

AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 519458

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1987-11-19

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

Contact

Address 21 Broadways
Audlem
Crewe
CW3 0EY

Phone 01270811990

Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS WITHIN THE BENEFICIAL AREA 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. (SEE CLAUSE 3 (2) OF THE SCHEME ALSO).

Activities: The Audlem Public Hall Management Committee exists to organise the Public Hall for the benefit of all the inhabitants of Audlem, Buerton and Hankelow.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISHES OF AUDLEM,BURTON,HANTELOW AND DISTRICT
- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£71,210	£74,714	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,012	£47,553	-	-
2022-12-31	£87,152	£40,142	-	-
2021-12-31	£60,282	£46,782	-	-
2020-12-31	£42,451	£107,324	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adriana Alicia Irene Roscoe		2020-01-01
Anthony David Richardson		2020-01-01
JANET MORGAN		
JOHN TILLING		
RICHARD FURBER		

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Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

Treasurer to the Trustees:

Mr John Tilling

21, Broadways

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Tel: 01270-811990 E-mail: j.tilling@audlem.org

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Appointment of Trustees

The Trust Deed governs the appointment of trustees and the management of the charity.

There are five Trustees. The Committee of Management comprises elected and representative members up to a total of fifteen persons. Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting held each year.

The Representative members of the Committee are nominated by specific user groups.

Policies and Procedures

To guide the Management Committee in exercising its duty of care to members, employees and users of the hall, the following policy statements have been adopted:

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Hiring Agreement

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Licences

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It also holds a PPL/PRS licence.

Risk Management

Insurance

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with the same company with respect to contents (up to £85,000) public liability (£5,000,000) employers' liability (£10,000,000) and legal assistance.

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Building Issues

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- The hall is the operational base for ADCA (Audlem and District Community Action) a charity which provides services for the elderly and disadvantaged residents and their carers.
- The hall is the home venue for Audlem & District PROBUS Club, a social group for retired professionals and business people.
- The hall is available for hire for private functions including children's parties, wedding receptions, funeral teas, village social functions and occasional fund raising events.
- There is a Community Gym in its own dedicated rooms within the Hall. Induction to the gym facilities is undertaken by a qualified personal trainer.
- The hall is used in a support role for the main village community events held annually such as the Music and Transport Festivals.
- The Hall is registered as an emergency centre if required by the civil authorities.
- A traditional Pantomime is put on each year in the Hall which requires some twenty rehearsal sessions and a full week of performances. The Theatre Group typically puts on two further shows through the year, and has a significant contingent of school age children (ages 7+) amongst its membership.

Funding Strategy

It is the strategy of the Trustees and Management Committee to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. The contributions made by users of the hall are set to achieve this. Additional funding is raised by an annual lottery, which is registered with Cheshire East Council.

Volunteers' Effort

Management costs are kept to a minimum through the use of volunteers for much of the regular management of the hall. Trustees give 30 hours a month for meetings and 200 hours per annum in organising and running fund raising events.

2024 Achievements

Following a successful application for Change of Use, the original caretaker's flat (unoccupied for the past 3 years) has been repurposed for general hall use, providing much needed space for storage for some of our user groups – along with general cleaner and caretaker space for storage of materials and hall consumables.

A new website has been launched for the hall, which gives our community greater visibility of what is on and how to get in touch with our user groups.

Reserves Policy

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Future Plans

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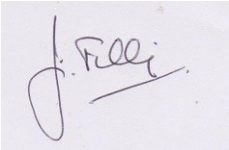
Total funds

Total liquid funds held by the Charity at 31st December 2024 are
Current Account £33,964.23
Deposit Account £52,661.86
Cash in hand £316.59
Total £86,942.68

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Tilling

Position

Treasurer

Date

July 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Audlem Public Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st December 2024

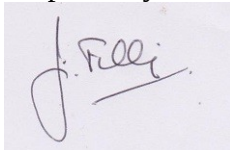
Receipts	This year 2024	Last year 2023
Hire of Hall	£65,308.80	£59,786.91
Fund raising	£3,380.00	£3,670.00
Grants	£2,000.00	
Donations	£20.40	£225.00
Bank interest	£501.09	£329.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£71,210.29	£64,011.60

Payments	This year 2024	Last year 2023
Maintenance	£6,197.38	£2,244.98
Running Costs	£31,404.81	£21,206.84
Utility Bills	£20,585.23	£8,408.19
Fund Raising	£1,210.00	£1,170.00
Insurance	£2,964.02	£2,708.99
Capital Spend	£4,573.80	£2,708.81
Furniture & Fittings	£7,778.26	£4,282.33
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£74,713.50	£47,553.09

Current account	This year 2024	Last year 2023
Balance brought forward	£37,700.96	£71,566.87
Cash in hand brought forward	£584.16	£589.43
Balance in hand at year end	£33,964.23	£37,700.96
Cash in hand at year end	£316.59	£584.16

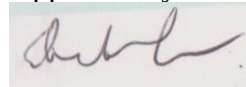
Deposit account	This year 2024	Last year 2023
Balance brought forward	£52,160.77	£1,831.08
Balance in hand at year end	£52,661.86	£52,160.77

Prepared by



John Tilling,
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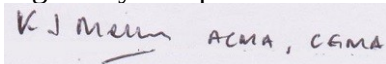
Approved by



Stuart Furber,
Chairman

The attached Receipts and Payments Account (and Statement of Assets and Liabilities) have been examined by myself and are in accordance with the Management's books and vouchers. The receipts and payments as shown are, to the best of my knowledge, authorised transactions.

Signed by Independent Reviewer ,



Kevin Mellor ACMA CGMA

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

			2024 Unrestrict ed		2023 Unrestrict ed
	Notes	Rest'd		Rest'd	
Cash Funds					
Current account			33,964		37,856
Deposit	1		52,662		52,161
Cash			317		429
		0	86,943	0	90,446
Other monetary assets					
Debtors			2,107		1,811
Stocks			2,107		1,830
Total current assets			89,050		92,257
Assets retained for the Charities own use					
Freehold building (at Trustees valuation)	2		125,000		125,000
Improvements to building	3		174,024		178,609
Fixtures fittings and equipment	4		33,250		29,166
Annexe	5		150,000		150,000
Total fixed assets			482,274		482,775
Liabilities					
Trade creditors			2,051		4,122
			-		-
Total assets			569,273		570,910

Notes

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2023 Achievements

A newly formed committee took over the running of the Hall during 2023, and this has proven very successful.

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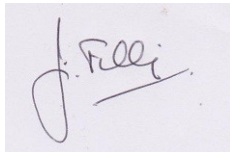
Cash in hand £429.16

Total £90,445.89

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

John Tilling

Position

Treasurer

Date

June 2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Receipts and Payments Account

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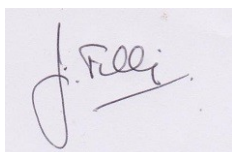
Receipts	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Hire of Hall	£59,786.91	£46,620.50
Fund raising	£3,670.00	£3,560.00
Grants		£33,000.00
Donations	£225.00	£640.00
Bank interest	£329.69	£1.57
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£64,011.60	£87,152.07

Payments	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Maintenance	£2,244.98	£7490.66
Running Costs	£21,206.84	£13,068.44
Utility Bills	£8,408.19	£14,752.23
Fund Raising	£1,170.00	£1,190.00
Insurance	£2,708.99	£2,437.50
Capital Spend	£2,708.81	£1,203.60
Furniture & Fittings	£4,282.33	£0
Spent on 2022 items	£4,822.95	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£47,553.09	£40,142.43

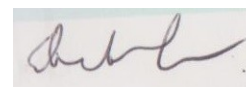
Current account	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Balance brought forward	£71,566.87	£23,128.30
Cash in hand brought forward	£589.43	£2,019.93
Balance in hand at year end	£37,855.96	£71,566.87
Cash in hand at year end	£429.16	£589.43

Deposit account	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Balance brought forward	£1,831.08	£1,829.51
Balance in hand at year end	£52,160.77	£1,831.08

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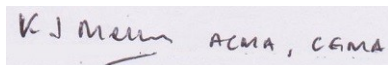
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Cash			429		589
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Other monetary assets					
Debtors			1,811		1,830
Stocks			1,811		1,830
Total current assets			92,257		75,817
Assets retained for the Charities own use					
Freehold building (at Trustees valuation)	2		125,000		125,000
Improvements to building	3		178,609		185,300
Fixtures fittings and equipment	4		29,166		28,125
Annexe	5		150,000		150,000
Total fixed assets			482,775		488,425
Liabilities					
Trade creditors			4,122	-	4,823
Total assets			570,910		559,419

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2022 Achievements

The year 2022 saw the completion of the recovery from the pandemic. Towards the end of the year a complete overhaul of the management of the Hall was undertaken, and the new Committee started its work.

Reserves Policy

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Current Account £71,566.87

Deposit Account £1,831.08

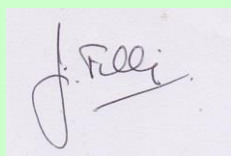
Cash in hand £589.43

Total £73,987.38

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

John Tilling

Position

Treasurer

Date

May 2023

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Audlem Public Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st December 2022

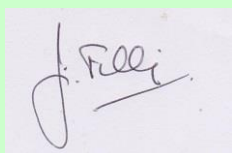
Receipts	This year 2022	Last year 2021
Hire of Hall	£46,620.50	£25,227.59
Income from flat	£3,330.00	£6,660.00
Fund raising	£3,560.00	£3,530.00
Grants	£33,000.00	£24,639.06
Donations	£640.00	£225.00
Bank interest	£1.57	£0.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£87,152.07	£60,281.88

Payments	This year 2022	Last year 2021
Maintenance	£7490.66	£1,899.77
Running Costs	£13,068.44	£4,344.88
Utility Bills	£14,752.23	£10,296.01
Fund Raising	£1,190.00	£1,190.00
Insurance	£2,437.50	£2,296.24
Capital Spend	£1,203.60	£26,755.32
Furniture & Fittings	£0	£0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£40,142.43	£46,782.32

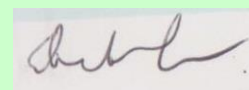
Current account	This year 2022	Last year 2021
Balance brought forward	£23,128.30	£11,385.04
Cash in hand brought forward	£2,019.93	£263.76
Balance in hand at year end	£71,566.87	£23,128.30
Cash in hand at year end	£589.43	£2,019.93

Deposit account	This year 2022	Last year 2021
Balance brought forward	£1,829.51	£1,829.28
Balance in hand at year end	£1,831.08	£1,829.51

Prepared by
John Tilling,
Treasurer



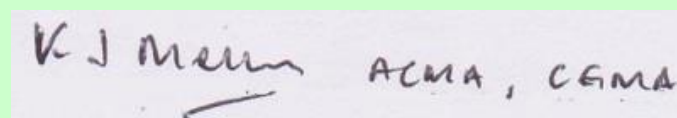
Approved by
Stuart Furber,
Chairman



The attached Receipts and Payments Account (and Statement of Assets and Liabilities) have been examined by myself and are in accordance with the Management's books and vouchers. The receipts and payments as shown are, to the best of my knowledge, authorised transactions.

Signed by Independent Reviewer ,

Kevin Mellor ACMA CGMA



Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		2022		2021	
	Notes	Rest'd	Unrestricted	Rest'd	Unrestricted
Cash Funds					
Current account			71,567		23,128
Deposit	1		1,831		1,830
Cash			589		2,020
		0	<u>73,987</u>	0	<u>26,978</u>
Other monetary assets					
Debtors			1830		922
Stocks					
			<u>1830</u>		<u>922</u>
Total current assets			75,817		27,900
Assets retained for the Charities own use					
Freehold building (at Trustees valuation)	2		125,000		125,000
Improvements to building	3		185,300		193,849
Fixtures fittings and equipment	4		28,125		31,250
Annexe	5		150,000		150,000
Total fixed assets			488,425		500,099
Liabilities					
Trade creditors			4,823		1,500
			-		-
Total assets			559,419		526,499

Notes

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3. Value of improvements to the building brought forward (£193,849) plus the value of capital improvements this year (£1,204) less 5%.
4. Value of fixtures and fittings brought forward (£31,250) plus new items this year (£0) less 10%.
5. The new annexe was opened in November 2017. It was funded by a Big Lottery Fund grant. No formal valuation has been carried out but the Committee of Management consider that its value is in the region of £150,000

AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 519458

Accounts

Audlem Public Hall

Registered Charity No. 519458

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021

Treasurer to the Trustees:

Mr John Tilling
21, Broadways
Audlem, Cheshire
CW3 0EY

Tel: 01270-811990 E-mail: j.tilling@audlem.org

Names of Trustees

Position vacant	Chairman
Position vacant	Vice-Chairman
Mrs Jan Morgan	Secretary
Mr John Tilling	Treasurer
Mr Roger Millns	Acting Chairman
Mr Tony Richardson	
Mr Richard Furber	
Mrs Adriana Roscoe	

Sources of advice and support

Bank: Santander
Cheshire East Council
Audlem Parish Council

Governance

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Appointment of Trustees

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Licences

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Risk Management

Insurance

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The Management Committee recognises that it is under a legal obligation to protect the building, its users and employees through adequate and appropriate insurance.

Building Issues

- A building condition survey is undertaken at 5-year intervals by a qualified surveyor.
- Portable electrical appliances are tested by qualified personnel annually.
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- A Fire Safety Risk Assessment is updated annually by the Committee's own Fire Safety Officer as required by law.
- Fire fighting appliances are inspected annually under contract with the supplier.
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Objectives of the Charity

- provision of a village hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Audlem, Buerton and Hankelow without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions
- Use of the village hall for meetings, lectures and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the social conditions of the life of the inhabitants
- The Trustees consider these objectives to be consistent with Charity Commission guidance on providing for the public benefit and these objectives have been pursued in the activities of the charity this year.

Principal Activities in pursuit of Objectives

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Funding Strategy

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Volunteers' Effort

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2021 Achievements

The 2021 year was dominated by the COVID pandemic crisis and then recovery following the easing of restrictions. By the end of 2021 the recovery process was virtually complete with hiring income nearly back up to the levels before the pandemic.

During 2021 the refurbishment of the Town Hall was completed.

Reserves Policy

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Future Plans

The refurbishment of the Town Hall is was completed during 2021. The underlying funding in normal operation remains very healthy. The plan to convert the Charity to a CIO will be reconsidered and restarted during 2022, on the assumption that the major upheavals caused by the pandemic are now behind us.

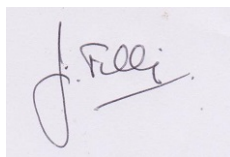
Total funds

Total liquid funds held by the Charity at 31st December 2021 are
Current Account £23,128.30
Deposit Account £1,829.51
Cash in hand £2,019.93
Total £26,977.74

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Tilling

Position

Treasurer

Date

July 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Audlem Public Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st December 2021

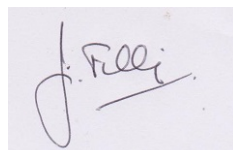
Receipts	This year 2021	Last year 2020
Hire of Hall	£25,227.59	£20,637.09
Income from flat	£6,660.00	£6,260.00
Fund raising	£3,530.00	£3,470.00
Grants	£24,639.06	£11,334.00
Donations	£225.00	£580.00
Bank interest	£0.23	£169.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£60,281.88	£42,451.04

Payments	This year 2021	Last year 2020
Maintenance	£1,899.77	£2,745.26
Running Costs	£4,344.88	£5,702.06
Utility Bills	£10,296.01	£9,987.79
Fund Raising	£1,190.00	£1,140.00
Insurance	£2,296.24	£2,168.44
Capital Spend	£26,755.32	£83,247.19
Furniture & Fittings	£0	£2,333.12
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£46,782.32	£107,323.86

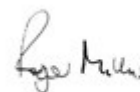
Current account	This year 2021	Last year 2020
Balance brought forward	£11,385.04	£30,332.91
Cash in hand brought forward	£263.76	£1,358.66
Balance in hand at year end	£23,128.30	£11,385.04
Cash in hand at year end	£2,019.93	£263.76

Deposit account	This year 2021	Last year 2020
Balance brought forward	£1,829.28	£46,659.32
Balance in hand at year end	£1,829.51	£1,829.27

Prepared by
John Tilling,
Treasurer



Approved by
Roger Millns,
Acting Chairman



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Kevin Mellor ACMA CGMA

Audlem Public Hall Annual Report 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Rest'd	2020 Unrestricted	Rest'd	2020 Unrestricted
Cash Funds					
Current account			23,128		11,385
Deposit	1		1,830		1,829
Cash			2020		264
		0	26,978	0	13,478
Other monetary assets					
Debtors			922		30
Stocks			-		-
			922		30
Total current assets			27,900		13,508
Assets retained for the Charities own use					
Freehold building (at Trustees valuation)	2		125,000		125,000
Improvements to building	3		199,045		182,766
Fixtures fittings and equipment	4		31,250		34,722
Annexe	5		150,000		150,000
Total fixed assets			505,295		492,488
Liabilities					
Trade creditors			1,500	-	-
Total assets			506,795		505,996

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AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 519458

Accounts

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2020 Achievements

The 2020 year was dominated by the COVID pandemic crisis, which meant that the Hall was effectively closed for normal operation for nine months of the year. The Annexe was used during that period as the centre of operations of ADCA, the local community support group.

The opportunity during closure was taken to complete the refurbishment of the Town Hall and the installation of various improvements to the security systems.

This all cost a lot of money (something in excess of £100,000 all told) and since this coincided with a drastic loss of hiring income, from about £57,000 in 2019 down to £21,000, the hall financial reserves took a big "hit". Some significant support was received from the Government/Cheshire East, amounting to over £10,000 in 2020.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' Reserves Policy is to keep £25,000 unspent and available for unforeseen expenditure in relation to building maintenance or urgent furniture or equipment replacement. This policy was significantly breached towards the end of 2020, although the actual reserves never fell below £10,000.

Future Plans

The last bits of the Town Hall refurbishment will be completed during 2021, and we look forward to the return to normal operations when COVID restrictions permit.

The underlying funding in normal operation remains very healthy.

Total funds

Total liquid funds held by the Charity at 31st December 2020 are

Current Account £11,385.04

Deposit Account £1,829.27

Cash in hand £263.76

Total £13,478.07

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) John Tilling

Position Treasurer

Date October 2021

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Audlem Public Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st December 2020

Receipts	This year 2020	Last year 2019
Hire of Hall	£20,637.09	£57,179.97
Income from flat	£6,260.00	£6,105.00
Fund raising	£3,470.00	£3,920.80
Grants	£11,334.00	£0.00
Donations	£580.00	£0.00
Bank interest	£169.95	£279.04
AIP income	£0.00	£3,727.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£42,451.04	£71,211.47

Payments	This year 2020	Last year 2019
Maintenance	£2,745.26	£2,572.16
Running Costs	£5,702.06	£8,450.31
Utility Bills	£9,987.79	£15,084.94
Fund Raising	£1,140.00	£1,343.60
Insurance	£2,168.44	£1,867.42
Capital Spend	£83,247.19	£35,843.93
Furniture & Fittings	£2,333.12	£4,327.00
APHAx project		£17,537.75
AIP expenditure		£3,727.46
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£107,323.86	£90,754.57

Current account	This year 2020	Last year 2019
Balance brought forward	£30,332.91	£51,433.86
Cash in hand brought forward	£1,358.66	
Balance in hand at year end	£11,385.04	£30,332.91
Cash in hand at year end	£263.76	£1,358.66

Deposit account	This year 2020	Last year 2019
Balance brought forward	£46,659.32	£46,380.28
Balance in hand at year end	£1,829.27	£46,659.32

Prepared by

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John Tilling, Treasurer

Approved by

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Roger Millns, Acting Chairman

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Signed by Independent Reviewer ,

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Kevin Mellor ACMA CEMA

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		2020		2019	
	Notes	Rest'd	Unrestricted	Rest'd	Unrestricted
Cash Funds					
Current account			11,385		30,333
Deposit	1		1,829		46,659
Cash			264		1,359
		0	13,478	0	78,351
Other monetary assets					
Debtors			30		270
Stocks			-		-
			30		270
Total current assets			13,508		78,621
Assets retained for the Charities own use					
Freehold building (at Trustees valuation)	2		125,000		125,000
Improvements to building	3		182,766		109,138
Fixtures fittings and equipment	4		34,722		36,247
Annexe	5		150,000		150,000
Total fixed assets			492,488		420,385
Liabilities					
Trade creditors			-		-
Total assets			505,996		498,964

Notes

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3. Value of improvements to the building brought forward (£109,138) plus the value of capital improvements this year (£83,247) less 5%.
4. Value of fixtures and fittings brought forward (£36,247) plus new items this year (£2,333) less 10%.
5. The new annexe was opened in November 2017. It was funded by a Big Lottery Fund grant. No formal valuation has been carried out but the Committee of Management consider that its value is in the region of £150,000