

# LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 521211

## Details

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**Other names** VILLAGE HALL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1963-04-19

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** VILLAGE HALL

**Activities:** see elsewhere

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF LOWER HOLKER AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- Cumbria

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£18,558	£23,805	-	-
2024-09-30	£25,034	£18,634	-	-
2023-09-30	£14,268	£29,759	-	-
2022-09-30	£31,571	£39,064	-	-
2021-09-30	£22,074	£11,116	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>PAUL WILLIAM JENKISON</b>	Chair	2016-04-14
Benjamin Lee Glover		2019-10-10
GILIAN CLEEVE		2014-02-21
Jennifer Oldcorn		2021-06-14
KATHLEEN MICHELE LENNOX		2016-01-14
Patricia Ann Hodgson		2024-07-16
Peter Edward Leahy		2024-07-16
RHONA ELIZABETH BARTON		2013-02-03

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**Chairmans Report**

03/03/2025

On behalf of the trustees may I welcome you to the Annual General Meeting

First and Foremost, I would as always like to thank our secretary Rhona Barton and our Treasurer Kate Lennox for their continued support and hard work they have given me over the past years, without which I would have been unable to continue with this role.

I would also like to thank Gil Cleeve for all her hard work in trying to secure grants from various organisations for the upkeep of the village hall, we hope these will prove to be successful, finally I would like to thank all of the trustees for their continued hard work over the last year. The village hall relies on the trustees and there are always vacancies on the committee for new members.

Since the last AGM there have been some changes to the running of the hall, our caretaker Paul Whyatt resigned his position after a rather unsuccessful period of employment. We have now recruited our new caretaker Mark Ward, who has already made a huge difference to the running of the hall and to the caretakers accommodation for himself and his wife Paula, we hope that you will enjoy your role as caretaker for the hall, I would also like to thank Paula for her work in setting up the electronic calendar that makes it easier for all to see who has booked the various rooms within the hall.

We continue to enjoy the support of all the various and popular groups including the Dance School, Tai Chi, Yoga, Badminton and we also now have a thriving Table Tennis section for different age groups, who are able to use brand new competition standard tables and equipment under upgraded lighting, courtesy of Natland and Oxenholme Table Tennis Club, for which I would like to express my gratitude to one of our trustees Peter Leahy, for all his hard work in this process, and also to thank everyone connected with NOTTC for all their hard work in securing grants and for fund raising on this project, also to thank everyone involved in turning the wasted under stage area into storage areas for most of the Table Tennis equipment, we wish the "Holker Hotshots" all the very best for the future.

The Christmas Bingo was once again a great success I would like to thank Jennifer Oldcorn and her team for their excellent work in organising this event, also the Christmas Quiz was as ever a great fun event and we would like to thank Mark Butterworth for his continued support and hard work in preparing and also hosting this and many other quizzes throughout the year, thanks must also go to Marks wife Wendy for her excellent work in running the 200 club which brings in much needed income to the hall. None of these events would be as successful without the help of all our volunteers.

We continue to see our new modular stage being used by various groups including The Ulverston High School Swing Band whom we look forward to welcoming back this year.

The Lower Holker Village Hall website continues to evolve and we thank another of our trustees Ben Glover for all his hard work in taking this project forward, it does appear to be making bookings and queries easier.

I would also finally like to thank two former trustees Tony and Carole Austin for their continued support and help with various activities such as the Craft Fair, which continues to be a great success and is now held twice a year in Spring and Autumn. None of these events would be as successful without the help of all our volunteers.

I would like to thank all of the groups and all those involved in the running of the events for their continued support, without which we would not be able to run Lower Holker Village Hall for the benefit of the community. Here's to another successful year.

Paul Jenkison (Chairman)



# Report to 2023-24 AGM held on 03 March 2025

<b>1. RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT(GENERAL PURPOSE FUND)</b>						
<b>This section shows the normal running costs and income for the hall</b>						
	2023/24		2022/23		Up/ Down	Variance
	£	£	£	£		
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>						
Facilities Hire	8035		10058		Down	-£2,023.00
Fundraising Events	2719		2320		Up	£399.00
Donations	5070		835		Up	£4,235.00
Rental	0		0		-	£0.00
Telephone Receipts	0		0		-	£0.00
Miscellaneous	0		0		Up	£0.00
200 club	709		884		Down	-£175.00
Bank Interest	250		171		Up	£79.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>16783</b>		<b>14268</b>	Up	£2,515.00
<b>DIRECT EXPENDITURE</b>	£	£	£	£		
Event expenditure	842		615		Up	£227.00
Consumables	530		299		Up	£231.00
Maintenance (see separate sheet for details)	1026		3907		Down	-£2,881.00
		<b>2398</b>		<b>4821</b>	Down	-£2,423.00
<b>SERVICES</b>						
Water	571		1045		Down	-£474.00
Gas	1578		758		Up	£820.00
Electricity	629		300		Up	£329.00
Telephone	489		306		Up	£183.00
		<b>3267</b>		<b>2409</b>	Up	£858.00
<b>FIXED COSTS</b>						
Rent	300		175		Up	£125.00
Insurance - Contents	391		383		Up	£8.00
Insurance - Buildings	460		460		=	£0.00
Electrical/Gas/Fire tests & Music Licence	1757		1108		Up	£649.00
Wages	1923		1413		Up	£510.00
		<b>4831</b>		<b>3539</b>	Up	£1,292.00
<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>						
	<b>6833</b>		<b>16693</b>			
		<b>6833</b>		<b>16693</b>		
Miscellaneous (see separate sheet for details)	1305		2297			
		<b>1305</b>		<b>2297</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>18634</b>		<b>29759</b>	Down	-£11,125.00
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>-1851</b>		<b>-15491</b>	Up	-£13,640.00

# Report to 2023-24 AGM held on 03 March 2025

<b>2. RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (RESTRICTED FUNDS)</b>					
<b>This section shows the grants received for specific purposes, and how they were used.</b>					
	<b>2023/24</b>		<b>2022/23</b>		
	£	£	£	£	
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>					
Cumbria CVS	0		0		
Cumbria County Council	0		0		
Neighbourhood Forum					
Freida Scott Trust	4000		0		
Hadfield Trust			0		
Cumbria Community Foundation	4000		0		
Lower Holker Parish Council	250				
SLDC re. Covid-19 support grants	0		0		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>8250</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>DIRECT EXPENDITURE (Grant assisted imp)</b>					
Cumbria County Council	0		0		
Freida Scott Trust	0		3500		
Hadfield Trust	0		4000		
Cumbria CC Community Grant	0		3801		
Cumbria CVS			0		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>11301</b>	
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>8250</b>		<b>-11301</b>	
<b>3. BALANCE OF COMBINED FUNDS</b>					
		£		£	
Net Receipts from General Purpose Fund		-1851		-15491	
Net Receipts from Restricted Fund		8250		-11301	
<b>TOTAL NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>6399</b>		<b>-26792</b>	
Cash and Bank at start of year		26463		42305	
Cash and Bank at end of year		32864		26463	
<b>4. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS</b>					
		£		£	
Cash		<b>350</b>		<b>350</b>	
Current account		<b>15218</b>		<b>9067</b>	
Reserve account		<b>17296</b>		<b>17046</b>	
Emergency fund (held within reserve account)		<b>13000</b>		<b>13000</b>	
		<b>32864</b>		<b>26463</b>	
<b>5. SUMMARY</b>					
		£		£	
Total income		<b>25034</b>		<b>20269</b>	
Total expenditure		<b>18633</b>		<b>30282</b>	
Surplus (Deficit)		<b>6401</b>		<b>-10013</b>	

2023/24

**Independent Examiners Report  
To the Trustees of Lower Holker Village Hall Trust**

I report on the accounts to the Trust for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144/2 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act.
- To state whether particular matters come to my attention.

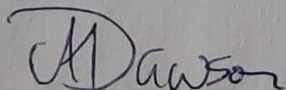
**Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The Procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

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## LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL - TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE 2022 AGM HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023

2021-22 saw regular hirers returning to the hall after the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions ended.

A final small Covid-19 support grant was received automatically and with the other grants, helped towards meeting essential maintenance costs and enabled some improvements.

### INCOME RECEIPTS

Remarkably, after declining for six years, the income from facilities hire increased last year to the highest level for seven years; at £7696 this exceeded the 2014-15 sum by almost £500.

Income from fundraising events in 2022 remained below pre-pandemic levels at £1455 though the five events held during the year all achieved net income for the Hall.

Income from the 200 Club was £876 (compared with £190 in 2020/21) Once again the Trustees would like to thank to Wendy and all the collectors who keep the 200 Club operating.

### DIRECT EXPENDITURE

Maintenance outgoings were £19,086.96, the main element which was the replacement of the roof over the back of stage area.

Work on the stage and back of stage areas began thanks to Carole's success in obtaining grants for new flooring, painting and decorating. The design and creation of a website was also funded by a grant.

After a further increase in grass cutting charges the difficult decision was taken to bring this back in house and a team of Trustees together with the Caretaker agreed to undertake the routing cutting. The original lawnmower proved beyond repair and went part of the way towards meeting the cost of a refurbished mower.

### SERVICES

**Water charges** were 16.6% lower than in 2020-21 though this may not be accurate as WaterPlus has relied on estimated usage for the majority of the year.

**Gas charges** increased once regular users returned to the Hall and were up by £697 on the previous year at £1075.

**Electricity charges** were lower than the previous year at £563 (cf £742) Due to the high level of credit Scottish Power decided to reduce the monthly payment to £1 but I increased this to £25 as the account would have been in debit by the end of the contract period. This is being monitored.

### FIXED COSTS

Fixed costs were higher, the increase being due to the required 5-year electrical inspection.

We are still paying the old rate of annual rental to Holker Estates as the Lease has not yet been finalised.

The fixed costs are broadly static with a small increase in contents insurance and the return of payment to PRS (Performing/music rights)

### IMPROVEMENTS

General improvements totalled £3,935.58 and related to the purchase of additional trestle tables for events, a replacement water boiler in the kitchenette and upgraded stage electrics.

The year-end deficit of income over expenditure was **-£7493**. Of the last 8 years (excluding Covid grants) 3 years saw a surplus and 5 years were in deficit. The 8-year average deficit is just less than £2000 or £165 per month. Future energy costs remain a significant cause for concern after the Hall's fixed contracts expire later this year.

The Hall's income is below the level required for independent financial inspection, however, to ensure the Trustee liability element of our contents insurance cover is secured, the accounts have been submitted for examination by a certified Accountant and were found to be satisfactory.

# 1. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT(GENERAL PURPOSE FUND)

This section shows the normal running costs and income for the hall

	2021/22		2020/21		Up/ Down	Variance
	£	£	£	£		
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>						
Facilities Hire	7697		2562		Up	£5,135.00
Fundraising Events	1445		130		Up	£1,315.00
Donations	114		0		Up	£114.00
Rental	0		0		-	£0.00
Telephone Receipts	0		0		-	£0.00
Miscellaneous	0		0		-	£0.00
200 club	976		190		Up	£786.00
Bank Interest	16		31		Down	-£15.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>10248</b>		<b>2913</b>	Up	<b>£7,335.00</b>
<b>DIRECT EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
Event expenditure	376		0		Up	£376.00
Consumables	328		389		Down	-£61.00
Maintenance (see separate sheet for details)	19087		944		Up	£18,143.00
		<b>19791</b>		1333	Up	<b>£18,458.00</b>
<b>SERVICES</b>						
Water	671		805		Down	-£134.00
Gas	1075		378		Up	£697.00
Electricity	583		742		Down	-£159.00
Telephone	303		303		=	£0.00
		<b>2632</b>		2228	Up	<b>£404.00</b>
<b>FIXED COSTS</b>						
Rent (2019-20 not paid @ 30/09/2020)	175		175			
Insurance - Contents	353		340		Up	£13.00
Insurance - Buildings	460		460		=	£0.00
Electrical/Gas/Fire tests & Music Licence	1616		793		Up	£823.00
Wages (paid a month early in error in 21/22)	2079		1560		Up	£76.00
		<b>4683</b>		3328	Up	<b>£1,355.00</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>						
	<b>3936</b>		3267			
		<b>3936</b>		3267		
Miscellaneous (see separate sheet for details)	677		991		Down	-£314.00
		<b>677</b>		991		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>31719</b>		<b>11147</b>	Up	<b>£20,572.00</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>-21471</b>		<b>-8234</b>	Down	<b>£13,237.00</b>

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Cumbria CVS	900				
Cumbria County Council	6236				
Neighbourhood Forum					
Freida Scott Trust	3500				
Hadfield Trust	4000				
Cumbria CC Community Grant	3801		0		
Lower Holker Parish Council					
SLDC re. Covid-19 support grants	2667		19189		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>21104</b>		<b>19189</b>	
<b>DIRECT EXPENDITURE (Grant assisted imp)</b>					
Cumbria County Council	6236				
Freida Scott Trust	0				
Hadfield Trust	0				
Cumbria CC Community Grant	0				
Cumbria CVS	900				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>7136</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>13968</b>		<b>19189</b>	
<b>3. BALANCE OF COMBINED FUNDS</b>					
		£		£	
Net Receipts from General Purpose Fund		-21471		-6000	
Net Receipts from Restricted Fund		13968		0	
<b>TOTAL NET RECEIPTS</b>		<b>-7503</b>		<b>-6000</b>	
Cash and Bank at start of year		38840		27693	
Cash and Bank at end of year		49798		38840	
<b>4. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS</b>					
		£		£	
Cash		<b>250</b>		<b>268</b>	
Current account		<b>19180</b>		<b>16671</b>	
Reserve account		<b>22875</b>		<b>32859</b>	
Emergency fund (held within reserve account)		<b>13000</b>		<b>13000</b>	
<b>5. SUMMARY</b>					
		£		£	
Total income		<b>31571</b>		<b>22074</b>	
Total expenditure		<b>39064</b>		<b>11116</b>	
Surplus (Deficit)		<b>-7493</b>		<b>10958</b>	

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2023