

Butterknowle Village Hall Association

England & Wales · Charity number 520749

Details

Other names	VILLAGE HALL, BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1962-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL

Activities: The charity provides facilities and volunteers to facilitate social, educational and recreational activities for the population of Butterknowle and the surrounding area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, 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:** BUTTERKNOWLE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£57,107	£63,018	-	-
2024-02-29	£37,995	£46,496	-	-
2023-02-28	£32,139	£43,352	-	-
2022-02-28	£31,057	£29,537	-	-
2021-02-28	£21,121	£6,378	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hayley Robinson	Chair	2022-04-06
Denny Bailey		2022-04-06
HEATHER DUNN		2022-04-06
Kimberley Batey		2022-04-06
Nigel Bryson		2022-04-06
SHEILA MARGARET TODD		2022-04-06
Samuel Lewis Copley		2024-04-03
Susan Jeanette NEWELL		2022-04-06
Val Bryson		2022-04-06

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2 Christenings.

12 Birthday/other parties

4 Funeral teas

5 Taekwando grading events

10 Northern Heartland craft/well being sessions

6 Flower arranging sessions – Sofia Blooms

2 Scout fundraising events

School Christmas concert, Christmas and Summer Fayres, History Exhibition and Church Xmas afternoon tea. The village hall committee organised a New Years Eve party, and 7 events including a singer and a Band the regular monthly afternoon tea fund raiser continues to be well supported. Events the committee have organised also includes a quiz evening for families these will resume later in the year. The scouts continue to use the hall for events and fund raisers.

The Committee has continued to maintain the hall to a high standard and has been successful in being awarded grants totaling almost £30K one of which from our County Councillors and TAP paid for the installation of CCTV cameras and a new electric cooker for the kitchen, the second also from TAP contributed to the cost of decorating the main hall through the Trades4Cares scheme and a third via Community Action North from the National Lottery of £25K paid for the installation of solar panels and battery system and a new oil boiler to replace the existing. The Committee purchased a Christmas tree and provided lights to illuminate it at the entrance path to the hall. The Committee is currently fundraising to refurbish the cabinet for the community defibrillator.

INCOME SOURCE	INCOME	EXPENSE TYPE	EXPENDITURE	
MEMBERSHIPS	£595.00			
EVENTS	£4,021.95			
HALL HIRE	£11,016.00			
DONATIONS	£407.14			
BAR	£12,819.36			
GRANTS	£28,188.00			
Sundries	£60.00			
		BAR	£10,336.29	
		ADVERTISING	£48.60	
		CARETAKER	£2,792.00	
		CLEANING MATERIALS	£368.43	
		INSURANCE	£2,132.64	
		MAINTENANCE	£2,585.96	
		PROJECTS	£34,080.24	
		SUNDRIES	£636.04	
		UTILITIES	£10,038.40	
TOTAL INCOME	£57,107.45	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£63,018.60	
Balance Carried Forward	Cash (including floats)	Barclays Business Acc	Barclays Savings Acc	Total
01-Mar-24	£1,472.26	£21,941.55	£9.33	£23,423.14
End Balance				
28-Feb-25	£1,936.49	£15,757.28	£9.45	£17,703.22

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Reviewed
 10/15/25
 [Signature]



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

28TH FEBRUARY 2025

Charity no (if any)

520749

Set out on pages

remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sarah Blackburn

Date:

20/05/25

Name:

SARAH BLACKBURN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACCA (FCCA)

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4 Christenings.

10 Birthday/other parties

6 Funeral teas

School Christmas concert, Christmas and Summer Fayres, Kings Coronation volunteer celebration, Coffee Morning, History Exhibition, Christmas Wreath making. The village hall committee organised a New Years Eve party, 2 events with singer and Band and a Music and drinks festival also began a regular monthly afternoon tea fund raiser towards the cost of solar panels for the hall. The scouts continue to use the hall for events and fund raisers.

The Committee has continued to maintain the hall to a high standard whilst applying for funding to install CCTV cameras following the theft of lead flashing on the roof. The Committee purchased a Christmas tree and provided lights to illuminate it at the entrance path to the hall. The Committee organised a training session on the use of the defibrillator which was open to all local residents.

Butterknowle Village Hall Finances March 1st 2023 to February 29th 2024

INCOME SOURCE		INCOME	EXPENSE TYPE	EXPENDITURE
MEMBERSHIPS		£635.50		
EVENTS		£3,653.70		
HALL HIRE		£10,290.50		
DONATIONS		£787.84		
BAR		£15,591.52		
GRANTS		£5,100.00		
SUPER DANCE/BOWLS		1,936.00	BAR	£13,785.20
			ADVERTISING	£39.60
			CARETAKER	£3,555.00
			CLEANING MATERIALS	£247.57
			INSURANCE	£2,093.56
			MAINTENANCE	£3,714.19
			PROJECTS	£8,906.75
			SUNDRIES	£2,529.23
			UTILITIES	£11,625.22
TOTAL INCOME		£36,059.06	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£46,496.32
Balance Carried Forward			Barclays Business Acc	
01-Mar-23		£1,901.28	£30,034.40	£9.26
End Balance				
28-Feb-23		£1,472.26	£21,941.55	£9.33
				Total
				£31,944.94

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insurance claim
Aug. 23.

S.S. Newell
Treasurer

10th March 2024

Reviewed
5/4/24.
Sln

(if any): N/A

Address: 15 TEESDALE AVENUE
DARLINGTON
DL3 8AP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NOT APPLICABLE

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4 Christenings.

14 Birthday/other parties

9 Funeral teas

4 Weddings

School Christmas concert, Christmas and Summer Fayres, Queen's Jubilee celebration, Farmer Christmas party, Coffee Morning, History Exhibition, Christmas Wreath making, Air Ambulance fund raiser. The village hall committee organised a New Years Eve party, a Legless Bingo event and a fund raiser for hall funds.

The Committee has replaced the PVC doors at the main entrance, gave a contribution towards the cost of the Jubilee Party, as part of the maintenance programme for the hall the floor to the main hall has been refreshed with a new coating. Electrical work has been completed to upgrade the supply to the kitchen and provide LED lights in the main hall. The bar and cellar area has been renovated / upgraded with new coverings on the walls and floor.

BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL FINANCES MARCH 1ST 2021 TO FEBRUARY 28TH 2022
BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL FINANCES MARCH 1ST 2022 TO FEBRUARY 28TH 2023

INCOME SOURCE	INCOME	EXPENSE TYPE	EXPENDITURE
MEMBERSHIPS	£ 334.50		
EVENTS	£ 2,151.60		
HALL HIRE	£ 10,091.50		
DONATIONS	£ 669.46		
BAR	£ 18,326.04		
SUPER DANCE / BOWLS	£ -		
GRANT	£ 566.09		
		BAR	-£ 14,275.32
		ADVERTISING	-£ 79.20
		CARETAKER	-£ 3,903.50
		CLEANING MATERIALS	-£ 422.77
		INSURANCE	-£ 1,899.13
		MAINTENANCE	-£ 2,744.30
		PROJECTS	-£ 9,954.34
		SUNDRIES	-£ 1,891.73
		UTILITIES	-£ 8,181.74
TOTAL INCOME	£32,139.19	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-£ 43,352.03

added in grants as this category was missing

Total income £32,139.19

Total expenditure -£ 43,352.03

Surplus -£11,212.84

Loss

Signed *SS. Newell* / Treasurer
 3rd March 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL
ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

28/02/2023

Charity no
(if any)

520749

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed:

Sarah Blackburn

Date:

30/3/23

Name:

SARAH BLACKBURN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACCA

Butterknowle Village Hall Association

England & Wales - Charity number 520749

Accounts

Butterknowle Village Hall Association

Annual Report April 2021 – March 2022

2021 continued to be an unprecedented and challenging year. The Coronavirus still affected us all in one way or another. However as national and legal restrictions began to be eased , the workings of the hall was able to take steps in continuing its benefits to the community , albeit in a limited way as people were hesitant at first in resuming social contact with each other.

The association was able therefore to hold its AGM on May 19th 2021 where the following officers and members of the committee were duly elected.

Chair- Mrs. H. Robinson, Secretary-Mrs. K. Whiley, Treasurer -Mr. J. B. Whiley , Bar Manger-Mr. D. Tookey , Booking Secretary- Mrs. H. Dunn, Membership Secretary- Mrs. J. Kellett.

Nominations and proposals from members were taken and the following were elected onto the management committee for 2021.

Mr. D. Bailey, Ms K. Batey, Mr. N. Bryson, Mrs. V. Bryson, Mrs. J. Newell , Mr. P. Tennick , Mrs. S. Todd .

The Holding Trustees of Butterknowle Village Hall are Mr. M. Stevens, Mr. K. Redfearn, Mr. L. Tookey and Mr. D. Blackett.

Mr. G. Copley continues in his role as caretaker of the hall.

The focus of the committee continued to be to maintain and where needed to improve the facilities of the hall. He committee also continued to ensure that they met all the legal, moral and ethical responsibilities in managing the hall for the benefit of the community.

Mrs. S. Blackburn had audited and verified the accounts for 2020 and these were accepted by the management committee. Many thanks to Mrs. Sarah Blackburn who continues to volunteer her services in auditing the annual accounts and supplying an auditor accreditation certificate so that the Village Hall Association accounts can be submitted to the Charity Commission each year.

Maintenance.

- The boiler has had its annual service and some parts have been replaced.
- The defibrillator receives regular weekly checks and replacement pads have been purchased.
- Garden area lawns and hedges continue to be maintained by contractor Mr. Richard Eastwood Garden Services.
- The Car Park continues to be maintained. Thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Bailey who filled in pot holes and secured some broken bricks around the disabled parking access.
- Guttering has been cleaned and repaired where necessary.
- Fire Inspection by Fire service has been completed.
- 120 new grey chairs have purchased replacing the original brown chairs.
- The front door and surround has been replaced.
- Mr. D. Bailey has installed shelving in the store room used by the P & T group .
- A new fridge in the kitchen has been purchased, thanks to Mr. D. Bailey in helping to install a new socket.
- The wooden fencing in the garden area has been resprayed and weatherproofed and the fence was extended thereby completely enclosing the rear garden ensuring a safer area for young children.
- P.A.T testing has been carried out.
- Faulty light in the car park has been replaced. Also a faulty strip light in the main hall has been replaced. The light in disabled toilet has been replaced.
- A small freezer was purchased for the bar .
- Flyers were purchased advertising the regular weekly and monthly events. Money from the Covid Recovery Grant was used to fund this project.
- An outdoor Christmas Tree was purchased , electric cabling installed , lights and extra decorations were also purchased.

Cool Room Project for Bar.

- A Planning Application for the proposed extension had been submitted.
- A Coal Board Survey and Phase One Risk Assessment had been carried out to support the application.
- These reports highlighted that to move the current project forward a Phase Two Risk Assessment would also have to be carried out at a cost of £2,500.
- It was estimated that the costs of this project could therefore escalate to somewhere in the region of £20,000.or more.
- After discussion it was agreed not to sanction the Phase Two Risk Assessment and therefore not to proceed any further with this external extension project and to look at and investigate using and reorganising the existing internal space within the bar / hall.
- Areas discussed 1) Moving bar forward into supper area 2) Using under stage area 3) Swapping the Kitchen with the Bar.
- After further discussions it was agreed that option 2, creating a bar cellar for storage of kegs would be the better cost effective and suitable way to proceed with this project. Marston's Brewery agreed to install new lines . Many thanks to D.Tooke and D. Bailey for their hard work in creating the under stage cellar storage.
- A card reader has also been purchased for the use of the bar.

Storm Arwen

- On the evening of November 26th an unprecedented storm hit the local area of Butterknowle. Much of the village and surrounding area were without power for many days. Mr.T.Lowther and others approached members of the committee with the view to use the hall and access a generator to be able to provide a venue where warmth and food could be offered to those in the community that were in need until their power could be restored. This request of course was granted . The hall was therefore able to be used by many volunteers providing hot meals etc from Monday November 29th till Saturday Dec 4th . Thanks were expressed to committee members Val and Nigel Bryson who volunteered many hours of their time that week providing hot cooked meals etc.

The secretary was able to access funding via The DCC Storm Arwen Grant to cover costs incurred by the hall in providing this much needed support to the local communities.

Village Hall Events

Many thanks to the volunteers who were instrumental in decorating and preparing the hall for the Christmas celebrations.

- A Family Christmas Party was organised on Saturday December 8th
- New Year's Eve Party . This event was well attended and was a very enjoyable community event.

The committee continues to be aware of the importance of advertising the hall's facilities and events. This has been addressed through menu holders displayed on tables during functions, information on display boards in the entrance, on the community display board outside Butterknowle Primary School, posters advertising events in the local Post Office and Royal Oak Butterknowle. Items and articles regarding the hall have been submitted and appeared in the local Press. The hall has also continued to use the social media page Facebook (Butterknowle Village Hall) as well as the TVHC website to advertise upcoming activities and events.

The village hall has continued to be a popular venue and has been hired and used for the following events:

Children's Parties
Parent & Toddler Group
Birthday Parties
Wedding Functions
Anniversary Functions
Christenings
Funeral Teas
Church Fayre/ Tea
Taekwondo Grading Exams
Coffee Mornings
Parish Council meeting
Open Mic Music Night

**Carpet Bowls
Gentle Martial Arts for 50+
Highcroft School weekly P.E. lessons.
Zumba Exercise Class
Sea Scouts Meeting
Sea Scouts Coffee Morning
History Society Meetings
Christmas Community Fayre**

Regular Weekly Hire

**Monday Evening---- Sequence Dance Club
Tuesday Evening---- Zumba
Wednesday Morning--- Parent and Toddler Group
Thursday Afternoon---Carpet Bowls
Friday Morning--- Gentle Martial Arts
Friday Afternoon – Taekwondo Training Session**

Regular Monthly Evening

Open Mic—Last Sunday in each month

50 Plus Club—Third Thursday in each month (March to December only)

The management committee would like to acknowledge with gratitude the many supporters of the hall who have given donations, their time and efforts in enabling the management committee to complete many of this year's projects and initiatives.

Special thanks are extended to the following organisations for their ongoing support:

Teesdale Village Halls Consortium

Durham County Council

Persimmon Community Champions Fund

Easyfundraising

CAF

Teesdale Mercury

Plus the many individuals who support the village hall and fundraising events.

The management committee of Butterknowle Village Hall would like to extend their many thanks to the many volunteers and users who have helped to make this village hall a much valued venue for the benefit of the community.

Klara Whiley (secretary) April 2022

Klara Whiley April 6th 2022

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Section A

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Report to the trustees/
members of

GUTTERFORD VILLAGE HALL
ASSOCIATION

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ended

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Date:

26/3/22

Name:

SARAH BLACKBURN

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