminton	1566	Cleaning Materials	962.39
Uniformed Groups	2904	Elec/ Scottish Power	5083.23
Cool Kidz	11660	Gas/Opus	1455.52
Crochet/Natter	280	General Maintenance	3590.15
Lancs Hindu Assoc	1263.5	Grounds Maintenance	845.04
Miscellaneous	639.5	Hall Floor Maintenance	1165.28
Jujitsu	1410	Insurance Building/ EMP Liability	768.54
Music & Welbeing	1567	Sundries	1639.19
Outdoors for all	300		
Parties various	2554		
Sports Cool	410		
Tots Play	107.25	Total Expenditure	22776.29
Tea Tots, Tunes	337	Grants spent during the year	32905.56
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Total Hall Hirings	25468.75		55681.85
Grants Awarded	37230		<hr/>
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I CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS REPORT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

SIGNED Helen Birtwistle

HELEN BIRTWISTLE - 101a PASTURELANDS DR. BB7 9LT

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TREASURERS REPORT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Hall Hirings Income	26301	Gas	4337
		Electric	1963
		Insurance	769
		Hall General Maintenance	729
		Hall Floor Maintenance	945
		Grounds Maintenance	1364
		Repairs Management	1500
		Hall Hirings Management	3450
		Cleaning	5853
		Sundries	234
		Excess of Receipts over Payments	5157
	26301		26301

The Report of Accounts was given to an Independent Examiners Report for them to be able to see the break-up of the Accounts and the compilation of the Associations Barclays Bank statements from start to finish for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees Annual Report

The year has shown another good Accounts figure and all the prior year projects of Conservatory, Wooden Shelter, New Safe Outside Play Surface and New Storage Shed were completed along with further Projects in this year with thanks to the Trustees.

Carolyn M Topham, Chairman.

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ACCOUNTS 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBE

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£
<u>Hall Hirings Income</u>	26,109

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PAYMENTS

£

Hall Hirings

Gas

5342

Electric

1715

Insurance

667

Hall General Maintenance

3736

Hall Hirings Management

2725

Cleaning

4273

New Boiler

2668

New Oven

439

Sundries

1313

Excess of Receipts over Payments

3232

26109

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TRUSTEES REPORT 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

There were a few loss of users but these there were replaced by new users in the year
We came out of Covid affects in the year and income was £14k higher than the previou
Bank balances at the end of year were £19,340 an increase of £3,3298 above the prev
We hold regular Trustee meetings in the year making decisions on spendings and deal
correspondence and decisions on the ongoing maimtenance of our building.

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