



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date  
From 01 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Cropton Reading Room

Other names charity is known by Cropton Village Hall

Registered charity number (if any) 523337

Charity's principal address Mount Pleasant, Cropton

Pickering

North Yorkshire

Postcode YO18 8HL

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Martin Thomas	Chair		
2	Nicola Maria Riley	Secretary		
3	John Nicholas William Dyball	Treasurer		
4	Robert E Aconley	Trustee		
5	Dr Rachel Ethel Mary Faulding	Trustee		
6	Brian Hamilton Willoughby	Trustee		
7	Valerie Anne Monkman	Trustee		
8	Ellie Leary	Trustee		
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Polly Pearson	Pearson Accountants, 76 Middlecave Road, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 7LX

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Conveyance dated 3 February 1949
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Organisation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected annually at AGM

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

A village hall which is used by the community for social activities, meetings and fetes.

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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The charity organises a variety of events for the benefit of the whole parish which aim to be enjoyable, interesting and informative. These include regular coffee mornings, talks on subjects such as local history, events to commemorate national dates of importance such as coronation parties, VE day commemorations and so on. Other social events include quiz nights, ceilidhs, summer barbecues and our annual vintage car rally.

The hall is available for hire by private individuals and other organisations at a very modest charge and is widely used by other village organisations to hold their regular meetings or fund raising events such as the Cropton Women's Institute and St Gregory's Church.

Opportunities for physical and mental wellbeing include weekly yoga classes and bowls nights.

The charity has a scheme for the donation of books and other reading material which are made available for purchase at the hall at a minimal charge.

The trustees have had due regard to charity commission guidance on public benefit during the year

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Following the previous year's upgrade to the outdoor space at the Village Hall we have continued to improve the physical condition of the building with the installation of new windows around the hall. Decoration of the main hall has been carried out and new a laptop and projector screen provided for presentations.

Kitchen facilities have been improved with the installation of a new range cooker and a range of new cooking equipment which has greatly eased the catering work for longstanding regular events and allowed an expansion of the catering options which can be accommodated for social gatherings.

The number and range of events this year has been expanded and these have been very well attended, allowing the opportunity for parishioners to have much more social interaction and community engagement in a parish which is very rural and might otherwise be very isolating, particularly in the winter months.

Towards the end of the year the village came together to purchase a small piece of derelict land on the outskirts of the village. The money was raised by donation and this income is reflected in the 2024 accounts. The purchase has subsequently been completed early in 2025 and volunteers have been carrying out repairs and improvements with a view to this area becoming a peaceful, communal outdoor space for all to enjoy.

**Section E****Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held to allow for the ongoing maintenance of the building and to cover timing differences in income and expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

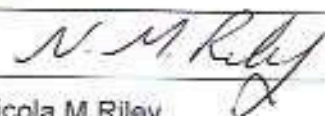
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Nicola M Riley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

16/10/25

The Cropton Reading Room	523337
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Events	8,697	-	-	8,697	5,893
Hire Charges	2,399	-	-	2,399	1,828
Donations	-	27,890	-	27,890	66
Grants	-	602	-	602	602
Interest Received	781	-	-	781	461
Miscellaneous	101	-	-	101	188
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>28,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,470</b>	<b>9,038</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>28,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,470</b>	<b>9,038</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Event Costs	3,780	-	-	3,780	2,149
Insurance	1,446	-	-	1,446	1,305
Utilities	1,631	-	-	1,631	3,052
Fire Safety	332	-	-	332	126
Licences	108	-	-	108	77
Repairs & Renewals	7,849	602	-	8,451	7,209
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	1,083
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,146</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,748</b>	<b>15,001</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15,146</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,748</b>	<b>15,001</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,168</b>	<b>27,890</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,722</b>	<b>- 5,963</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 3,168</b>	<b>27,890</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,722</b>	<b>- 5,963</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	3,064	-	-
	Savings Account	14,650	27,890	-
	Cash	1,124	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,838</b>	<b>27,890</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		John N W Dyball	16/10/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

The Cropton Reading Room

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/24

Charity no  
(if any)

523337

Set out on pages

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*remember to include the requirements of section 145(5)(b) of the Act*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Polly Pearson*

Date:

21/10/2025

Name:

Polly Pearson

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

Pearson Accountants



76 Middlecave Road, Malton

North Yorkshire, YO17 7NQ

## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

### Analytical Review

#### Income

Income overall has increased by £31,432 (348%) from the prior year mainly driven by one off Donations income of £27,890 raised for the purchase of a small piece of land on the outskirts of the village and partly driven by an increase in Events income of £2,804 (48%) due to an increase in the number and range of events being held.

#### Expenditure

Overall Costs increased by £747 (5%) driven by higher Event costs of £1,631 (76%) following the increase in Events mentioned above, and an increase in Repair & Renewals of £1,242 (17%) due to window repairs in 2024. Utilities costs are down this year by £-1,421 (-47%) from 2023 due to better deals gained, and Miscellaneous expenses are also down this year by £-1,083 (100%).

The accounts show that cash assets are £46,728 on 31/12/24.

I feel the accounts and record keeping of the financial information of The Cropton Reading Room are fair and accurate.