

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 521117

Details

Other names MARKET HALL OTHERWISE THE TOWN HALL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-11-21

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PUBLIC HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS.

Activities: The provision of a public hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Ancient Parish of Hawkshead.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ANCIENT PARISH OF HAWKESHEAD
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£28,241	£12,527	-	-
2024-02-29	£22,223	£9,955	-	-
2023-02-28	£31,072	£38,489	-	-
2022-02-28	£38,236	£28,079	-	-
2021-02-28	£38,370	£12,662	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mary Alston	Chair	2022-07-06
Amal Loring		2025-06-25
EILEEN JOHNSTON		2021-09-08
Graham Kilner		2021-09-08
MARK WHITEHEAD		2017-06-07
Michael Patrick Maxwell		2023-11-08
Paul Stuart Williams		2025-06-25
Simon Noel Hilton		2017-11-09
Timothy Brown		2021-09-08

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HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 01/03/2024 to 28/02/2025

This year we have continued to see a varied use of the Market Hall with the main commercial users being: CJJ Events Arts and Crafts throughout the year; the Himalayan Bazaar were with us for the summer months; and the December Christmas Fair was fully booked. All these remain very important for our revenue stream and have allowed the Trustees to avoid making any increase in charges over the last 11 years.

There have been a number of social events including the church-organised coffee mornings on Wednesdays. On the third Wednesday of the month we have seen the launch of the Hawkshead Repair Café in response to a circulated questionnaire to local residents as to future use of the Market Hall. The repair café is a group of volunteers from the community with skills to repair small electrical items, books, toys, and other small household items. The Market Hall Trustees kindly paid for the Public Indemnity Insurance for the year of £117.33, the future renewal will be met by funds raised through the Repair Café. The Repair Café also served soup to the visitors and provided a meeting space for the local community. The variety of mended items included a cassock, 70 year old doll, vacuum cleaner, table lamps, clothing and bags. The aim of the Repair Cafe is to prevent household items being thrown into landfill and providing the next generation with these skills.

There is a weekly Table Tennis Club for both ladies and gentlemen, also with a series of sessions for Hawkshead School children. There has also been a regular booking for Scottish Country Dancing, and exercise classes and the Hawkshead Wind Band.

The accounts show that our rental income at £20002 was up £8955 from the previous year with rental from the cottage adding a further £7272. We have yet to drawdown the Blackrock Dividends. After expenditure of £12,526 we had a surplus of £15714.

The Market Hall played a significant role again over the Christmas Fair on the 7th of December 2024, when the village was faced with heavy wind and rain forcing stall holders to seek shelter inside the hall, school and Park House. The Christmas Fair was a success and brought many visitors to the village.

The Trustees appointed a local caretaker Mr Tod Coates, a Lengthsman for the parish of Hawkshead, who undertakes roles in the village clearing gutters and street furniture. He is self-employed and we have agreed a maintenance contract for about 10 hours a month with an understanding that if further work is required this is to be agreed and sanctioned by the Trustees. Tod has completed a number of minor repairs both internally and externally. His attention to detail and professionalism has proved a real benefit as he recognizes issues and deals with them directly thereby preventing escalation of problems. He is able to complete a number of different types of repairs and has installed key safes outside the two doors providing access to users of the hall without needing to issue keys to them. He completes a Maintenance Log documenting all work and recording compliance with health and safety requirements.

We also appointed a self-employed cleaner Miss Emma Lightfoot who completes 10 hours a month, with an understanding that if further work is required this is to be agreed by the Trustees. The cleanliness and condition of the Market Hall has improved and positive feedback has been received by users of the facilities.

We look forward to another year of the Market Hall being a focal community hub, with a multitude of functions and facilities. In July 2024 the primary school presented their end of year performance, Oliver the Musical that was well attended. There were also a couple of bingo nights raising money for local community groups.

Mary Alston, 9th June 2025

TRADING STATEMENT AS AT 28/2/2025

Opening Balance

Bank Account 54248666	£	37,543.45
Bank Account 54261419	£	14,661.31
	£	<u>52,204.76</u>

Income

Rents etc.	£	20,002.18
Cottage Rent	£	7,272.50
Black Rock Dividends	£	-
Cumberland Interest	£	-
Insurance Claim	£	966.51
Total	£	<u>28,241.19</u>

Expenditure

Website	£	276.00
Cleaning	£	1,554.91
Caretaker	£	1,247.60
Hall Maintenance	£	507.00
Cottage Maintenance	£	396.00
Repair & Renewals	£	731.33
Wifi	£	255.00
Electricity	£	3,228.00
Gas	£	764.38
Water	£	459.86
Bank charges	£	39.30
Insurance	£	1,730.06
Music licence	£	807.28
Software - booking system	£	530.00
Total	£	<u>12,526.72</u>

Total Income	£	28,241.19
Total Expenditure	£	12,526.72
Net Income	£	15,714.47

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29/2/2024

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Fixed Assets		
Buildings	£ 1,000,000.00	£ 1,000,000.00
Paintings	£ 165,000.00	£ 165,000.00
Current Assets		
BlackRock 2688	£ 127,979.02	£ 115,345.20
BlackRock 2668	11553.4	£ 11,553.40
	<u>£ 139,532.42</u>	<u>£ 126,898.6</u>
Increase in Value	£ 12,633.82	-£ 5,247.92
Bank Account 54248666	£ 48,351.60	£ 37,543.45
Bank Account 54261419	£ 19,567.63	£ 14,661.31
Debtors		£ -
Total Current Assets	<u>£ 1,372,451.65</u>	<u>£ 1,344,103.36</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		

TOTAL TRUST FUND
Increase in Funds

£ 1,372,451.65

£ 1,344,103.36

£ 28,348.29

Approved by the trustees

M Alston
Chairperson



Date 25/6/25

D Atherton
Treasurer



Date 24/6/25

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chairperson
Vice Chairman
Hon Secretary
Hon Treasurer
TRUSTEES

Mary Alston
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David Atherton
Simon Hilton
Mark Whithead
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Graham Kilner
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FORMATION

PURPOSE

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
BANKERS

MND Accountancy
Cumberland
Parkhouse Carlisle

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

MND Accountancy
Independent examiner



Date 19/05/2025

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 01/03/2022 to 28/02/2023

Following two years when the Hall had to be closed for significant periods due to Covid 19 restrictions, this was our first full year of business since 2020. Most of our regular users have returned though sadly no-one has come forward to manage the popular Monday evening bingo sessions, and the Stage Society were not in a position to put on a panto.

Our main commercial users have continued to rent the Hall: Lakeland Arts and Crafts were regular hirers throughout the year; the Himalayan Bazaar were with us for the summer months; and the December Christmas Fair was fully booked. All these remain very important for our revenue stream and have allowed the Trustees to avoid making any increase in charges over the last 10 years.

We have been pleased to welcome new regular users in the shape of the Table Tennis Club, and the church-organised coffee mornings/soup lunches on Wednesdays.

The accounts show that our rental income at £16818.40 was up £1700 from the previous year with rental from the cottage adding a further £6950. Dividend income was £3843 we received a donation of £250 and a final covid grant of £2667. After expenditure of £38489.93, we had a deficit of £7417.55

After months of preparation, the Lower Room was closed during March and part of April to allow the removal of the central pillars and consequent structural work. Bownass & Harrison achieved the challenging task of inserting PCF girders either side of the existing beams to take the weight of the floor above. At the same time, they replaced the ceiling and Spedding Electrical installed new (dimmable) ceiling lights and wall uplighters. Chris Woodend carried out various joinery works and built a cupboard for chair storage. Feeney & Ives redecorated the whole room and Stephen Wilkinson of Arnside refinished the floor. This was not a cheap job, but all our customers have assessed it as a huge improvement.

New tenants (both employed locally) occupied the cottage from July 2022 following the move to Coniston, earlier in the year, of the previous tenants.

The AGM in July 2022 thanked Rosemary Horwood for her contribution as the WI's representative Trustee and noted my appointment in her place. I was also nominated and became the new Chairman after the long and exemplary service of Tom Macan who has sadly moved away and is no longer able to assume the role.

Following Lesley Hadfield's resignation on health grounds, the Trustees appointed Vanessa Dautry as cleaner and are grateful for her continued work in keeping the Hall clean and tidy.

Although there is not a full time caretaker for the Market Hall, any issues and minor repairs are completed by Ed Johnson (Vice Chairman) and we are grateful for his expertise. The Trustees are hoping to secure a local resident to fulfill this function and there are a number of options to explore, but this will not be a full time role and be treated as a 'retainer' to include expenses and charges for any works completed.

We look forward to another year of the Market Hall being a focal community hub, with a multitude of functions and facilities. The purchase of a new screen and projector that will enable up to date films to be shown, to promote a local film night and facilitate guest speakers with their presentations that will enhance future meetings.

The primary school will be presenting their end of year performance with, Shrek the Musical. This is scheduled for later in June 2023 and is eagerly awaited after the success of Matilda last year.

Tom Macan and Mary Alston, 19th May 2023

TRADING STATEMENT AS AT 28/2/2023

Opening Balance

Bank Account 54248666	£	39,219.99
Bank Account 54261419	£	13,415.78
	£	<u>52,635.77</u>

Income

Rents etc.	£	16,818.40
Cottage Rent	£	6,950.50
Black Rock Dividends	£	3,843.28
Cumberland Interest	£	-
SLDC COVID19	£	2,917.00
Invoices Outstanding	£	543.20
Total	£	<u>31,072.38</u>

Expenditure

Advertising	-£	206.00
Cleaning	-£	1,526.78
Cleaning supplies	-£	240.12
Maintenance	-£	2,248.21
Repair & Renewals	-£	7,527.93
Cottage Gas and Electricity	-£	68.90
Electricity	-£	354.88
Gas	-£	427.14
Water	-£	455.01
Bank charges	-£	56.85
Insurance	-£	1,318.72
Office supplies	£	-
Buiding Improvements	-£	24,059.39
Total	-£	<u>38,489.93</u>

Total Income	£	31,072.38
Total Expenditure	-£	38,489.93
Proffit/loss	-£	7,417.55

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28/2/2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Fixed Assets		
Buildings	£ 1,000,000.00	£ 1,000,000.0
Paintings	£ 165,000.00	£ 165,000.0
Current Assets		
BlackRock 2688	£ 120,431.54	£ 114,360.74
BlackRock 2668	£ 11,714.98	£ 14,057.98
	<u>£ 132,146.5</u>	<u>£ 128,418.7</u>
Increase in Value	£ 3,727.80	
Bank Account 54248666	£ 31,518.13	£ 39,219.99
Bank Account 54261419	£ 12,906.89	£ 13,415.78
Debtors	£ 543.20	£ 781.80
Total Current Assets	<u>£ 1,342,114.74</u>	<u>£ 1,346,836.3</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	£ 1,035.20	£ -
TOTAL TRUST FUND	<u>£ 1,341,079.54</u>	<u>£ 1,346,836.3</u>
Decrease in Funds	-£ 5,756.8	

Approved by the trustees

T. Macan	Date
Chairman		
 D Atherton		 Date
Treasurer		

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN

Tom Macan

Vice Chairman
Hon Secretary
Hon Treasurer
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

MND Accountancy
Independant examiner



Date

16/6/2023

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 521117

Accounts

Subject: Audit
Date: Thursday, 16 June 2022 at 12:15:37 British Summer Time
From: mark@mndaccountancy.co.uk
To: 'Hawkshead Market Hall Treasurer'
Attachments: image001.jpg, HMH 1.pdf, HMH 2.pdf

Hello Dave,

I attach a copy of the Accounts for Hawkshead Market Hall for the year ended 28 February 2022.

I can confirm that the Profit & loss Account and Balance sheet as at 28 February 2022 are correct further to the analysed bank accounts held by the Hawkshead Market Hall. I have checked all the entries and can confirm that the bank accounts reconcile as at 28 February 2022.

I have signed and dated the attached in agreement of the Full Accounts.

Kind Regards

Mark.



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TRADING STATEMENT AS AT 28/2/2022

Opening Balance		
Bank Account 54248666	£	39,219.99
Bank Account 54261419	£	13,415.78
	£	<u>52,635.77</u>

Income		
Rents etc.	£	15,094.00
Cottage Rent	£	7,770.00
Black Rock Dividends	£	4,241.79
Cumberland Interest	£	2.68
SLDC COVID19	£	10,346.00
Debtors 2021-2022	£	711.80
Debtors 2019-2020	£	70.00
Total	£	<u>38,236.27</u>

Expenditure		
Advertising	-£	45.00
Cleaning	-£	2,489.53
Cleaning supplies	-£	178.00
Maintenance	-£	22,128.63
Improvements	£	-
Cottage Gas and Electricity	£	-
Electricity	-£	1,366.14
Gas	-£	194.11
Water	-£	376.78
Bank charges	-£	45.90
Insurance	-£	1,254.45
Office supplies	£	-
Total	-£	<u>28,078.54</u>

Total Income	£	38,236.27
Total Expenditure	-£	28,078.54
Proffit/loss	£	10,157.73

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28/2/2022

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Fixed Assets		
Buildings	£ 1,000,000.00	£ 1,000,000.00
Paintings	£ 165,000.00	£ 165,000.00
Current Assets		
BlackRock 2688	£ 114,360.74	£ 103,129.16
BlackRock 2668	£ 14,057.98	£ 10,052.56
	<u>£ 128,418.7</u>	<u>£ 113,181.7</u>
Increase in Value	£ 15,237.00	
Bank Account 54248666	£ 39,219.99	£ 32,547.59
Bank Account 54261419	£ 13,415.78	£ 10,712.25
Debtors	£ 781.80	£ 70.00
Total Current Assets	<u>£ 1,346,836.29</u>	<u>£ 1,321,511.6</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		£ -
TOTAL TRUST FUND	<u>£ 1,346,836.29</u>	<u>£ 1,321,511.6</u>
increase in Fund	£ 25,324.7	

Approved by the trustees

T.Macan
Chairman

Date

D Atherton
Treasurer

Date

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN
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TRUSTEES

Tom Macan
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BANKERS

MND Accountancy
Cumberland
Parkhouse Carlisle

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

MND Accountancy Ltd
Independant examiner



Date 16/06/2022

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 01/03/2021 to 28/02/2022

At the start of the year, the Hall remained closed due to Covid 19 restrictions and we were not able to open until mid-May. Community organisations and activities returned only slowly: the Stage Society were unable to put on a panto, and the popular Monday evening bingo sessions were not revived. But by year-end, most other activities had resumed.

Our commercial users were keen to return: Lakeland Arts and Crafts were regular hirers; the Himalayan Bazaar were with us for the summer months; and the Christmas Fair was fully booked. All these have been very important for our revenue stream.

The accounts show that, in spite of Covid restrictions, our rental income at £15,084 was only £1,000 below that of the previous year with rental from the cottage adding a further £7,700. Covid support added a further £10,346 and dividend income £4,241. After expenditure of £28,078, we still achieved a surplus of £10,157.

We took advantage of the Hall's being closed to get the floor of the Assembly Room (and the stage) refinished and the walls of the stage repainted in black. We also had Bownass & Harrison strip the failed render on the W façade and apply a fresh coat of render and pebbledash. This means that only a portion of the south wall is still clad in lime render.

During the summer, the north and west facades were scaffolded and Feeney & Ives completely redecorated the building (masonry and woodwork). We took the opportunity to clean the moss off the roof and make minor repairs to the gutters. We are grateful to our summer hirers for putting up with this disturbance.

Last year's report noted that the Government's various Covid-support grants had put the Trust in a healthy financial position and that Trustees had endorsed the proposal for a major uplift to the Lower Room. The works themselves took place in February/March 2022 and thus fall outside the scope of this report. But during the preceding months, considerable effort was expended in getting Planning Consent, agreeing specifications for the works and obtaining estimates from contractors. All the contracts were let to local companies so a considerable sum has been "returned" to the local economy.

At the AGM in September 2021, the Trust was pleased to appoint Ali and Dave Atherton as Secretary and Treasurer respectively and to note the appointment of Eileen Johnston and Tim Brown as nominated Trustees representing the Parish Council and the Freemasons.

The cottage continued to be tenanted throughout the year; the tenants made one (entirely justified) complaint about excessive noise by a Hall user which was quickly dealt with. They have earlier this year moved to Coniston and new tenants are being sought.

The Trustees are grateful to Vita Medveda for her spell as Treasurer, from which she has had to stand down for personal reasons. They are also grateful to Lesley Hadfield who continued to keep the Hall clean and tidy and accepted her resignation on health grounds with considerable regret.

Tom Macan, July 2022

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

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9 September 2021

Dear Members,

Independent examination.

We can confirm that we have ticked and analysed all the expenses and Income and ticked these figures up to the bank account statements for the Trust and found that all the figures agree to the Trading statement and balance sheet as at 28 February 2021. It is also agreed that the bank reconciliation agrees with the amounts paid out and paid into the Trust bank account and the bank balances are also correct as at 28 February 2021.

Finally I enclose a note of my fee for the Independent examination.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. D. D.', is written over a horizontal line.

TRADING STATEMENT AS AT 28-02-2021

Opening Balance

Bank Account 54248666	£	7,672.62 ✓
Bank Account 54261419	£	9,950.65 ✓
	£	<u>17,623.27</u>

Income

Rents etc.	£	11,632.81 ✓
Cottage Rent	£	4,933.94 ✓
Black Rock Dividends	£	4,151.75 ✓
Cumberland Interest	£	8.03 ✓
SLDC COVID19	£	17,573.00 ✓
Debtors 2020-2021	£	-
Debtors 2019-2020	£	70.00
Total	£	<u>38,369.53</u>

Expenditure

Advertising	-£	352.40 ✓
Cleaning	-£	1,518.95 ✓
Cleaning supplies	-£	492.41 ✓
Maintenance	-£	1,722.56 ✓
Improvements	-£	5,265.28 ✓
Cottage Gas and Electricity	-£	211.26 ✓
Electricity	-£	949.88 ✓
Gas	-£	572.17 ✓
Water	-£	315.60 ✓
Bank charges	-£	31.95 ✓
Insurance	-£	1,229.70 ✓
Office supplies	£	-
Total	-£	<u>12,662.16</u>

Total Income	£	38,369.53
Total Expenditure	-£	12,662.16
Proffit/loss	£	25,707.37

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28-02-2021

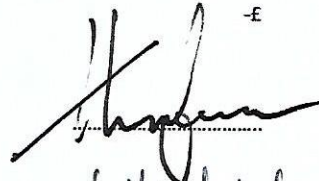
	2020/2021	2019/2020
Fixed Assets		
Buildings	£ 1,000,000.00 ✓	£ 1,000,000.0
Paintings	£ 165,000.00 ✓	£ 165,000.0
Current Assets		
BlackRock 2688	£ 103,129.16 ✓	£ 128,906.76
BlackRock 2668	£ 10,052.56 ✓	£ 12,504.94
	<u>£ 113,181.7</u>	<u>£ 141,411.7</u>
Decrease in value	-£ 28,229.98	
Bank Account 54248666	£ 32,547.59 ✓	£ 7,672.62
Bank Account 54261419	£ 10,712.25 ✓	£ 9,950.65
Debtors	£ 70.00 ✓	£ 70.00

Total Current Assets	<u>£ 1,321,511.56</u>	<u>£ 1,324,105.0</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	£ -	£ -

TOTAL TRUST FUND	<u>£ 1,321,511.56</u>	<u>£ 1,324,105.0</u>
Reduction in Trust Fund	-£ 2,593.4	

Approved by the trustees

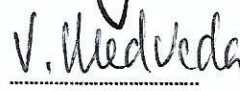
T T Macan
Chairman



Date

8/6/21

V Medveda
Asst Treasurer



Date

24/09/21

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHAIRMAN
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Hon Treasurer
Asst Treasurer
TRUSTEES

Tom Macan
Edward Johnson
Vacant
Neil Forsyth (until Dec 2020)
Vita Medveda
Rosmary Horwood
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mark Dand

BANKERS

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HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Mark Dand
Independent examiner



Date 9/9/2021

HAWKSHEAD MARKET HALL TRUST:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

This has been a year like no other. Apart from a few weeks at the start of our financial year, we were obliged to close until mid-summer. We reopened in August for three months and then had to close for the rest of the year. As I write this report, we are planning on the basis of being allowed to reopen in mid-May.

The accounts show that rental income for the Hall increased by 30% to £16,005 with rental from the adding a further £7,400. After expenditure of £13,336, we achieved with a surplus of £15,911.

During the time we were able to open, there was little usage by community groups. However, the Himalayan Exhibition and Bazaar took the Lower Room from July into November and Lakeland Arts and Crafts were regular users of the Upper Room for much of this time. These two groups account for much of our rental income.

As the accounts show, we benefitted hugely from the Government's various Covid-19 business support schemes, administered by SLDC. The Trustees are determined that as much of this money as possible should be ploughed back into the local economy by pushing forward with enhancements to the building, its equipment and facilities.

The Trust took advantage of the lockdown to get on with some improvements. We now have a commercial dishwasher in the Lower Kitchen and have responded to users' requests by providing a more powerful microwave. The original microwave has moved to the Upper Kitchen which is now also equipped with a fridge. The old, heavy tables in the Upper Room have been replaced with new, lightweight models identical to those in the Lower Room. The floor of the old cell has been painted, so cement dust no longer tracks into the Lower Room. And we have tidied up the lower floor storage cupboard with marked locations for the items kept there.

Contracts have been agreed for the sanding and refinishing of the Upper Room floor plus the stage*, and for the re-rendering of the south wall plus minor chimney repairs. Contractors will shortly be engaged to carry out a full external redecoration during the summer.

As foreseen, Neil Forsyth ceased to be a Trustee at the end of his term of office in 2020. The Trust is most grateful to him for his work as Treasurer and supervision of works. We are equally grateful to Vita Medveda for agreeing to be co-opted as a Trustee and take over the duties of Treasurer. We also welcomed Malcolm MacLennan as Hawkshead Parish Council's nominated Trustee.

The Trust is also grateful to Lesley Hadfield who has continued to keep the Hall clean and tidy.

Tom Macan, April 2021

*This work has now been carried out.