

# LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 520034

## Details

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**Other names** CHURCH LAWTON VILLAGE HALL, LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1963-12-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PURPOSES FO PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAINING, RECREATION AND SOCIAL MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF READING AND RECREATION ROOMS, LIBRAY LECTURES, CLASSES, RECREATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT OR OTHERWISE AS MAY BE FOUND EXPEDIENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF CHURCH LAWTON AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS.

**Activities:** The charity exists to provide and maintain Lawton Memorial Hall, a community facility open to all for social, educational and recreational purposes. The Trust gives particular consideration to meeting social need - e.g. for the elderly- within its area of benefit which is largely within SE Cheshire and N. Staffs. The Trust is mainly self-funding.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF CHURCH LAWTON
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Staffordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,345	£28,778	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,089	£30,195	-	-
2023-03-31	£37,219	£36,681	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,424	£29,375	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,424	£20,100	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Church Lawton Parish Council		2023-01-25

**LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST**

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

Marshall Accountancy Ltd  
St Mary's House  
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**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

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## **Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

### **Chairperson's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

This has been a busy year for the Trust as Church Lawton Parish Council established itself as the sole trustee of the hall. The priority has been to develop the governance structures for the operation of the Trust and the hall to ensure that all policies and procedures are relevant and appropriate. This included the Constitution and Standing Orders.

The Constitution sets out how the hall is managed and included the setting up of the Operations and Events Committee to include more members of local groups, including All Saints Church and the regular hirers. Although in its infancy, this group promises to be instrumental in moving the hall forward.

The Trust were very grateful for a substantial bequest that was made this year. As the Trust becomes more confident in the management of the hall, this will be used to ensure its future.

We are grateful for the regular hirers who use the hall to provide various activities for the local areas and provide a source of regular income. The hall has been used by commercial hirers and also for family events - christenings, birthdays, weddings, funerals and other celebrations.

In May 2024, we were proud to work with All Saints Church to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the VE Day landings. Everyone who uses the hall loves it and its facilities and we are proud to have maintained it for the benefit of the community of Church Lawton.

The volunteers, staff and trustees have met the challenges of running the hall admirably and I would like to thank them on behalf of the community. The Trust now wants to build on these development in the coming year to organise more community events, maintain the building and promote the hall and all it has to offer.

## Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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##### **Independent Examiner**

Emma Marshall-Birks  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

*S Davies*

[S Davies \(Jan 28, 2026 15:30:55 GMT\)](#)

Church Lawton Parish Council - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **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').

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28 January 2026

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		61,913	-	61,913	38
Other trading activities	2	19,009	-	19,009	32,825
Investment income	3	423	-	423	227
<b>Total</b>		<u>81,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,345</u>	<u>33,090</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		13,805	-	13,805	17,414
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		13,414	-	13,414	10,977
Other		1,559	-	1,559	1,805
<b>Total</b>		<u>28,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,778</u>	<u>30,196</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		52,567	-	52,567	2,894
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		54,363	-	54,363	51,469
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>106,930</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>106,930</u></u>	<u><u>54,363</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	8,072	-	8,072	9,631
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	121	-	121	4,998
Cash at bank		99,697	-	99,697	42,991
		99,818	-	99,818	47,989
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(960)	-	(960)	(3,257)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		98,858	-	98,858	44,732
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		106,930	-	106,930	54,363
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		106,930	-	106,930	54,363
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			106,930	54,363
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				106,930	54,363

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

*S Davies*

[S Davies \(Jan 28, 2026 15:30:55 GMT\)](#)

Church Lawton Parish Council - Trustee

## Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	746	2,907
Admissions	18,263	29,918
	<u>19,009</u>	<u>32,825</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable - trading	423	227
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**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted fund £</b>	<b>Restricted fund £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	38	-	38
Other trading activities	32,825	-	32,825
Investment income	227	-	227
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,090</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,090</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	17,414	-	17,414
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	10,977	-	10,977
Other	1,805	-	1,805
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,196</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,894</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	51,469	-	51,469
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>54,363</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,363</b>
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Other property improvements £</b>	<b>Computer Equipment £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	10,947	489	11,436
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,642	163	1,805
Charge for year	1,396	163	1,559
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At 31 March 2025	3,038	326	3,364
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	7,909	163	8,072
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At 31 March 2024	9,305	326	9,631
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**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025 £</b>		<b>2024 £</b>
Trade debtors	121		4,998
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**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025 £</b>		<b>2024 £</b>
Trade creditors	-		810
Taxation and social security	-		122
Other creditors	960		2,325
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	960		3,257
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/4/24 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/25 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	54,363	52,567	106,930
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	54,363	52,567	106,930
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**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,345	(28,778)	52,567
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,345</u>	<u>(28,778)</u>	<u>52,567</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/4/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,469	2,894	54,363
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>2,894</u>	<u>54,363</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	33,090	(30,196)	2,894
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>33,090</u>	<u>(30,196)</u>	<u>2,894</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/4/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/25 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,469	55,461	106,930
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>55,461</u>	<u>106,930</u>

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	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	114,435	(58,974)	55,461
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>114,435</u>	<u>(58,974)</u>	<u>55,461</u>

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	1	(1)
Donations	61,912	39
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	61,913	38
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	746	2,907
Admissions	18,263	29,918
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	19,009	32,825
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable - trading	423	227
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>81,345</b>	<b>33,090</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Rates and water	224	228
Insurance	3,091	2,764
Light and heat	6,211	6,613
Security & caretaking	3,563	4,472
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	13,089	14,077
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	536	765
Licensing	180	2,572
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	716	3,337
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Telephone	1,162	849
Advertising	25	278
Cleaning	4,999	4,770
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	6,186	5,897
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	1,396	1,642
Computer equipment	163	163
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	1,559	1,805
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Subscriptions	-	50

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Management Finance</b>		
Accountancy	982	918
Bank charges	71	29
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	1,053	947
<b>Information technology</b>		
Computer costs	2,000	808
<b>Human resources</b>		
Admin staff & general	4,175	3,156
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	-	119
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Total resources expended	28,778	30,196
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## **Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

### **Chairperson's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

In 2022 it started to become apparent that the Trust was unable to secure the number of Trustees that it needed to continue to operate as a Charity and so Church Lawton Parish Council was approached and asked to take over as sole Trustee. This was discussed and worked through and ultimately the council took over as sole Trustee from January 2023 and, also around that time, the existing Management or Operating Committee who weren't members of the Council fell away.

I think it's fair to say that it has been, and still is, a learning exercise for the members of the Trust. The hall is wonderful and in very good condition but also takes a considerable amount of time, effort and money to maintain and to keep it open and running to support all the bookings. Financially the hall is healthy, it now has the sole Trustee in place and is used regularly by the community but would certainly benefit from more volunteers helping out, as well as some more fund-raising events.

Since the council took over as Trustee, we have celebrated 70 years of the hall in October 2023, and I feel the hall is in a very healthy position for a prolonged future.

I would like to thank the members of the Trust who have continued to support the hall and to help ensure everything is in place that is needed. I'd also like to thank the Operational Committee members, although they have been somewhat low on numbers and that's certainly one of the things that we now want to address.

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		37	-	37	235
Other trading activities	2	32,825	-	32,825	36,916
Investment income	3	227	-	227	68
<b>Total</b>		33,089	-	33,089	37,219
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		14,180	-	14,180	14,831
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		14,210	-	14,210	21,850
Other		1,805	-	1,805	-
<b>Total</b>		30,195	-	30,195	36,681
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 2,894	 -	 2,894	 538
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		51,469	-	51,469	50,931
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 54,363	 -	 54,363	 51,469

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	9,631	-	9,631	11,436
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	4,998	-	4,998	3,136
Cash at bank		42,991	-	42,991	40,068
		<u>47,989</u>	-	<u>47,989</u>	<u>43,204</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,257)	-	(3,257)	(3,171)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>44,732</u>	-	<u>44,732</u>	<u>40,033</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		54,363	-	54,363	51,469
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>54,363</u>	-	<u>54,363</u>	<u>51,469</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			<u>54,363</u>	<u>51,469</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>54,363</u>	<u>51,469</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Church Lawton Parish Council - Trustee

## Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	2,907	7,000
Admissions	29,918	29,916
	<u>32,825</u>	<u>36,916</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable - trading	227	68
	<u>227</u>	<u>68</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Restricted fund</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	235	-	235
Other trading activities	36,916	-	36,916
Investment income	68	-	68
	<u>37,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,219</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>37,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,219</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	14,831	-	14,831
 <b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	21,850	-	21,850
	<u>36,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,681</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>36,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,681</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	 538	 -	 538
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	50,931	-	50,931
	<u>51,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,469</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,469</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Totals £</b>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	10,947	489	11,436
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
Charge for year	1,642	163	1,805
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	9,305	326	9,631
At 31 March 2023	10,947	489	11,436

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Trade debtors	4,998	3,136

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Trade creditors	810	1
Taxation and social security	122	-
Other creditors	2,325	3,170
	3,257	3,171

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/4/23 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,469	2,894	54,363
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	51,469	2,894	54,363

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	33,089	(30,195)	2,894
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	33,089	(30,195)	2,894

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	<b>At 1/4/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/23 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	50,931	538	51,469
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>51,469</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,219	(36,681)	538
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>37,219</u>	<u>(36,681)</u>	<u>538</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/4/22 £</b>	<b>Net movement in funds £</b>	<b>At 31/3/24 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	50,931	3,432	54,363
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>3,432</u>	<u>54,363</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Movement in funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,308	(66,876)	3,432
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>70,308</u>	<u>(66,876)</u>	<u>3,432</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	(2)	(2)
Donations	39	237
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	37	235
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	2,907	7,000
Admissions	29,918	29,916
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	32,825	36,916
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable - trading	227	68
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	33,089	37,219
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Rates and water	228	646
Insurance	2,764	911
Light and heat	6,613	7,016
Security & caretaking	1,238	1,600
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	10,843	10,173
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	765	3,090
Licensing	2,572	1,568
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	3,337	4,658
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Telephone	849	775
Advertising	278	212
Cleaning	4,770	5,238
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	5,897	6,225
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	1,642	-
Computer equipment	163	-
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	1,805	-
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Subscriptions	50	307
Carried forward	50	307

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**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Brought forward	50	307
Postage and stationery	-	281
Sundries	-	662
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	50	1,250
 <b>Finance</b>		
Accountancy	918	1,645
Bank charges	29	-
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	947	1,645
 <b>Information technology</b>		
Computer costs	808	1,020
 <b>Human resources</b>		
Admin staff & general	3,156	3,308
Software licences	3,233	8,402
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	6,389	11,710
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	119	-
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Total resources expended	30,195	36,681
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<b>Net income</b>	<u>2,894</u>	<u>538</u>

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**LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 520034

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
for  
Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

Marshall Accountancy Ltd  
St Mary's House  
Crewe Road  
Alsager  
Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 2EW

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Chairperson's Report  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The past year has been a year of change for Lawton Memorial Hall.

Due to difficulties in establishing and maintaining a requisite number of Trustees, the former Trustees made a request to the Parish Council to take on the role of Sole Trustee.

The previous chairman of the Trustees, Victoria Shaw, took advice from the Charity Commission and arranged for the requisite changes to the constitution to be made.

The remaining individual Trustees stood down at a Trustee meeting in January 2023 and the Parish Council were named as the Sole Trustee.

The Parish Council are proud and honoured to hold this role and will endeavour to manage and protect the facility for the benefit of Church Lawton residents and those that live in surrounding areas.

The Parish Council would like to thank the hard work of the previous chairman, Victoria Shaw, and all other Trustees and volunteers who have worked so hard over the years.

Due to their efforts, we have taken over a vibrant community hub with a healthy reserve.

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

520034

**Principal address**

Liverpool Road West  
Church Lawton  
Stoke on Trent  
ST7 3DA

**Trustees**

Church Lawton Parish Council (appointed 25/1/2023)

All existing trustees as at 24/1/2023 resigned with effect from 24/1/2023 and Church Lawton Parish Council was appointed as the sole trustee with effect from 25/1/2023.

**Independent Examiner**

Emma Marshall-Birks  
Marshall Accountancy Ltd  
St Mary's House  
Crewe Road  
Alsager  
Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 2EW

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Church Lawton Parish Council - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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 other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Emma Marshall-Birks  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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11 April 2024

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		235	-	235	565
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		-	-	-	12,293
Other trading activities	2	36,916	-	36,916	18,534
Investment income	3	68	-	68	2
Other income		-	-	-	7,448
<b>Total</b>		<u>37,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,219</u>	<u>38,842</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		14,831	-	14,831	13,609
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		21,850	-	21,850	15,002
<b>Total</b>		<u>36,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,681</u>	<u>28,611</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		538	-	538	10,231
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		50,931	-	50,931	40,700
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>51,469</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>51,469</u></u>	<u><u>50,931</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	11,436	-	11,436	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	3,136	-	3,136	-
Cash at bank		40,068	-	40,068	51,831
		<u>43,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,204</u>	<u>51,831</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,171)	-	(3,171)	(900)
		<u>40,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,033</u>	<u>50,931</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>51,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>50,931</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>51,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>50,931</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>51,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,469</u>	<u>50,931</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			51,469	50,931
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>51,469</u>	<u>50,931</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

*S J Davies*

Church Lawton Parish Council - Trustee

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	7,000	705
Admissions	29,916	17,829
	<u>36,916</u>	<u>18,534</u>

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	68	2
	<u>68</u>	<u>2</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	565	-	565
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	12,293	-	12,293
Other trading activities	18,534	-	18,534
Investment income	2	-	2
Other income	7,448	-	7,448
<b>Total</b>	<u>38,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,842</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	13,609	-	13,609
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	15,002	-	15,002
<b>Total</b>	<u>28,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,611</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	10,231	-	10,231
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	40,700	-	40,700
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,931</u>

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
Additions	10,947	489	11,436
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	10,947	489	11,436
At 31 March 2022	-	-	-

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	3,136	-

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1	-
Other creditors	3,170	900
	3,171	900

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	50,931	538	51,469
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	50,931	538	51,469

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,219	(36,681)	538
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	37,219	(36,681)	538

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,700	10,231	50,931
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>10,231</u>	<u>50,931</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,842	(28,611)	10,231
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,842</u>	<u>(28,611)</u>	<u>10,231</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,700	10,769	51,469
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>10,769</u>	<u>51,469</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	76,061	(65,292)	10,769
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>76,061</u>	<u>(65,292)</u>	<u>10,769</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2023  
£

2022  
£

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

**Donations and legacies**

Gifts	(2)	-
Donations	237	565
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	235	565

**Other trading activities**

Fundraising events	7,000	705
Admissions	29,916	17,829
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	36,916	18,534

**Investment income**

Interest receivable - trading	68	2
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**Charitable activities**

Grants	-	12,293
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**Other income**

Insurance claim	-	7,448
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**Total incoming resources**

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	37,219	38,842

**EXPENDITURE**

**Raising donations and legacies**

Rates and water	646	-
Insurance	911	2,468
Light and heat	7,016	6,544
Security & caretaking	1,600	1,444
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	10,173	10,456

**Other trading activities**

Purchases	3,090	2,581
Licensing	1,568	572
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	4,658	3,153

**Charitable activities**

Supplies	-	21
Telephone	775	718
Equipment, fixtures & fittings	-	1,715
Advertising	212	25
Cleaning	5,238	2,294
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	6,225	4,773

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**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Subscriptions	307	805
Postage and stationery	281	124
Sundries	662	389
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,318</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Accountancy	1,645	-
Other business services	-	140
	<u>1,645</u>	<u>140</u>
<b>Information technology</b>		
Computer costs	1,020	70
Repairs and renewals	-	7,530
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>7,600</u>
<b>Human resources</b>		
Admin staff & general	3,308	271
Software licences	8,402	-
	<u>11,710</u>	<u>271</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	-	900
	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>
Total resources expended	<u>36,681</u>	<u>28,611</u>
Net income	<u>538</u>	<u>10,231</u>

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**LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 520034

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022  
for  
Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

Marshall Accountancy Ltd  
St Mary's House  
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Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 2EW

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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## **Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

### **Chairperson's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The start of the year was still affected by the pandemic whereby the hall would have been closed until restrictions lifted in April 2021.

Unfortunately, we had to close until August 2021 to have extensive repair works after the water leak in February 2021.

We were also able to claim Business Support grants from Cheshire East in June 2021 and January 2022 which totalled £10,667. Our final accounts showed our profit for 2021-22 was £10,231 including these grants. We were thankful we were able to claim these grants to help keep the hall running.

Once we reopened our regular hirers came back steadily and with caution following government guidelines of using face masks and limiting the numbers in the building. There was a period of closure over December - January due to the new Delta variant.

This year we have welcomed several new regular hirers:

Monday mornings - Little Athletes who went from one class to two due to its success and the toddlers love to use the huge space for running round and kicking a ball.

Tuesday night - Clubbercise classes with Annabelle which has proven to be very popular.

Wednesday afternoons - Sue Jepson also moved her Line Dancing group from Rode Heath to Church Lawton as the space was larger for social distancing - they love the hall and are very happy here.

We were sad to hear that Retirement Club were not going to return after many years at the hall as there was nobody able to run the club. Joyce Fletcher (Secretary of the club) has sadly since passed away. Joyce was an active member of the community who also sat on the Lawton Memorial Hall Committee for many years and will be missed.

Our Sunday morning hirer Louise closed her Stretch and Flow classes in December due to low numbers and the Tuesday evening Kick Boxers didn't return after August after having to close one of their venues due to the impact of Covid, ours was the one they chose after many years at the hall.

Alsager Civic Centre advised us in August that they could no longer provide us with the bar contract due to the uncertainty with Covid. We were extremely fortunate to find a new bar provider - Kev Johnson of Kev's Catering who was willing to step in and take on the contract. This has proven to be a good relationship so far and Kev has been very helpful in the absence of the caretaker - he has assisted with opening for customers and setting up the hall when needed. He is keen to see the hall succeed and increase its occasional hire bookings.

Our first fundraising event was the Christmas Party Night in December - 70 people came along and Kev did the catering for us so that the committee were able to sit down and enjoy the night. He did a great job and we also raised £555.

Elvis revisited the hall in February with 116 tickets sold - we made £367 at this fundraiser and had a great night!

Fundraising events were cautiously fitted into the calendar with the unpredictability as to whether they could go ahead, however it now seems like the world is returning to normal but increased costs of living now seem to have an impact on what people spend their money on and nights out.

Occasional bookings have started to increase - we have had so many children's parties at the weekends and other celebrations booked into the diary.

Church Lawton Parish Council provided us with a grant for £1650 in March 2022 to purchase new fridges. This was very much appreciated, and a letter of thanks has been sent to the clerk.

We are currently looking for someone to do the admin / accounts and have received a few enquiries off the back of the flyer delivered to the community and posts on social media. We are hopeful to find the right person who can take this on within the next few weeks.

We are back to having two caretakers at the hall now that bookings have started to pick up again. Thank you to both Narissa and Sandra for keeping the hall looking as it should both inside and out - we have lots of lovely comments at how nice it looks especially since its reopening.

## **Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

### **Chairperson's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

Barry Bartholomew our Honorary Advisor who has provided us with professional and financial advice over many years, stayed on for another year and has resigned from 1st June 2022. Thank you to Barry for your hard work and dedication to the hall, it has been very much appreciated.

Ken Newton stepped down as a committee member this year - thank you to Ken for your contribution to the hall including researching for us and tidying up at the hall.

Vice Chairperson Lynn Ridgway also stepped down this year. She still helps occasionally when needed as she loves cleaning at the hall but is no longer able to attend our monthly meetings. Thank you to Lynn.

This year we also received resignations from three of our Trustees - Cheryl Adams, Robert Billings and Roy Giltrap. I would like to personally thank them all for their support and commitment over the past years and wish them all well.

Thanks to all the committee members who have all contributed in different ways over the last year from representing us at the parish council meetings, cleaning inside the hall, tidying up outside, researching, being key holders, setting up tables and chairs and helping at functions. Special thanks to Jane (Secretary) for typing up and distributing agendas and minutes, reading through endless documents for information on the land.

Thank you as always to my family, Martin and my Dad who help at the hall with setting up tables and other little jobs that need doing.

It is with regret that due to personal reasons after nearly 8 years of being on the committee (this time around) I will be standing down at the end of the year. We have lost many committee members and trustees this year and I fear for the future of the hall. Without new people coming forward from the local community who are willing to assist in the day to day running of the charity I am uncertain of what will happen. Hence why we put out a press release and flyer around the parish to try and get more people involved and we will see where we stand at the end of August before making any further decisions about whether Lawton Memorial Hall Trust can continue to provide this facility to the community. I am hopeful that those living in Church Lawton do step forward and save this amazing venue from potential closure.

Victoria Shaw  
Chairperson Lawton Memorial Hall Management Committee  
May 2022

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

520034

**Principal address**

Liverpool Road West  
Church Lawton  
Stoke on Trent  
ST7 3DA

**Trustees**

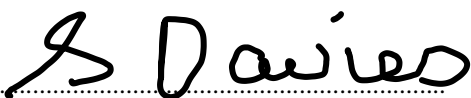
Church Lawton Parish Council (appointed 25/1/2023)

All existing trustees as at 24/1/2023 resigned with effect from 24/1/2023 and Church Lawton Parish Council was appointed as the sole trustee with effect from 25/1/2023.

**Independent Examiner**

Emma Marshall-Birks  
Marshall Accountancy Ltd  
St Mary's House  
Crewe Road  
Alsager  
Stoke-On-Trent  
ST7 2EW

Approved by Church Lawton Parish Council on 12 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms Susan Davies

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lawton Memorial Hall Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**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').

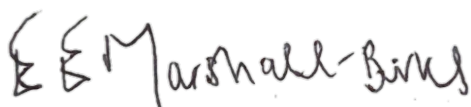
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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 other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Emma Marshall-Birks  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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12 June 2023

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		565	-	565	18
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		12,293	-	12,293	22,370
Other trading activities	2	18,534	-	18,534	3,294
Investment income	3	2	-	2	7
Other income		<u>7,448</u>	-	<u>7,448</u>	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>38,842</u>	-	<u>38,842</u>	<u>25,689</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		13,609	-	13,609	5,319
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		<u>15,002</u>	-	<u>15,002</u>	<u>14,045</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>28,611</u>	-	<u>28,611</u>	<u>19,364</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 10,231	 -	 10,231	 6,325
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>40,700</u>	-	<u>40,700</u>	<u>34,375</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u>50,931</u>	 -	 <u>50,931</u>	 <u>40,700</u>

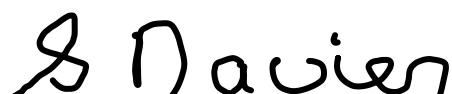
The notes form part of these financial statements

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		51,831	-	51,831	40,700
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(900)	-	(900)	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>50,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>40,700</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>50,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>40,700</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>50,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,931</u>	<u>40,700</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	7			<u>50,931</u>	<u>40,700</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>50,931</u>	<u>40,700</u>

The financial statements were approved by Church Lawton Parish Council and authorised for issue on 12 June 2023. and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Ms Susan Davies

## Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	705	71
Admissions	<u>17,829</u>	<u>3,223</u>
	<u>18,534</u>	<u>3,294</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable - trading	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted fund £</b>	<b>Restricted fund £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	18	-	18
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	22,370	-	22,370
Other trading activities	3,294	-	3,294
Investment income	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>25,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,689</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5,319	-	5,319
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	<u>14,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,045</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>19,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,364</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	6,325	-	6,325
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>34,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,375</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,700</u>

Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,700	10,231	50,931
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>10,231</u>	<u>50,931</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,842	(28,611)	10,231
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,842</u>	<u>(28,611)</u>	<u>10,231</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	34,375	6,325	40,700
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>34,375</u>	<u>6,325</u>	<u>40,700</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	25,689	(19,364)	6,325
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>25,689</u>	<u>(19,364)</u>	<u>6,325</u>

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	<b>At 1/4/20</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>At 31/3/22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	34,375	16,556	50,931
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>34,375</u>	<u>16,556</u>	<u>50,931</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	64,531	(47,975)	16,556
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,531</u>	<u>(47,975)</u>	<u>16,556</u>

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	565	17
Admissions	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	565	18
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	705	71
Admissions	<u>17,829</u>	<u>3,223</u>
	18,534	3,294
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable - trading	2	7
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	12,293	22,370
<b>Other income</b>		
Insurance claim	<u>7,448</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>38,842</b>	<b>25,689</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Rates and water	-	127
Insurance	2,468	1,267
Light and heat	6,544	2,488
Security & caretaking	<u>1,444</u>	<u>827</u>
	10,456	4,709
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	2,581	-
Licensing	<u>572</u>	<u>610</u>
	3,153	610
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Supplies	21	187
Telephone	718	1,016
Equipment, fixtures & fittings	1,715	443
Advertising	25	206
Cleaning	<u>2,294</u>	<u>862</u>
	4,773	2,714

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Lawton Memorial Hall Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Subscriptions	805	391
Postage and stationery	124	10
Sundries	<u>389</u>	<u>411</u>
	1,318	812
<b>Finance</b>		
Other business services	140	-
<b>Information technology</b>		
Computer costs	70	59
Other fund expenses	-	60
Repairs and renewals	<u>7,530</u>	<u>10,400</u>
	7,600	10,519
<b>Human resources</b>		
Admin staff & general	271	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended	<u>28,611</u>	<u>19,364</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>10,231</u>	<u>6,325</u>

**LAWTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 520034

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# Accounts

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## **Chairperson's report 2020 - 2021**

In March 2020, our lives all changed forever with a worldwide pandemic announced and there were lockdowns all over the world. Our hall closed to all hirers from 24 March 2020 until 6 September 2020 and was then intermittently open for just our regular users' in-between further national lockdowns in November - December 2020 and January – May 2021.

Over these lockdowns where we have closed, we have received just over £21,000 in Business Support Grants from Cheshire East Council and these have been vital to keep our hall afloat or we would have been using our reserves. Our final accounts at the end of March 2021 show that we have made a profit of £6324 which would have not been the case without these grants.

We were sad to see Robert Billings leave us in April 2020 after many years of support from him and his wife Sue – always a great support at our fundraisers in the kitchen and Chairperson for a few years following Annette's illness before stepping down and handing over the reins to me.

At the end of April 2020, we gave Mark Bailey (Honey Pot) - our bar provider notice and the bar went out to tender in May 2020. We received 2 tenders and we made the decision to go with Alsager Civic Centre as our new bar provider. This new service is yet to commence due to the unforeseen events with Covid. We are hopeful to get the bar in place by July ready for when we reopen to larger events.

We rearranged all our fundraisers – mainly tribute nights, to the end of 2020 and then soon realised these needed to be rearranged again due to the pandemic taking hold of the world.

Occasional hirers parties and weddings were postponed and then cancelled due to the pandemic. The maximum of 30 people being allowed in the hall due to social distancing made them all re-evaluate their bookings.

We had to ensure our hall was Covid secure for our regular hirers when they were able to go into the hall and our thanks to Lynn for ensuring the halls extreme cleanliness at this time.

Whilst the hall was closed in August 2020, we took the opportunity to redecorate the main hall, entrance hall and office. This made the hall look more modern by painting white over the mahogany dado and skirting.

Over this financial year the major costs were the decorating, full 5-year electric test and replacing the boiler after having longstanding problems with the heating.

Our caretaker Richard decided to leave us in September 2020 after this period of uncertainty, so Lynn and our volunteers on the committee, stepped up for a couple of Mystic Fairs that were able to take place with maximum of 30 restrictions, to set up the hall and tidy afterwards.

We continued throughout the year with virtual monthly meetings on Zoom and found that we were all grateful of a break from fundraising and face to face longer meetings.

Unfortunately, in February 2021 we had a major water burst at the hall which caused considerable damage to the toilets, entrance hall, office carpet and main hall near the buffet hatch. Ceilings came down and there was water everywhere. We have received tenders in now for the work and it is expected to take up to 9 weeks, so we are hoping to reopen mid to end July all being well to our regular hirers.

Victoria Shaw 4 May 2021

Church Lawton Parish Council provided us with a grant for £1000 in March 2021 to purchase gardening equipment for outside. This was very much appreciated, and a letter of thanks has been sent to the clerk.

Barry Bartholomew who has provided us with professional and financial advice over the past 20+ years and has decided once again to step down and “hang up his boots” after being called back for his support after mum was taken ill. A huge thank you must go to Barry for being my sounding board and advisor over the past few years.

Thanks as always goes to all our volunteers and committee members who are the backbone of the hall. My special thanks to Linda and Lynn. Linda for picking up the financial work from Jo and Lynn who loves to spend time at the hall cleaning and tidying. This as you can imagine has saved the hall thousands of pounds over this difficult time.

We are advertising for a self-employed admin / accounts assistant to do the accounts and take bookings and enquiries for the hall. This is due to limited free time our volunteers have. We are looking for the new person to bring in new business, apply for grants and have charity experience to move our community hall forward for years to come.

We will also be looking for a new caretaker once occasional bookings start to pick up once again.

I remain hopeful that we come through this pandemic as the main community hub of Church Lawton. Whilst there is still uncertainty of when the restrictions will be lifted – we have seen a positive impact from the Covid vaccination roll out and number of people being taken ill and deaths with Covid.

I would like to think that towards the end of the year we will see larger events again and I realise that our fundraisers will not be viable until we can host for 100+ guests. How long it will take to build up people’s confidence to attend these events though is still unknown.

In the meantime, we will focus on getting the hall back to its former glory and will be addressing the land with Gleasons and changing our status to a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) over this year. There is always something for us to do....

**Lawton Memorial Hall Accounts 2020-2921**  
**Part 1. Profit and Loss Account**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Code	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR		Code		
<b>Administration</b>				<b>General</b>			
Admin Staff/Contract	505	0.00	2,177.25	Interest	410	7.28	31.59
Phones WWW BT	675	<b>1,016.28</b>	820.45	Grants	420	22,370.43	11,250.00
Website	710	<b>58.79</b>	0.00	Donations	425	17.07	819.35
Stationery	690	<b>7.48</b>	61.30				
Postage	685	<b>2.06</b>	43.42				
Bank Charges	700	<b>0.00</b>	0.00				
Subscriptions	695	<b>391.40</b>	512.00				
Advertising Gen	725	<b>205.76</b>	333.37				
Admin Misc Exp		0.00	0.00				
	Sub total	1,681.77	Sub total 3,947.79		Sub Total	22,394.78	Sub Total 12,100.94
<b>Building Costs</b>				<b>General Income</b>			
			0.00	Lettings			
Caretaking	510	0.00	3,814.00	Regular	465	3,032.90	20,318.75
Other Cleaning	515	0.00	1,793.80	Occasional	405	261.00	5,901.82
Cleaning Supplies	525	349.19	804.75	LMH	475	0.00	
Alarms all costs	530	827.00	998.76	Deposits	455	450.00	27.13
Electricity	655	1,548.76	5,910.40	Refunds		213.83	
Gas	660	939.35	2,818.91	Bar Share	450	70.80	2,469.49
Water	665	126.92	260.74	Miscellaneous Income	440	0.00	0.00
Business Insurance	705	1,266.84	1,603.65	Unidentified Income		0.88	
R&R	715	8,600.44	14,816.34				
Refuse	570	513.03	1,463.16				
Licences	555	609.93	615.28				
Equipment	000	207.76	0.00				
F&F	765	235.65	2,504.97				
Other Business Svs	565	0.00	0.00				
Miscellaneous	735	332.95	41.96				
Special Items	550	77.96	824.06				
Letting Refunds		600.00					
	Sub Total	16,235.78	Sub Total 38,270.78		Sub Total	4,029.41	Sub Total 28,717.19
<b>Total Admin &amp; Building Costs</b>		17,917.55	42,218.57	<b>Total General Income</b>	Sub Total	26,424.19	40,818.13
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>		8,506.64	<b>-1,400.44</b>	<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>		8,506.64	<b>-1,400.44</b>
(Admin & Building/Gr CHECK)				(Admin & Building/General Income)			
<b>Fund Raising</b>				<b>Fund Raising</b>			
Hall Hire	460		289.20	Entry Fees	485	0.00	9,195.43
Supplies	755	186.75	1,473.94	Entry Fees Refund		0.00	
Services	595		4,230.00	Raffles	430	0.00	942.00
Advertising	750		306.26	Sales Goods	435	0.00	10.00
Other Fund Exp	580	60.31	110.65	Misc Inc			
Refunds		135.00					
	Sub Total	382.06	Sub Total 6,410.05		Sub Total	0.00	Sub Total 10,147.43
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>		<b>-382.06</b>	<b>3,737.38</b>	<b>Net Profit/Loss Fund R'ising</b>		<b>-382.06</b>	3,737.38
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>			
	595	1,800.00	0.00				0.00
	Sub Total	1,800.00	Sub Total 0.00				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>20,099.61</b>	<b>48,628.62</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>26,424.19</b>	<b>50,965.56</b>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS</b>		<b>6,324.58</b>	<b>2,336.94</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS</b>		<b>6,324.58</b>	<b>2,336.94</b>

**Lawton Memorial Hall****Accounts 2020-2021****Part 2. Reconciliation and Statement of Cash Assets.**

Open	This Year	Last Year	Represented by:	This Year	Last Year		
General Reserves	16,498.02	31,682.38	Barclays Main	22,821.70	16,498.02		
Repairs & Renewals	17,877.00	0.00	Holding	17,877.90	17,877.00		
sub total	34,375.02	31,682.38	sub total	40,699.60		34,375.02	
Open Cash in Hand	0.00	355.70	Close Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	355.70		0.00	0.00		
	34,375.02	32,038.08		0.00	0.00		
Profit/(Loss)	6,324.58	2,336.94					
Income/Expenditure	6,324.58	2,336.94	sub total	0.00		0.00	
Calculated Total	40,699.60	34,019.32	Actual Total	40,699.60		34,375.02	
Actual Total	40,699.60	Total		40,699.60		34,375.02	
Variation	0.00						

I have prepared these accounts from the trust's My Pandle records and bank accounts prepared by the Chairperson and Treasurer

I have carried out a sample audit.

I am satisfied that they represent an accurate record of the Trust's financial activity and financial assets.

Barry Bartholomew

13/07/2021 14/04/2021

Honorary Advisor to the Management Committee

These accounts were approved by the Lawton Memorial Hall Management Committee on 12 July 2021

Victoria Shaw

Date

Chairperson

**Lawton Memorial Hall Trust**  
**Reg No: 520034**

### **Independent External Examination of Accounts 2020 to 2021**

The Trust's financial management has been carried out with due propriety and I can again recommend the Annual Accounts to the Commission as a true representation of the Trust's financial position.

During the pandemic fixed cost expenditure and utility use etc. to preserve the fabric of the building continued but most income was lost. Fortunately, the Trust was both eligible for grants from local and central government and in a position to provide the necessary information to draw down considerable income. As a result, the Trust remains a solvent, viable organisation with reserves intact and able to resume meeting its overall objectives when circumstances permit.

A major water burst was experienced in the last quarter causing considerable damage. Most of the cost was covered by insurance.

Considerable thanks are due to the Chairperson in particular for undertaking the necessary work to maintain the halls administration.

As noted below it was again necessary for me to prepare the accounts.

I have recommended that the previous level of finance and management administration should be re-instated when activity levels return to normal levels or before. It is likely that this will be a paid for service in which case appropriate financial/bookkeeping qualifications would be required for that aspect.

*Specific note relating to account preparation:*

*The temporary finance and management arrangements reported last year continued throughout this year. The reduction in activity made this possible and operational decision making and financial management procedures remain effective. The Trust was, however, left short of the resources to adequately prepare its accounts for a second year.*

*At the Chairperson's request I have prepared the annual accounts from the My Pandle records in conjunction with bank statements which have been used to cross check the accuracy of Pandle entries and verify the statement of assets.*

*I have carried out a sample audit of a selection of the year's transactions looking at a mix of individual invoices/orders and propriety/procedural issues.*

Barry Bartholomew  
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May 2021