



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st March 2024

Charity name: Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall

Charity registration number: 514206

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Gentleshaw and Cannock Wood 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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The village hall was used throughout the year by a wide variety of organisations, which are classed as 'user groups', most of which are represented on the Committee of management ('Committee'). These organisations ranged from a toddle and tumble group for pre-school children through the local musical society to the Women's Institute. Other regular users included a gardening club, flower club and whist club. In addition, yoga and karate classes and a dog obedience training group make regular use of the village hall. The hall also has a snooker room equipped with 2 full size tables and the Snooker Club has been resurrected this year through the good offices of Mr John Parkin.</p> <p>In addition to these regular user groups, the village hall is open to use on an ad hoc basis by locals and in this category, the hall was used during the main school summer holidays by a children's play group. It is also the venue for a range of christening parties, birthday parties, weddings and wakes.</p>

		<p>Given the wide variety of the local population which makes use of the hall, the Committee is pleased to see that the hall is meeting it's original objectives.</p> <p>During the year, a significant project was undertaken to refurbish the heating system, supported by a grant from Cannock Wood Parish Council.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Committee has taken regard of the guidance issued on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Throughout the year, the Village Hall has met its objectives of providing a venue 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 villagers of Cannock Wood, Gentleshaw and the local environs.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income exceeded expenditure in the year and as a consequence the Village Hall had cash and bank accounts totalling £30,947.</p> <p>This represents more than one year's typical expenditure but has been deliberately built up as the Committee has plans to carry out a major refurbishment and redecoration of the hall in the coming year.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	See 1.21
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,947

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the village hall as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The village hall's principal sources of income are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent paid by regular user groups and lettings to the local populace • Grants and donations primarily from local sources. • Fund raising
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The charity is a single trust managed by a Committee of trustees
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed in accordance with a scheme submitted to the Commission and dated 25th March, 1985, subsequently amended in 2002 and 2009.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by individual user groups, supplemented by a limited number of 3 Co-opted trustees and up to 5 elected trustees, in both latter cases appointed by the Committee

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village hall
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	514206
Charity's principal address	Buds Road, Cannock Wood, Rugeley WS15 4NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr A M Blank	Chairman		Committee of Management
2	Mrs AM Johnson	Secretary		Committee of Management
3	Mr R Cowling	Treasurer		Committee of Management
4	Mrs M Tait	Bookings secretary		Christ Church, Gentleshaw
5	Mrs S Janes			Cannock Wood Parish Council
6	Ms H Page			Cannock Chase Council
7	Mrs BE Brettell			Women's Institute
8	Miss D Jackson			Gardening Club
9	Mrs A Shaw			Flower Club
10	Miss S Burns			Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Musical Society
11	Mr R Shelley			Committee of Management
12	Mrs SJ Blank			Beaudesert Under 5's
13	Mr J Parkin			Snooker Club
14	Mrs N Flanagan			Committee of Management
15	Mrs P Ansell			Beaudesert Playing Fields Trust
16	Vacant			Longdon Parish Council
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not Applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	As above
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Aa Above

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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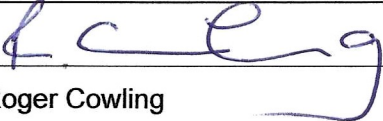

Other optional information

<p>The Committee has tried throughout the year to engage with the local communities to try to get younger blood involved in the running of the hall, but with the exception of Mrs Flanagan has been unsuccessful in this endeavour.</p>

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roger Cowling	Annette Mary Johnson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary

Date

16 th January 2025

Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall

Income	Year ended		
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	27,272.49	29,496.19	24,348.56
Snooker Club	1,061.83	840.60	61.20
User clubs / organisations	5,300.00	5,059.00	3,655.00
Lettings	12,252.00	11,259.50	9,810.43
Grants & Donations received	7,298.55	1,560.00	17,801.00
Fund raising	2,229.58	1,747.66	1,180.00
Bank account interest	434.71	90.30	2.40

Cleaning & Caretaking wages	7,636.86	7,849.01	6,404.70
- supplies	364.61	465.33	61.16
Electricity	2,394.45	1,137.99	711.34
Oil	3,153.60	3,735.61	2,665.80
Water	1,463.22	1,765.01	993.48
Refuse collection	636.12	270.26	272.87
Repairs and maintenance	6,091.10	3,372.86	9,779.98
Council Tax	155.27	241.92	123.49
New and replacement equipment	93.99	1,718.00	4,661.60
Licensing	180.00	180.00	180.00
Insurances	1,417.21	1,306.75	1,243.24
Performing Rights Society	352.96	419.38	132.00
Administration expenses	962.34	318.64	132.74

Balance carried forward	24,901.73	22,780.76	27,362.40
	30,947.43	27,272.49	29,496.19
	55,849.16	50,053.25	56,858.59

Balances

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
	£	£	£
Deposit account	26,949.15	24,014.44	25,924.14
Current account	3,842.20	2,632.35	3,286.87
Cash in hand	156.08	625.70	285.18
TOTAL	30,947.43	27,272.49	29,496.19

ACCOUNTANT'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books and records of Cannock Wood and Gentshaw Village Hall and certify that these accounts show a true record of these

W. J. L.

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9th January, 2025

Auditor's Report

As these are relatively simple income and expenditure accounts with total expenditure being written off during the year, with no need for valuations of assets or inventory, I have no exceptions to report.

L. Child

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