

BLAKEDOWN PARISH ROOM

England & Wales · Charity number 523100

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-09-07

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PARISH ROOM

Activities: To manage and maintain the Blakedown Parish Room as a place of recreation, social gatherings, entertainment and meetings for the benefit of the inhabitants of Blakedown.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BLAKEDOWN
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£25,858	£19,490	-	-
2023-09-30	£21,826	£16,431	-	-
2022-09-30	£21,076	£15,501	-	-
2021-09-30	£26,071	£10,732	-	-
2020-09-30	£30,413	£34,762	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROBERT GEORGE RICHARDSON	Chair	2013-12-04
CHRISTINE ELIZABETH LINDLEY		2013-12-04
JOHN BRUCE ROSTRON		
WENDY CHRISTINE PRIESTNALL		

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2024



Principal Address

The principal address of the Charity is 18 Belbroughton Road, Blakedown, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3JG.

Structure Governance and Management

The Charity is a registered charity, registered with the Charity Commission under registered charity number 523100 and is constituted by a Trust Deed dated 25th April 1925 ('the Governing Document'). The Governing Document provides for the Charity to operate through a Committee which is to manage the Parish Room and arrange lettings to hirers. The Committee is also responsible for maintaining the buildings and the infrastructure and keeping them in good repair. The Committee consists of the trustees together with 9 committee members (4 of whom shall be ladies). Committee members are to retire at each Annual General Meeting but they are eligible for re-election. Committee members are to be aged 21 or over and must reside in Blakedown and the Committee has the power to co-opt any person(s) as members of the Committee. The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the existing trustees and there is to be a maximum of 5 trustees and not less than 3.

The Buildings

The current building was erected in 1973 and cost in excess of £50,000. It replaced an old corrugated iron structure which was erected in the 1920s. Fred Young, who lived in Blakedown for many years, died in the early 1970s and he provided in his Will for the major part of his estate to be utilised for the building of a new village hall.

Objects

The Governing Document provides for the use of the Parish Room as a place of recreation, social gatherings, entertainments and meetings for the benefit of the Parishioners of Blakedown either gratuitously or in consideration of any monetary payment or on such terms as the Committee may think fit. The Trustees

confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Trustees

The present trustees are John Rostron, Wendy Priestnall and Robert George Richardson.

Correspondent

The correspondent is Mr J B Rostron of 11 Brookside Way, Blakedown, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3NE.

Principal Activities

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Summary

The financial year ended 30/09/2024 proved to be another successful year for the running of the hall. The income amounted to £25858 which was mostly comprised of hire charges. The sum expended on maintenance and repairs amounted to £4515 which included the sum of £1300 being the charge for levelling the balcony area at the rear of the hall and £1061 for various plumbing repairs. Gas bills totalled £2460 and electricity bills totalled £2593. The water bill came to £872. One of the main costs of running the hall is the cleaning bill and this amounted to £4064. The Charity ended the year in a healthy financial position reflecting the enduring popularity of the hall with both regular and occasional hirers.

Funding Strategy

The Trustees aim to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis and the hire charges paid by the users of the Hall are set to achieve this. The main source of the Charity's income is the hire charges paid by the users of the Hall but from time to time grants are awarded to the Charity mainly for building and infrastructure works. The Hall is advertised via its own website. The Trustees do not engage in any direct fundraising with the general public.

Reserves Policy

The Charity had cash and bank reserves of £68197 at the year end. These are held as a reserve to cover the cost of essential works to the buildings and the infrastructure, to cover the cost of replacing or up-dating the equipment and furniture in the Hall and as a contribution towards the cost of future projects.

Risk Management - Insurance

The Hall is insured with Allied Westminster Insurance. The cover for Buildings Insurance is £1,685,425, for Contents £54,493, for public and products liability £10,000,000, and for employers liability £10,000,000. The Hall is also covered for trustee indemnity, legal expenses and loss of revenue.

Licences

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Community Involvement and Support

The Hall is an important asset for the local community and the Trustees work hard to ensure that it is available for local people to hire while also benefiting from hire charges from people and organisations from outside the Parish. The Charity's finances are sound and as a result the Committee have not had to increase the hire charges for several years.

Appreciation

The Trustees and Committee are volunteers and give their time free of charge or benefit and their valuable input undoubtedly contributes to the successful running of the hall.

Declaration

The Trustees acknowledge that they have approved this report.

Dated 29th June 2025

Signed *J B Rostron* J B Rostron - Trustee

Blakedown Parish Room (Regd Charity No.523100)
Statement of receipts and payments for year ended 30 September 2024

RECEIPTS	2022/23	2023/24
	£	£
Hire charges(net of refunds)	20851.00	23168.00
Miscellaneous payments	19.95	109.24

BANK INTEREST		
COIF Charities Deposit a/c	955.17	2581.20

	<u>21826.12</u>	<u>25858.44</u>
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

at year end		
Accumulated funds		
Opening balance	56433.85	61828.72
add profit	5394.87	6368.46
Balance at year end	<u>61828.72</u>	<u>68197.18</u>

PAYMENTS	2022/23	2023/24
	£	£
Premises licence	180.00	180.00
Water	952.85	872.80
Gas	2799.02	2460.28
Electricity	1775.05	2593.10
Cleaning	2253.00	4064.50
Maintenance/repairs	4893.78	4515.51
Insurance	1471.79	1517.76
Grounds maintenance	1256.75	2058.00
Refuse disposal	405.00	630.00
Performing rights	298.92	250.31
Bank charges	68.80	70.40
Sundries	76.29	277.32
	<u>16431.25</u>	<u>19489.98</u>
Excess receipts over payments	5394.87	6368.46
	<u>21826.12</u>	<u>25858.44</u>

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

at year end		
COIF Charities deposit a/c	49414.25	51995.45
HSBC Bank Current a/c	12348.60	16135.86
Cash	65.87	65.87
	<u>61828.72</u>	<u>68197.18</u>

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Summary

The financial year ended 30/09/2021 was blighted by the COVID Pandemic resulting in nationwide lockdowns which affected the Parish Room. As a result the Hall was closed to Hirers in November 2000 and from January until April 2021. Some baby/toddler/children/groups were able to re-start in the hall from April but it was May before the majority of the regular hirers were able to resume their activities. The Charity did benefit from Government grants amounting to £17,431 for COVID-19 support and this did compensate for the loss of income from Hirers and enabled the Charity to end the year in a healthy financial position. During the financial year the Parish Room Committee arranged for the 5 yearly report on the electrical installation to be carried out at a cost of £1284.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who hired the Hall during the financial year whether regular Hirers or those using the Hall for one-off events and are grateful to Hirers for observing the COVID-19 Special Conditions of Hire which were put in place following Government guidance on the re-opening of Community Facilities.

Funding Strategy

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Reserves Policy

The Charity had cash and bank reserves of £50859 at the year end. These are held as a reserve to cover the cost of essential works to the buildings and the infrastructure, to cover the cost of replacing or up-dating the equipment and furniture in the Hall and as a contribution towards the cost of future projects.

Risk Management - Insurance

The Hall is insured with Allied Westminster Insurance. The cover for Buildings Insurance is £1,396,025, for Contents £41,818, for public liability £10,000,000, and for employers liability £10,000,000. The Hall is also covered for trustee indemnity, legal expenses and loss of revenue.

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Community Involvement and Support

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Appreciation

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Dated 29th June 2022

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**Blakedown Parish Room (Regd Charity
No.523100)**

Statement of receipts and payments for year ended 30 September 2021

RECEIPTS	2019/20	2020/21	PAYMENTS	2019/20	2020/21
	£	£		£	£
Hire charges	12162.00	8638.00	Premises licence	180.00	180.00
Grants	18125.00	17431.00	Water	1722.33	218.97
Refund insurance premium	44.35	0.00	Gas	3052.87	2248.21
			Electricity	1138.13	744.25
			Cleaning	3482.00	1285.75
			Maintenance/repairs	3783.73	1675.03
BANK INTEREST			Insurance	1333.59	1299.40
COIF Charities Deposit a/c	82.13	2.52	Grounds maintenance	1185.00	1185.00
			Refuse disposal	345.00	345.00
			Performing rights	448.44	0.00
			Report on electrical installation	0.00	1284.00
			Stage curtains	2100.00	0.00
			Flat roof re-felting	15650.00	0.00
			Sundries	341.50	267.25
			Excess receipts over payments	-4349.11	15338.66
	<u>30413.48</u>	<u>26071.52</u>		<u>30413.48</u>	<u>26071.52</u>
STATEMENT OF BALANCES			STATEMENT OF BALANCES		
at year end			at year end		
Accumulated funds					
Opening balance	39869.60	35520.49	COIF Charities deposit a/c	20364.40	20366.92
add profit/loss	-4349.11	15338.66	HSBC Bank Current a/c	14549.99	29992.84
			Cash	606.10	499.39
Balance at year end	<u>35520.49</u>	<u>50859.15</u>		<u>35520.49</u>	<u>50859.15</u>

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Summary

The financial year ended 30/09/2020 has been most unusual with the onset of the pandemic in the UK resulting in a nationwide lockdown from mid March. As a result the Hall was closed to Hirers from mid March until Mid July when it re-opened albeit subject to very strict conditions with regard to hygiene, cleaning and social distancing. In fact it was the beginning of September before some of the regular Hirers started resuming their activities in the Hall. The Charity did benefit from a Government grant of £10,000 for COVID-19 support and this did compensate for the loss of income from Hirers and enabled the Charity to end the financial year in a healthy financial position. Despite all the difficulties the Parish Room Committee were able to purchase new curtains for the stage at a cost of £2100 and were also able to arrange for the re-felting of the flat-roofed section of the Hall at a cost of £15650 which was funded in part by a grant of £8125 from the Norman Dawson Charitable Trust.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who hired the Hall during the financial year whether regular Hirers or those using the Hall for one-off events and are grateful to Hirers for observing the COVID-19 Special Conditions of Hire which were put in place following Government guidance on the re-opening of Community Facilities.

Funding Strategy

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Reserves Policy

The Charity had cash and bank reserves of £35520 at the year end. These are held as a reserve to cover the cost of essential works to the buildings and the infrastructure, to cover the cost of replacing or up-dating the equipment and furniture in the Hall and as a contribution towards the cost of future projects.

Risk Management - Insurance

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Appreciation

The Trustees and Committee are volunteers and give their time free of charge or benefit and they are grateful to all those who support the Hall by attending and/or running events. They would also like to thank the trustees of the Norman Dawson Charitable Trust for the grant towards the re-felting of the flat roof.

Declaration

The Trustees acknowledge that they have approved this report.

Dated 19th November 2021

Signed *J B Rostron* J B Rostron - Trustee

Blakedown Parish Room (Regd Charity No.523100)**Statement of receipts and payments for year ended 30 September 2020**

RECEIPTS	2018/19	2019/20	PAYMENTS	2018/19	2019/20
	£	£		£	£
Hire charges	19544.00	12162.00	Postage&stationery	17.77	0.00
Other payment by hirer	50.00	0.00	Water	86.50	1722.33
Grants	0.00	18125.00	Gas	3071.16	3052.87
Refund insurance premium	0.00	44.35	Electricity	1660.03	1138.13
			Cleaning	4397.25	3482.00
			Maintenance/repairs	3785.69	3783.73
BANK INTEREST			Insurance	1342.15	1333.59
COIF Charities Deposit a/c	113.46	82.13	Grounds maintenance	1185.00	1185.00
			Refuse disposal	335.00	345.00
			Performing rights	448.44	448.44
			Premises licence	180.00	180.00
			New tables	311.28	0.00
			Stage curtains	0.00	2100.00
			Flat roof re-felting	0.00	15650.00
			Sundries	195.00	341.50
			Excess receipts over payments	2692.19	-4349.11
	<u>19707.46</u>	<u>30413.48</u>		<u>19707.46</u>	<u>30413.48</u>
STATEMENT OF BALANCES			STATEMENT OF BALANCES		
at year end			at year end		
Accumulated funds					
Opening balance	37177.41	39869.60	COIF Charities deposit a/c	20282.27	20364.40
add profit/loss	2692.19	-4349.11	HSBC Bank Current a/c	18970.94	14549.99
			Cash	616.39	606.10
Balance at year end	<u>39869.60</u>	<u>35520.49</u>		<u>39869.60</u>	<u>35520.49</u>

