

RAINHILL VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 521296

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1966-12-06

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

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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL

Activities: Provides rooms and facilities for a large number of local groups and individuals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** RAINHILL AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- St Helens

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£63,002	£72,041	-	-
2024-03-31	£69,238	£73,234	-	-
2023-03-31	£53,427	£64,480	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,965	£55,190	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,067	£37,152	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Danielle Broley	Chair	2023-05-15
Amanda McFadyen		2024-05-14
Anthony James Dagnall		2025-03-11
CHRISTOPHER MOORE		2011-10-31
GRAHAM SWIFT		
Joseph De Asha		2023-05-15

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Rainhill Village Hall Report 2024

The Village Hall provides rooms for hire on a regular basis for a wide range of activities. These include craft groups, theatre groups, a luncheon club, mums & tots, pilates and yoga. In addition, the Hall provides accommodation for a variety of training events, various fayres and exhibitions, blood donor sessions, children's parties and talent shows. The Hall is becoming more popular with older people, with a variety of keep fit activities, indoor bowls, a chit chat club and tea dance. Alzheimers Support runs sessions fortnightly.

Refurbishment of the Hall has continued and most areas of the Hall have been redecorated. New curtains and poles have been fitted to the windows in several rooms and new dividing curtains have been hung in the Maple. All toilets have been decorated and the flooring replaced. The convectors were upgraded in the Oak Hall. New carpet tiles have been fitted in corridors and ceiling tiles replaced.

The Hall has maintained an adequate financial balance, mainly through room hire. Funds will cover six months of operation if future income is affected. This is a legal requirement.

If any resident is at a loose end, there is probably something going on at the Village Hall that will take their interest.

Balance Sheet

Rainhill Village Hall As at 31 March 2025

31 MAR 2025

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

FA - Build Improvements - Cost	4,818.94
FA - Build Improvements - Depn	(303.17)
FA - FF&F - Cost	6,055.98
FA - FF&F - Depn	(983.11)
FA - Off Equip - Cost	817.50
FA - Off Equip - Depn	(272.50)
Total Tangible Assets	10,133.64

Total Fixed Assets 10,133.64

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

CA - Lloyds Current Account	14,650.43
Total Cash at bank and in hand	14,650.43

CA - Accounts Receivable 2,758.72

CA - CCLA Investment Account 24,528.21

CA - Prepayment - Insurance 1,742.65

Total Current Assets 43,680.01

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

CL - Accounts Payable 723.52

CL - Accruals 1,448.41

CL - Net Pay Control 1,256.84

CL - PAYE/NI Control 7,335.09

CL - Pension Control (41.54)

Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 10,722.32

Net Current Assets (Liabilities) 32,957.69

Total Assets less Current Liabilities 43,091.33

Net Assets 43,091.33

Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings (9,038.36)

EQ - Retained Earnings 52,129.69

Total Capital and Reserves 43,091.33

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Income & Expenditure Accounts
Rainhill Village Hall
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Accounts checked by independent third party : Maria Heaton
Treasurer of Friends of Kirkby Gallery & Prescot Museum

Date of check and approval:
05/11/25

Signature

Maria P Heaton

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RAINHILL VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the end of February 2023 several areas of the Hall have been decorated. A number of regulars have been involved, namely Ally, Phil, Ruth and Danielle, although the lion's share has been taken on by Joe who has put in three or four shifts a week since the end of February. A number of our hirers, participants and visitors have commented positively on the improvements

During the year a number of groups have started/finished.

Sewcial Stitches, a fabrics (sewing and knitting group) AC Theatre (a children's performing arts group) and Paper Foxes (a children's art group) joined us at the beginning of the year, but Reading Fairy had to cancel their sessions, due to low numbers.

In June 'Flufftastic' (needle felting) and Children's Counselling Service started. Unfortunately AC Theatre and Dancebeats reduced their session time in May

In September two new groups 'Move It or Lose It' and a 'Sequence Dance' class joined us but we lost the Tai Chi Stick and the Children's Counselling group

Indi Productions: A Burlesque and Street Dance group started in October

Luncheon Club resumed on Tuesday 05 September after a break over August. Reps from the MPs Office were available to take questions and comments before and after the lunch on Tuesday, 11.07

Luncheon club current numbers were at a level that is making it hard to break even and the organisers struggled with staffing levels so Eunice and Joan decided that their last session will be on 05 December and the Club will resume on 12 March. Danielle and Michele now use those Tuesday mornings to extend the Chit Chat Club facility. As well as the usual facilities, soup and sandwiches will be available for attendees

MP's Surgery was held in September. MP for St Helens South (Marie Rimmer) attended to answer questions put by members of the public

- o New groups: Groups Left Hall: that provided a service for young people

St Anns Primary School used the Oak room for a talent show on 27 March.

'Riding Lights', a travelling theatre group, performed on 11 Nov. Arranged through St Ann's Church and attracted an audience of 150. Feedback very positive.

RMTC performances of Adams Family attracted good audiences over the four nights. Additional requirements for the production have led to further amendments to the conditions of hire document.

The Garrick's production of Titfield Thunderbolt, went down well with the public. The Hall's application to Rainhill Rotary 'Community Support Fund' was unsuccessful as their funding is limited.

Phoenix Moon Market held a charity fayre on Mon. 29 May to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Oak, Maple and Cedar rooms used. Money made on the door and profit from the café (£370) was donated to the V Hall.

Mrs. Nixon has retired as Minuting Secretary and the position has been filled by Ruth Gibb. We are very grateful to Mrs Nixon for her services over the years.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Outside Lighting: The 5 bulkheads positioned down the left-hand side of the building have new LED bulbs

New curtains and poles have been fitted to the windows in the Maple, Willow and Elm rooms. New dividing curtains have been hung in the Maple

The door lock barrel (Oak/corridor) broke in two while the door was locked. A replacement mortice lock and barrel have been fitted

Pat testing was carried out 27.03

Internet reliability has been very poor.

Progress, re. parting company with our internet provider, has been disappointing. After numerous exchanges, our complaints have met with little success. As

reported in September, overcharging and mis selling are pivotal to our case, but Onecom refuse to accept responsibility for their behaviour. Our main complaint is the 60-month contract that we signed up to initially. At no point were we given the choice of a shorter period.

To remind members in a little more detail, we signed up to a 5-year contract in 2019, but in addition to line rental were hoodwinked into taking on their VOICE1000, all-in calls deal at £20 per month, which proved to be excessive in provision. Then in 2021, we made efforts to improve Wi-Fi provision to the Oak side of the building through various types of extender, which proved ineffective. The only solution that Onecom could recommend was to instal a second line to that side of the building with an additional router. We agreed to this and after several visits from Openreach and Quinns (subcontractors) the installation was completed. As a sweetener for the increased costs and further 5-year contract for the new installation, our provider changed us over to a VOICE500 deal on a new 60-month contract and also brought the original contract in line with the new contract and so effectively extended the original 2019 contract to 7 years

As well as the contract length, we've been sold a service (on two lines) that will become obsolete as fibre is rolled out. At every turn they have reminded us that we signed the contract and if we want to dispense with their services, we will have to pay the full amount based on when the contract ends in 36 months, at a total cost of £3600. We've offered them a one-off payment of £2300 + VAT, but they are insisting that we stick to the contract period.

We've signed up to a Facebook page, 'Onecom Complaints', that has dozens of posts outlining dissatisfaction with the company, but mainly in respect of '5-year contracts'. It's going to be a long battle, but we seem to be in good company.

Onecom were contacted on 27.10, re. our poor broadband. They arrange for Openreach to visit the Hall to check the connection. An engineer visited on 31.10, resulting in slightly faster speed and more consistent connection.

A decision was taken to upgrade to fibre through locally based National Telecoms UK and BT will install on line on 20 November. Installation costs, including line, router and line extender to Oak will be £***. However, at a recent meeting with the manager of the St Helens CCTV suite, it was agreed that the 'hub' for Village centre camera coverage could be housed in the Hall office as the apparatus is

unobtrusive and could be placed next to the Hall router. The suite agreed to contribute to our fibre installation costs

Twenty tables were replaced recently at a total cost of £1055.00. A second trolley, converted from a redundant kitchen trolley, is now available. Both trolleys need to be painted. They will be used in the Willow and Maple rooms. New Elm tables are stacked by the window

Decoration of the Corridor to the rear of the stage has been completed. The decision was taken not to resurface the stage floor.. RMTTC & Individuality Productions advised to consider using matting. Garrick have used matting successfully for a number of years

In consultation with Graham Swift (Garrick), it was decided that a replacement curtain cord needed to be fitted before the opening/closing of the curtains can be upgraded

The condition of the flat roofing which covers most of the Hall continues to cause concern. A local roofer has attended on three occasions to fix leaks

Toilets: Refurbishment of the six areas completed 17.10. Painting & decorating, repairs, replacements, new flooring in 3 areas, relocation of hand dryer. Total cost £6076.00

Oak Heaters: Convector were replaced with recycled units. Extra unit to left of kitchen hatch. Total cost, £2500.

The hall office has been decorated.

Carpet tiles have been fitted in corridors to side and rear of stage at end of Oct. Total cost of tiles and fitting, £644.53. A number of ceiling tiles were replaced previously in back corridor and Pine room

Broadband Cable: Extender cable has been fitted, running from the office to the Oak. This will provide a good quality broadband to that side of the building

Roof Issues: Joe cleared gulleys, gutters and downpipes recently. Regular attention required at this time of year. Some minor repair work required, mainly to guttering. Waiting for local roofer to get back to us with price for further repairs/reroofing. Further quotes still required from two other roofers. Due to heavy rainfall over the last couple of days, leaks noticeable on wall at boiler room end of Elm and usual ingress over Oak doors from corridor

Income & Expenditure

Rainhill Village Hall

For the year ended 31 March 2024

2024

Turnover

100 - Rev - Hall - Regulars	56,672.44
130 - Rev - Grants (Unrestricted)	11,301.00
180 - Rev - Interest Received	1,265.44
Total Turnover	69,238.88

Gross Profit

69,238.88

Administrative Costs

400 - Staff - Salaries	43,451.59
401 - Staff - ER NI	2,970.60
402 - Staff - NI Employment Allowance	(2,970.60)
403 - Staff - ER Pens	1,908.03
410 - Fac - Depreciation	453.74
411 - Fac - Gas	5,859.16
412 - Fac - Electricity	2,665.88
413 - Fac - Water	1,488.90
414 - Fac - Insurance	1,723.44
415 - Fac - Cleaning & Hygiene	830.97
417 - Fac - Non-Cap Purchases	341.03
416 - Fac - Security	1,398.03
418 - Fac - Consumables	393.09
443 - R&M - Boiler Gas & Heating	1,800.00
444 - R&M - Electrical	389.74
446 - R&M - FF&F	312.00
440 - R&M - Main Structure & Roof	980.00
490 - R&M - Other	778.89
442 - R&M - Water & Drainage	159.00
461 - Adm - Printing & Stationery	324.08
465 - Adm - Computer Costs	647.16
464 - Adm - Health & Safety	129.00
463 - Adm - Legal & Professional	630.00
469 - Adm - Consumables	165.67
462 - Adm - Telephone & Broadband	2,357.70
470 - Adm - Other	92.33
419 - Fac - Licences	1,985.82
420 - Fac - Waste Disposal	1,179.20
447 - R&M - Lift	790.34
Total Administrative Costs	73,234.79

Operating Profit	(3,995.91)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(3,995.91)
Profit after Taxation	(3,995.91)

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Chairman's report for AGM 2023

The Hall continues to be well used by the community. Around 30 groups use the Hall regularly, although, latterly, a number of groups have come and gone as their numbers dropped to unsustainable levels due to the cost of living crisis.

Lettings Policy and Application for Hire forms have been updated over the year. It's mainly parties and one off events that have been affected but all Hall users have been made aware of the changes

The Jubilee party, held in June, was enjoyed by the children and parents alike. Debra made herself available to complete the cleaning after the event, charges for which were met by the PC.

A sign directing people to the Hall has been attached to the fascia outside the YMCA Charity Shop in July,

Black Sheep Utilities arranged a new 5 year Gas contract with 'Smartest Energy' from June 2023 and the redundant gas meters were removed by Opus at a cost of £338.13.

The Hall insurance was renewed with Ansvar in September. As it is a condition of our insurance that rebuild costs be assessed, an assessor visited in November.

The Pine Room was cleared, barring a coat rack and a limited number of tables and chairs, which will remain. Spare tables and chairs were donated to Rainhill Recreation Club. Curtains and poles were fitted to the windows

Tables and chairs were rented out to RRC for their Gala on 28 August at a charge of £40 for the day

It proved difficult to keep day to day activities within the boundaries of office opening times, so office hours were extended from 9.00 to 2.30 from Monday to Friday

To cover the extra office hours, Michele relinquished her cleaning duties and a second cleaner has been employed to work on three mornings per week,

Before leaving the Hall due to lack of support, the Belly Dancing Group held a fundraising session in November, when they raised £327.30 for the Hall. The Bowls group kindly donated £100 in November, 2022

The Religious Festival, held on 19 November, was well attended. It was very well organised and their requirements specific. Indications are that the group will be interested in booking the Hall in the future

Annual financial support through the Village precept has been set at £11695.00 for the next financial year.. The annual award is crucial to the Hall's financial position and we are very grateful.

The Model Railway Exhibition in March was well attended. Organisers are looking forward to the Xmas exhibition which is planned for Saturday 25 November

Railway & Heritage Society asked the Management Committee to consider using a room or outside space to house museum exhibits. There is no capacity inside the building, but the Committee are happy for R&H to pursue the location of a converted container to the right of the Hall.

Vandals smashed a window in Elm room on Sun 29.01. Reported to police, but no action could be taken as there were no witnesses to the incident and no CCTV coverage to that side of the building. An additional CCTV camera has been fitted to cover left side of the building

As has been emphasised of late, there will continue to be challenges around satisfying the needs of groups, in particular if activities require quieter areas or if there are problems around access. Often there are issues regarding unlocking and locking and ensuring that the building is left safe and secure. The Hall is often wholly reliant on the vigilance of regular hirers, who have to take responsibility for the safety of their group members and the security of the building.

It is a condition of our insurance cover that the alarm is set when the building is empty. There are instructions, next to the alarm panel, informing users of the correct procedure if they are unable to set the alarm.

There are precious few volunteers involved in the day to day running of the Hall. 'new blood' is hard to come by as those willing to donate time tend to be involved with their groups. Clearly commitment to the Hall is required as there isn't the capacity to spend too much time organising and supervising. We are very grateful to members of user groups and other volunteers who have given up their time to improve the appearance of the Hall interior. We are particularly grateful to Joe who has spent many hours decorating the Foyer, the corridor at the side of the stage, the Willow, Elm and Maple rooms.

Maintenance

The Hall has been regularly maintained throughout the year.

The Maple Room step from the emergency exit door was repaired and the step extension and grab rail are in place. The sagging ceiling by exit door was made good

Flashing replaced on the wall protruding above foyer to stem ingress of moisture affecting the inside of the foyer by front doors. Drain pipe and cabling fixed to rear side of wall

Fixed Wiring Inspection was carried out in April

Extension to concrete ramp outside Oak Room emergency doors put in place

Fire Exit sign to back stairs in Teak kitchen was erected

The convector heaters in the Oak hall are due to be replaced soon.

A LOLER Inspection (lift MOT) carried out in July and certificate issued

Signs for directions to gents' toilet and disabled toilet/baby changing room are now displayed on main corridor

Gutters and downpipes cleared. A section of guttering to the rear of the building was reset where roof overhang is limited. The Elm room remains dry by the window since the gutter was cleared and flashings above the boiler room resealed. Flashings sealed at front outside foyer. One leak from flashings still to be sealed. In the kitchen, after the temporary repair 18 months ago, the leak reappeared in Dec. A roofer identified an area, carried out a repair when the roof dried out.

Motion light sensors have been fitted in three corridors and light switches removed.

Waterplus located the water meter and identified a leak but as yet it has not been repaired.

Gas check carried out in December

An anti-surge device has been fitted. This was required before the boiler control panel and valves could be replaced, although the boiler has only been problematic on a few occasions over the winter months.

New curtains and poles were fitted in the newly decorated Willow and Elm rooms.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Committee, and in particular Chris as Secretary, Gill as Treasurer, Betty as Minute Secretary and Michele for their support over the year.

Rainhill Village Hall Receipts and Payments Account ***Annual Accounts for period: April 2022 – March 2023***

Accounts checked by independent third party: Tina Ball
Culture Development & Events Officer (Gallery & Museum), Knowsley Council

Date of check and approval:
Monday 15th May 2023

Signature:



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RAINHILL VILLAGE HALL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year End Statement April 2021 to March 2022

RECEIPTS

	Year
Rents	33605.20
Transfer from deposit A/C	0.00
Interest	9.93
Parish Council Grant	11060.99
Donation Rainhill Trials	0.00
St Helens Creditors	2783.00
Broadband	0.00
Transfer from HSBC	0.00
HMRC JRS Grant	5287.51
Wages overpaid	0.00
Bank Correction	199.00
ST Helens MBC	8000.00
Disposal of Assets	20.00

PAYMENTS

	Year
Salaries	25134.88
Inland Revenue	0.00
British Gas	2483.73
Electricity	0.00
Water and Waste Water	1043.14
GAZPROM	2937.54
Rainwater Drainage	0.00
Onecom	1308.51
Security deposit refund	1030.00
Fiswall	0.00
Window Cleaner	116.00
Paper Towels	40.60
Office supplies	543.56
Select Security	983.68
Lift maintenance	284.00
ABM Maintenance	3261.09
Claughton Fire Protection	96.72
TIC insurance	2747.73
Maintenance electric	0.00
B&CE Holdings Pension	165.06
Premises Licence	180.00
General maintenance	2058.08
Music Licence	0.00
ST Council	0.00
Expenses C Moore	0.00
KBH Construction	3624.00
St Helens BC Tree felling	838.73
Cleaning Materials	218.82
HMRC	1397.55
Barrette Accountants	905.00
Gifts	79.14
Fire Risk Assessment	195.00

SUB-TOTALS

60965.63

51672.56

SURPLUS 9293.07

B/F 45897.65

TOTAL 55190.72

BALANCES

Current A/C 33,292.01

Deposit A/C 21,898.71

SUB TOTAL 55190.72

Add Balance of Parish Council Grant 293.01

TOTAL 55483.73

NOTE: PARISH COUNCIL GRANT FOR 2021/2022
IS £11,354.

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Dear RVH Management Committee Member,

I hope that you are all well and 'double vaccinated' where age has allowed. A couple of groups that provide activities for children, have been able to return to the Hall since 12 April and further sessions should resume from 17 May.

The Annual General and Ordinary Meetings would normally be held on the second Tuesday in May, but this won't be possible. However, we are looking forward to holding these meetings in July if this is allowed. Hence, we are distributing this report, the updated Summary of Activities sheet and a copy of the year end accounts for you to peruse. Please get back to us if you need any clarification.

Although the Hall was forced to close again on 04 January, decorating and refurbishment work has continued and this is noted on the summary sheet. The final phase of the emergency lighting upgrade was completed in January and all areas of the Village Hall now satisfy legal requirements. All ceiling lighting units, apart from the Oak and stage, have been upgraded to LEDs. The Oak and stage will be upgraded in early May. As an essential service, the Blood Donor team have continued to use the Hall throughout the pandemic and their next session is on Tuesday 04 May.

The Hall has been fortunate to qualify for further local grants and we received £6k in January. It is likely that we will be able to reduce staff furloughing after 17 May as groups return to the Hall. Regrettably, the lime tree to the left of the building had to be removed after it was noticed that there was possible deterioration in the lower trunk. As a precaution, it was agreed that removal was necessary as it was impossible to assess the extent of the damage.

Unfortunately, our Treasurer has recently resigned. Chris' efficient handling of the finances has helped put the Hall in a good position, particularly in respect of bringing our banking system into the 21st century. In addition, he has made a substantial contribution to the maintenance of the Hall in respect of the internal decoration, roof and drain maintenance and tree work as well as making himself available as a key holder. Painting the main corridor and Oak room was tackled over an extended period from January.

Hopefully, the Covid timetable will remain uninterrupted and we will see a number of our user groups return from 17 May. It would be a great help if group representatives/organisers could contact Michele to confirm their return as soon as possible as cleaning schedules need to be arranged. The demand for rooms from new groups is on the increase as we get closer to the restrictions being lifted. Just to confirm, new groups will not take preference over our regular users.

We look forward to seeing you later in May and at the meeting in July.

Best wishes, Maria



Knowsley Council

Kirkby Gallery
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Date of check and approval:
23rd January 2022

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