

# WITTON GILBERT VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 520917

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1968-10-10

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WITTON GILBERT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEFINED BY THE PARISH OF WITTON GILBERT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.(B) ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.(C) PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

**Activities:** We promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Witton Gilbert in County Durham and surrounding villages, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, by providing social, educational and leisure activities, in a safe and healthy environment.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITTON GILBERT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEFINED BY THE PARISH OF WITTON GILBERT
- Durham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£23,032	£24,832	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,732	£31,315	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,615	£19,880	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,590	£32,835	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,676	£17,980	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR ARNIE SIMPSON	Chair	
AMANDA HILLARY		2022-10-06
BARBARA MINNS		
Michelle Harrison		2022-10-06

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# Accounts

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Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Monday 15 May 2023 at 6.00pm

Apologies: K Anderson, H Dowson, L Tosney, M Broadhurst

Members present: A Hillary, B Minns, M Harrison, A Simpson, D Rider

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting Monday 16 May 2022 at 6.00pm - All  
deemed correct

Matters arising: None

Election of Officers:

President – B Minns

Chair – A Simpson

Vice Chair – M Broadhurst

Secretary – A Hillary

Treasurer – M Harrison

Management Committee – All committee members

Trustees – A Simpson, B Minns, A Hillary and M Harrison

Auditor – Peter E Squirrell

Booking Officer – A Simpson

Child protect Officer – K Anderson

First Aiders – L Tosney and K Anderson

CHAIRMANS REPORT – read out

TREASURERS REPORT – read out

Any other business:

- Title deed update is near completion with Swinburne Maddison LLP Solicitors, Durham.
- Accounts to be emailed to A Hillary for the halls electronic records.

WITTON GILBERT VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION  
COOPER HALL

CURRENT ACCOUNT FINNCIAL STATEMENT  
PERIOD 01ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Balance B/FWD as per Bank Statement £ 21,692.37

Expenditure

Cleaning	£	1,195.41	
Fund Raising	£	302.50	
Insurance	£	1,648.88	
Licences	£	149.76	
Maintenance	£	1,435.83	
Miscellaneous	£	1,117.49	
Renewals	£	45.77	
Sections	£	697.09	
Telephones	£	585.84	
Utilities	£	4,722.07	
Wages	£	7,978.80	£ 1,812.93
		<u>£ 19,879.44</u>	

Income

Sections

Bowls	£	411.70	
Crafts	£	265.00	
Dancing	£	2,545.33	
IT	£	100.00	£ 3,322.03

Other

Fund Raising	£	980.86	
Grants	£	11,557.00	
Hall Hire	£	10,453.50	
Miscellaneous	£	320.40	
Subscriptions	£	168.00	£ 23,479.76
			<u>£26,801.79</u>

Closing Balance to C/fwd to 2023

£ 28,614.72

Audited by Mr Peter Squirrell

Signed

Date

13 Glebeside  
Witton Gilbert  
Co. Durham  
DH7 6SD

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Committee Members of Witton Gilbert Community Association and Residents of the Parish

To start with a positive our Community Centre has survived another year without the need to access reserves. Although our reserves are healthy it should be noted that we have not added to these and, in relation to our running costs remain relatively small. In 2022 we have managed to accumulate more funds than expenditure which can mainly be attributed to the success of grant applications; thank you to all who have donated to us this past year. The Committee still needs to be mindful of the ever increasing running costs and the work of our unpaid caretaker. Forward planning should be commencing to ensure we have these costs covered to ensure the centre remains open. We should be grateful for the large customer database we still have which ensures the hall is regularly in use. I have noted that no rent increase has been made in recent years but this is a step that should be taken in the next year to ensure running costs are met.

In closing I would like to thank everybody who has assisted me this past year, family, friends, colleagues, the Committee, staff and extra volunteers form a very small team who strive to maintain the Village Hall for all to use – we should all give ourselves a pat on the back.

In closing I hope the Village Hall continues to flourish throughout 2023

Michelle Harrison

## CHAIR MANS RE-PORT.

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE, FIRSTLY I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ALL THEIR STERLING SUPPORT THROUGH OUT THE YEAR IN MAKING DECISIONS AND ALL THEIR INPUT FOR THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WE HAVE ORGANISED

MICHELLE FOR KEEPING OUR ACCOUNTS IN ORDER AND OBTAINING A HEALTHY BANK BALANCE

AMANDA FOR SUPPLYING US ALL THE MINUTES CONCERNING THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SECURING LOTS OF GRANTS FOR US IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THINGS SEEM TO BE SETTLING DOWN AFTER THE COVID SCARE. THE GROUPS HAVE STARTED TO HAVE MEMBERS RE-TURNING. WE ALSO HAVE THE RE-TURN OF LADIES CHANTING AND GONG BATH. WHOM WE HAVE NOT SEEN SINCE COVID.

A. SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PAUL SNOWDON FOR KEEPING OUR GRASS IN GOOD ORDER AND TIDY.

WE HAVE NOW INTRODUCED NEW FORMS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HIRING THE HALL WHERE OUTSIDE EQUIPMENT IS USED. THESE ARE A NECESSARY AFTER THE DAMAGE THAT WAS CAUSED TO THE CEILING IN OUR LARGE HALL. WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST IN WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL

**Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association**

**Auditors Report**

**Reporting Period 01<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

I would like to confirm that I have completed the examination of accounts and all supporting documentation for Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association for their financial year 01<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Full financial records were provided to me for all income and expenditure for the reporting period. Expenditure was evidenced by invoices and receipts and income was clearly defined in the records. Mrs Harrison, Treasurer for the reporting period provided all documentation required.

In my opinion, records and accounts are maintained to a satisfactory standard and the closing accounts give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the association.



Mr Peter Squirrell

04.03.23

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# Accounts

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13 Glebeside  
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16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Committee Members of Witton Gilbert Community Association and Residents of the Parish

I am happy to report that our loved and valued Community Centre has come out of the damaging Covid period quite healthy despite the long periods of restrictions. We started to see more and more groups either restart or talk of restarting in the new year. However, if it was not for the Covid and other grants we received our accounts may well have shown a very different picture as our income fell short of our expenditure. This is something that the Committee should be mindful of as well as the consideration that we currently have an unpaid caretaker who devotes numerous hours to the Hall and should this cease we would be faced with costs to replace. We did close the year again with favourable balances but by no means are these substantial and if we were to lose grant funding linked with rising costs our reserves would soon diminish. I would like to thank Durham County Council and the Area Action Partnership for their generous grants to the hall this last year. The Parish Council still support but their grant was delayed until this current financial year. I am hopeful this coming year will see our fundraising commence once again along with many bookings for our hall.

In closing I would like to thank everybody who has assisted me this past year, family, friends, colleagues, the Committee, staff and extra volunteers form a very small team who strive to maintain the Village Hall for all to use - we should all give ourselves a pat on the back.

In closing I hope the Village Hall continues to flourish throughout 2022.

Michelle Harrison

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COOPER HALL

CURRENT ACCOUNT FINNICAL STATEMENT  
PERIOD 01ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Balance B/FWD as per Bank Statement

Expenditure

Cleaning	£	1,198.05
Fund Raising	£	-
Insurance	£	1,495.79
Licences	£	364.16
Maintenance	£	713.93
Miscellaneous	£	424.83
Renewals	£	15,145.00
Sections	£	1,772.29
Telephones	£	563.28
Utilities	£	3,228.08
Wages	£	7,928.80

Income

Sections

Bowls	£	110.75
Crafts	£	-
Dancing	£	1,436.92
IT	£	-

Other

Fund Raising	£	121.05
Grants	£	19,603.21
Hall Hire	£	6,277.59
Miscellaneous	£	-
Subscriptions	£	40.00

Closing Balance to C/fwd to 2022

Audited by Mr Peter Squirrell

Signed 12.03.22

Date

£ 26,937.06

£ 32,834.21

-£ 5,897.15

£ 1,547.67

£ 26,041.85 £27,589.52

**£ 21,692.37**

WITTON GILBERT VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION  
COOPER HALL

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FINANCIAL YEAR 01ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Opening Balance B/FWD

14.10.321	Interest Received	1.25
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Closing Balance for Year ending 31.12.21

Audited by Mr P Squirrell

Signed P Squirrell

Dated 12.03.22

£ 12,573.04

**£12,574.29**

WITTON GILBERT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
COOPER HALL

HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FINANCIAL YEAR 01ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Balance as per Bank Statement B/Fwd

Interest as credited 19.01.21

Interest as credited 19.02.21

Interest as credited 19.03.21

Interest as credited 18.04.21

Interest as credited 19.05.21

Interest as credited 19.06.21

Interest as credited 18.07.21

Interest as credited 19.08.21

Interest as credited 19.09.21

Interest as credited 19.10.21

Interest as credited 19.11.21

Interest as credited 19.12.21

Closing Balance as per Bank Statement to C/Fwd

Audited by Mr P Squirrell

Signed P Squirrell

Dated 12.03.22

£ 16,300.43

£ 0.14

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£ 16,302.06

**Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association**  
**Auditors Report**  
**Reporting Period 01<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

I would like to confirm that I have completed the examination of accounts and all supporting documentation for Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association for their financial year 01<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The Treasurer provided full documentation to me with all relevant financial details for all income and expenditure in the year. All transactions had supporting documentation.

Records and accounts continue to be well kept and any explanations I required in support of the accounts were provided to me by their current Treasurer Mrs M Harrison.

The closing accounts give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the association.

Mr Peter Squirrell

12.03.22