

THE SMITH MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 520997

Details

Other names	WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-10-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: village hall used by numerous groups for different activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITHINGTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£45,618	£49,902	-	-
2024-12-31	£21,790	£16,310	-	-
2023-12-31	£19,922	£16,561	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,142	£10,957	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,764	£24,828	-	-
2020-12-31	£22,563	£17,325	-	-

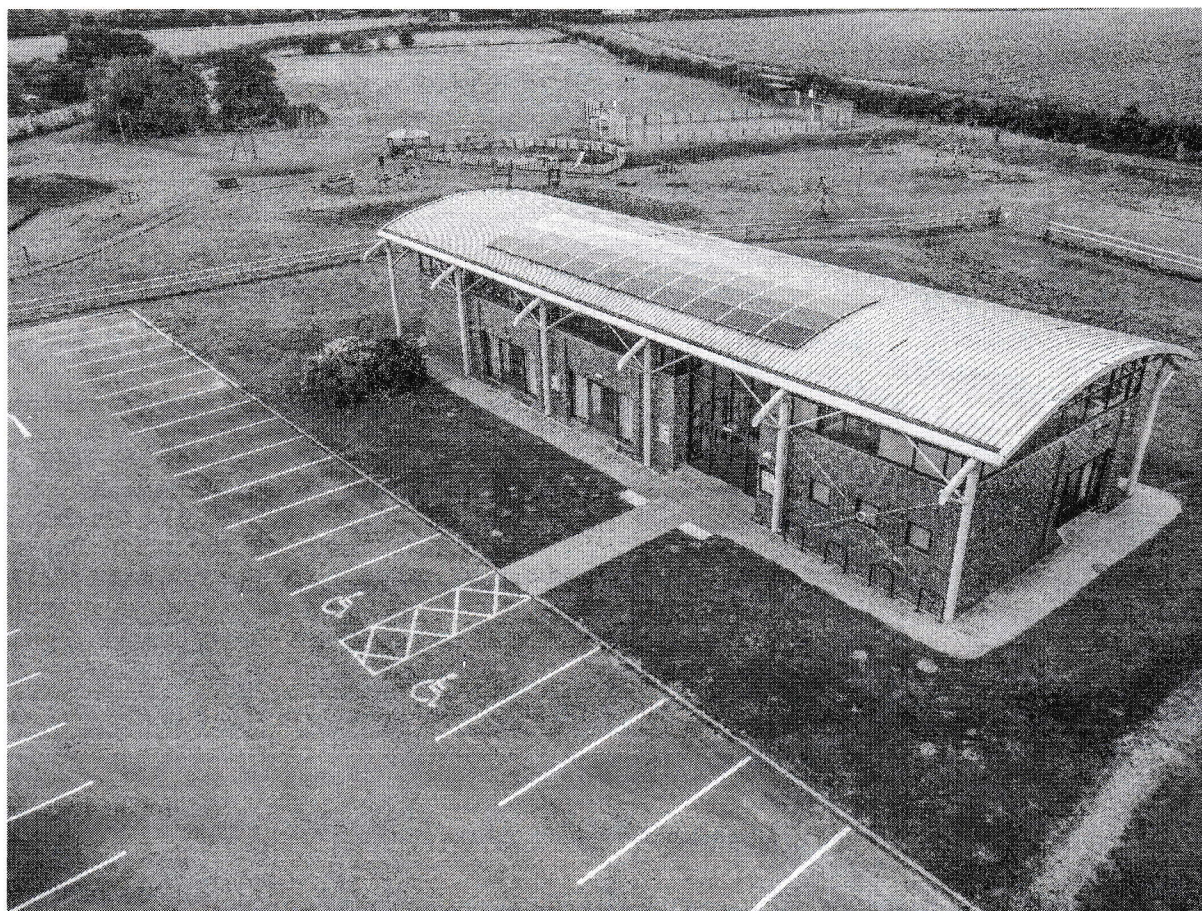
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Michael Fretten	Chair	2025-02-11
Colin Arthur Hunt		2020-09-01
Howard Malcolm Avison Mansell		2025-02-11
Julie Twilton		2025-07-10
June Patricia Wynter		2025-07-10
KEVIN R HEWISON		1999-10-01
Kelly McGuire		2025-07-10

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Smith Memorial Hall, operating as Withington Village Hall

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2025 to
31st December 2025**



Charity name: The Smith Memorial Hall, operating as Withington Village Hall at Coppice Close, Withington, Herefordshire HR1 4PP

Charity registration number: 520997

Objectives and Activities

The Charity is currently governed by a Foundation document dated 26th August 1965. The document states that "The object of the Foundation shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Withington and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants."

The Hall is available for hire by groups and individuals in accordance with guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Charges are made to meet the cost of running and maintaining the Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Withington Village Hall had another successful year. Regular users include a Toddler Group, Slimming Club, Pilates, Fitness, Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Dog Training, Rock Choir and a Bridge Club. The Parish Council meet at the Hall and, from time to time, we have a number of other societies. It is good to see the local community making use of the building. Most of the users of the Hall are local residents, who enjoy the setting in beautiful surroundings as well as the facilities of the Hall itself. Feedback from users has been positive and there is no doubt the Hall is an important community asset. The land on which the Hall is sited is free to use for local residents, including use of the car park to access the neighbouring Withington Fields.

Kevin Hewison has moved out of the area and after 25 years, stood down as Chair of the Village Hall at the AGM, although he remains a Trustee. The Hall would never have been built without Kevin and it was a daunting task to succeed him as Chair.

Colin Hunt has officially stood down as Treasurer in October after many years, although the joys of making changes to signatories at Lloyds Bank meant we continued to rely on him until pretty much the end of the year. Colin has agreed to remain a Trustee until everything is running smoothly. Kevin Powders is the new Treasurer, although due to other commitments he will not become a Trustee.

Bob Wood stood down on 10th July. Many thanks to Bob for his many years of service, both as the Parish Council representative and as a Trustee.

We were fortunate enough to find new Trustees to add to Kevin, Colin, Howard Mansell and me. We welcomed Julie Twilton, Eva Lewis, Kelly McGuire and June Wynter during the year. We also had Nicki Powders continue to handle the bookings, invoicing and receipts and Joe Smith kept the Hall clean.

At the start of the year it became apparent that the softwood main entrance screen and doors was rotting and needed replacing. Aided by a National Lottery grant, an aluminium replacement was installed which, thanks to doors that now prop open on their own in either direction, has also improved access. The lights on the screen needed to be replaced, so we took the opportunity to also replace the wall lights in the main Hall and all of the fluorescent tubes dotted around the building.

The hot water urn, the dishwasher and the fridge have been replaced in the kitchen during the year, as time had caught up with all of them. We also had to install a new boiler for the central heating, which inconveniently failed during a very cold spell in February. Some users understandably cancelled their bookings during this time but a few hardy souls continued to use what was an icy building. A new projector has been installed in the Hewison Lounge with fittings that work for modern computers. New extractor fans have been installed in the toilets. A new website <https://www.withingtonvillagehallhereford.co.uk/> has been designed and rolled out. We will continue to reinvest in the Hall during 2026.

We have embraced social media with an official Facebook site for the Hall. There has been an unofficial site for some time, but no one I spoke to knew who set it up. Thanks to Julie Twilton for setting up the new account and maintaining it. The account is definitely partly responsible for the increase in booking enquiries.

After chatting with the regular users of the Hall, one item that came up was the state of the windows. The building has a lot of glass, a lot of it high up and inaccessible, so we now have a contract in place for them to be professionally cleaned inside and out. A lot of other work, including bringing the bushes by the front corner of the building under control, the overhaul of the Upstairs Lounge and repair of the Hewison Lounge ceiling, has been undertaken by a small group of volunteers.

The Hall would not continue to run without the time given by the Trustees and those who support us. My thanks to everyone.

Paul Fretten, Chair of Trustees

Financial Review

At the end of the year, the Charity had cash reserves of £51,171.82 which was a reduction of £4,284.12 from the end of 2024. The reduction was due to the cost of the replacement boiler and electrical items outlined in the Chair's statement. Income from bookings during the year are generally sufficient to meet the running costs of the Hall, with the majority of booking income represented by regular events. The Charity has every reason to expect the past level of regular and one-off bookings to continue through 2026, so the financial position remains good and there are no concerns about the Charity continuing to operate.

Reserves are held to meet the cost of unexpected events, such as the replacement boiler in 2025. The reserves also allow for planned replacement of fixtures and fittings as necessary. Grants are sought where available and consistent with the objectives and requirements of the Hall.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a Foundation Scheme set up by The Secretary of State for Education and Science under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960. It operates as an unincorporated association.

Trustees are usually invited to join, though anyone may put themselves forward. Prospective Trustees are appointed at a meeting.

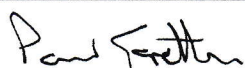
Trustees during the year have been as follows:

	Trustee name	Office (if any)
1	Paul Fretten	Chair from 10 th April 2025
2	Colin Hunt	Treasurer until 31 st October 2025
3	Kevin Hewison	Chair until 10 th April 2025
4	Howard Mansell	
5	Bob Wood, resigned 10 th July 2025	
6	Julie Twilton, appointed 10 th July 2025	
7	Eva Lewis, appointed 10 th July 2025	
8	Kelly McGuire, appointed 10 th July 2025	
9	June Wynter, appointed 10 th July 2025	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PAUL FRETTE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date 07/07/2026

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Smith Memorial Hall (registered Charity Number:520997

(Working Title: Withington Village Hall)

Trustees Annual Report

for the year ended 31st December 2021

Governance:

The charity is a village hall used by many Groups for recreational, social, educational and wellbeing purposes.

The charity operates entirely for the public benefit

Trustees:

Kevin Hewison - Chairman

Colin Hunt - Treasurer

Catherine Healy - Secretary

Robert Soutar - Booking Secretary

Bob Wood - Trustee

Kathy Fields - Trustee

Activities for the year 2021

Withington Village Hall attracts a wide Range of groups of all ages, who use the Hall for various activities including social, recreation, education and exercise purposes, catering for everyone from very young to elderly.

Because of COVID the Hall was closed for several months in the early part of the year, we had the floor sanded and re-sealed. All the tables used by many groups were replaced with new more modern units. Bookings gradually increased, as restrictions were downgraded.

We took the opportunity to re-surface the car and extend car parking facilities, with better signage and markings especially for disabled users.

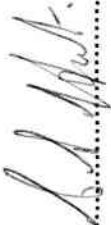
Our income for the year was boosted by local Council COVID-19 grants of £ 16430, plus a lottery Grant of £10000, we have reserves at the end of the year totalling £36,429.68 this will help with future development of facilities for the proposed changing rooms at the hall.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

2020	Income	2021	2020	Expenditure	2021
7479.25	Bookings	9631.00	2259.23	Cleaning/consumables	2191.57
100.00	Booking Deposits		2302.81	Gas & Electricity	1934.54
231.12	MUGA and Football lights	212.04	365.18	Water	160.11
11801.00	COVID-19 Grants	16430.58	5826.63	Repairs & Renewals	15504.23
	Lottery Grant	10000.00			
60.00	Key Deposits	80.00	501.09	Administration costs	279.56
4.05	Bank Interest	1.14	648.00	Grounds maintenance	1254.00
1000.00	Treasurer's Donation (HSBC)		903.99	Insurance	924.59
81.40	Donation	130.00	165.00	200 Club prizes	0.00
1806.55	FIT payment	1263.51	60.00	Audit fee	60.00
	Wayleave	200.00	1288.25	Booking and Deposit refunds	592.65
	Crown Gas VAT Reclaim	815.82		Fixtures & Fittings	1827.58
			1049.82	New Keys	99.73
			1954.96		
22563.37	TOTAL	38764.09	17324.96	TOTAL	24828.56
	<u>Opening balances as at 1/1/21</u>			<u>Closing balances as at 31/12/21</u>	
6813.49	Treasurers Account	11047.85	11047.85	Treasurers Account	24982.24
10442.25	Savings Account	11446.30	11446.30	Savings Account	11447.44
39819.11	TOTAL	61258.24	39819.11	TOTAL	61258.24

Treasurer  Colin Hunt

Chairman  Kevin Hewison

Auditor  Robert Rawlinson

Date 5/2/2022

Withington Village Hall

Current Account

	2021 Income	Expenditure	Balance		
B/F			11047.85		
January	6525.08	513.52	17059.41		
February	44.00	680.09	16423.32		
March	12615.77	1354.00	27685.09		
April	8560.00	2449.00	33796.09		
May	526.50	389.66	33932.93		
June	1127.18	385.51	34674.60		
July	878.00	13158.01	22394.59		
August	2060.50	533.86	23921.23		
September	560.00	1512.70	22968.53		
October	2115.06	574.88	24508.71		
November	2155.54	553.68	26110.57		
December	1595.32	2723.65	24982.24		
	38762.95	24828.56		Income	38762.95
				Expenditure	<u>24828.56</u>
				Surplus/(Deficit)	13934.39
				B/F	<u>11047.85</u>
				C/F	<u>24982.24</u>

Fund Raising Account

	2021 Income	Expenditure	Balance		
B/F			11446.30		
January	0.10		11446.40		
February	0.09		11446.49		
March	0.09		11446.58		
April	0.10		11446.68		
May	0.10		11446.78		
June	0.09		11446.87		
July	0.09		11446.96		
August	0.10		11447.06		
September	0.10		11447.16		
October	0.10		11447.26		
November	0.09		11447.35		
December	0.09		11447.44		
	1.14	0.00		Income	1.14
				Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
				Surplus/(Deficit)	1.14
				B/F	<u>11446.30</u>
				C/F	<u>11447.44</u>