

THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 515939

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-06-05

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

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Activities

Objects: THE SOCIETY IS ESTABLISHED TO ENCOURAGE THE PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF TOWNELEY HALL, IT'S GARDENS AND OTHER PUBLIC AMENITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND THE INHABITANTS OF BURNLEY AND PENDLE IN PARTICULAR.

Activities: The Society was formed in 1965 to establish a circle of friends of Towneley Hall. The aim is to help stimulate public interest in the Hall and to protect, preserve and enhance the amenities of the Hall (and gardens). There are also social events at Christmas and Easter. These raise money to provide amenities for the Hall.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BURNLEY AND PENDLE
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,110	£10,467	-	-
2024-03-31	£5,137	£1,910	-	-
2023-03-31	£6,734	£42,580	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,938	£1,150	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,814	£375	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER WOODHEAD		2020-01-20
Sandra Mary Thompson		2020-01-20
Tony Mitchell		2020-01-20

Accounts

THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ending 31st March 2025

2023/24		2024/25
£	Income	£
2,035.00	Subscriptions	2,566.00
119.30	Refreshment/Others	0.00
2,214.78	Events	2,122.68
346.16	Hall Box	365.70
72.50	Donations	20,686.50
349.00	Interest Received	369.50
5,136.74	Total	26,110.38

	Expenses	
0.00	Donations to Towneley Hall	8,974.00
1,003.04	Other	96.95
125.58	Postage, printing etc	114.69
0.00	Refreshments	51.40
350.00	Meeting expenses/Donations	330.00
431.57	Events	900.00
1,910.19	Total	10,467.04

	NET INCOME	15,643.34
Total of both accounts from 2023/24		36,859.43
Petty Cash from 2023/24		71.91
	Total	52,574.68

Assets
62 Noel H. Leaver Watercolour paintings, bequeathed to the Society by Dr. Peter H. Bracewell, late of Crosthwaite, Kendal. **Latest Insurance valuation by Bonhams (Nov 2022) was £55,100**

Sets of Costumes created by Cynthia Hewitt (Member of the Society). The WW1 uniforms, the servants outfits and the Egyptian costumes are used in the schools learning programme. (Estimated value of £1,500)

This year the Society received a £20,000 donation from the legacy of the late Brian Hall.

BALANCE SHEET	£
As at 31st March 2025	
Unrestricted Funds	52,473.18
Restricted Funds	0
Total Reserves	52,473.18

Held as follows	£
Lloyds TSB Savings Account	33,493.17
Lloyds TSB Current Account	18,980.01
Total =	52,473.18

Petty Cash	101.50
Total =	52,574.68



The Towneley Hall Society
formed 1965

Patron
Peregrine Towneley

Website
www.towneleyhallsociety.co.uk

Annual Report & Accounts
For the year ending 31st March 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Towneley Hall Society.

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes examination of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 14 of the Act and to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Leaver

J Leaver. 26-05-2025

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(No 515939)

**THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY
TRUSTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2025**

(Submitted by Peter Woodhead (Hon Treasurer & Trustee)

The Towneley Hall Society is a Registered Charity (No 515939). The Society was formed in 1965 to establish a circle of friends of Towneley Hall. The aim is to help stimulate public interest in the Hall and to protect, preserve and enhance the amenities of the Hall (and gardens). The members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting appoint the Committee. The society holds regular meetings at the Hall, from August to May. There are also social events at Christmas and Easter. These raise money to provide amenities for the Hall. With the permission of the Council, a donation box for the Society is now located in the Hall's Shop.

Our reserves are now approximately £52,473 with £33,493 in the deposit account and £18,980 in the current account.

Membership. During the year 2024-25 membership numbers have continued to increase with 21 new members joining the Society.

Events are one of the Society's main fund raising activities and during the year it has been able to organise some fundraising events namely:
April 1st Easter Monday Stall Sales.
May 6th Bank Holiday Stall Sales, 6th May.
Treasure Hunt, Clitheroe, 13th June.
Dyneley Hall Gardens visit, July 17th.
Gresgarth Gardens Visit, August 5th.
August Bank Holiday Stall Sales 26th August.
Monday (18th October) Nature Festival Sales
Annual Quiz Day 25th Nov.
Christmas Party 9th Dec.

Total amount raised for these events was just over £1,849.

Speakers. Speaker expenses amounted to **£330** for our monthly meetings at the Hall.

In the last 25 years to 31st March 2025, the Society has provided a total of £199,530 in gifts to the Hall. (Includes Ascroft legacy of £45,000 in 2004)

Donations to the Hall over the last 25 years to the end of March were :-

2001 - £2,652	2013 - £3,517
2002 - £4,372	2014 - £1,891
2003 - £15,367	2015 - £16,548
2004 - (£45,000) + £4,353	2016 - £5,899
2005 - £3,763	2017 - £7
2006 - £3,303	2018 - £1,351
2007 - £10,140	2019 - £21,700
2008 - £9,755	2020 - £10,589
2009 - £5,445	2021 - £0
2010 - £3,132	2022 - £0
2011 - £4,754	2023 - £12,776
2012 - £4,242	

Donations to the Hall for 2024/25

£8,974 was given to the Hall for the refurbishment of the external clock on the front of the Hall.

		£
2007	Dishwasher	1,880
	Highchair	70
	2 Wheelchairs	475
	Frames & Mounts	130
	Glasses Trays/Drinks Measures	340
	New Towneley Flag	221
	General Scarlet Painting	5,000
	Natural History Gallery Donation	2,000
	Hollins Purchasing Book	95
2008	Millennium Ebonised Clock Case	1,000
	Padiham Mug	680
	Glass carriers	50
	Glass carriers, trays, extenders	551
	Tablecloths	100
	Round Tables + Bar items	350
	Magnetic hammer for clock bell	1,800
	Ebonised Clock brackets	225
	Towneley Family Busts	5,000
2009	Events Board	113
	Bar Equipment	182
	Charles Townley Bust Donation	5,000
	Material for Chair Refurbishment	150
2010	Soft Furnishings for the 'Lichen' Room	1,362
	Venue dressing accessories	1,700
	Sculptors Reference Book for the Library	70

2011	Installation of new flagpole	800
	Commissioning of Geoff Butterworth's 'Virgin Snow' painting	1,500
	Curtains for Long Gallery Bedrooms	1,369
	Blinds for Long Gallery Bedrooms	1,085
2012	Donation to 'Friends of Towneley Park' towards purchase of Scooter for the disabled	1,000
	Purchase of new Towneley Flag	242
	Donation to conservation of Watercolour	1,000
	Donation towards new exhibition showcases	2,000
2013	Harp restoration	1,200
	Geoff Butterworth Painting (bought from sale of donated Muriel Riding Pottery)	600
	Altar lighting	1,717
2014	Contribution to FoTP towards Italian Gardens Fountain restoration.	500
	Purchase of DVD Player & Monitor for Lecture Theatre Audio/Visual control unit.	121
	New THS Donation Box for the Shop.	820
	Purchase of Pendelfin pottery from Eric Knowles.	450
2015	Testing, Mounting, Framing, Delivery & Installation of 21 tiles in the Decorative Arts Room.	983
	Purchase of Pendelfin Pottery from Mrs Margaret Phillips.	250
	Contribution towards WW1 Commemorations.	1,000
	New Green Regency Room Curtains & Voiles.	5,715
	Purchase of two 'Discobolus' Statues.	8,600
2016	Purchase and installation of PA system in Lecture Theatre	1094
	Conservation work on 'How Liza loved the King' painting.	3950
	Shelving for Lecture Theatre rooms.	855
2017	Purchase of 2 x 6 gang 1metre extension leads with Surge Protection (for Lecture Theatre)	7
2018	Purchase of twenty table top covers	1,147
	Payment for 6,000 Towneley Hall Events leaflets.	204
2019	Payment towards New Events Car Park	20,000
	Payment for 2 Dog Grates for the Main Hall	1,700
2020	Payment for Regency Room table & chairs	5,660
	Contribution to LED lighting of Hall exterior	4,876
2021	No purchases were acquired for the Hall.	0
2022	No purchases were acquired for the Hall.	0
2023	3 Oak Display Cabinets for Craft Museum.	8,500
	Takedown costs for De morgan exhibition.	3,427
	New Chapel Lighting.	849