

## **Austwick Parish Hall Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Austwick Parish Hall, Main Street, Austwick, Lancaster, North Yorkshire, LA2 8BN is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 1936, and registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 523477).**

**The Trustees during the year were :**

**Chair : Dr Karen Lindsey Smith**

**Treasurer : Robert Glen**

**Secretary : Angela Jupp**

**Other Trustees : Dr Peter Russell (Deputy Chair), Sue Dewhirst, Kevin Hale, Merna McVeigh, Alec Rigby, Barbara Tibbatts, Elise Wright, Ian Shaw (resigned 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022), Joanna Robinson (resigned 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022), Catherine Nicholls (resigned 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022), Rosie Pettiford (resigned 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022), Molly Preston (resigned 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022).**

The charitable objectives of the Trustees are to maintain Austwick Parish Hall for the inhabitants of the parish of Austwick and its immediate vicinity, for community activities and for the use by local groups for social, recreational and educational purposes.

The Parish Hall's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been drawn up and independently reviewed. Copies of statements of (a) the financial assets (balance sheet) and (b) summary cash income receipts and expenditure payments are included at the end of this report. The accounts do not include the freehold property value of the Hall itself (currently valued for insurance purposes at a rebuilding cost of £896,000) as this asset which is held in trust does not form part of the day-to-day financial activities of the charity.

During 2022, the process of recovery of Hall hire bookings continued back towards levels seen before Covid-19, although the special reduced hire rates introduced as a temporary measure during the pandemic were retained throughout the year in order to encourage local user groups back to using the Hall. The financial reserves of the Parish Hall at the end of 2022 remain strong. The following were the main features of the year's finances :

- Overall, income from all sources decreased slightly to £28,049 in 2022 from £31,533 in 2021. However, 2021 had seen unusually high income with the receipt of £17,302 of Covid-19 government grants. The level of income seen in 2022 represents a more typical balance of income from various sources and in particular a return to a normal

calendar of fundraising events, including the annual Street Market and Cuckoo Festival which had been absent in 2020 and 2021.

- Income from Hall hirings increased to £3,559 in 2022 from £2,690 in 2021, although this remained relatively low when compared with the pre-pandemic level of £5,661 seen in 2019. There was a gradual process in 2022 of local groups returning to their previous patterns of bookings and a continuation throughout the year of the discounted hire tariff at the special Covid-19 levels introduced in 2020.
- Fundraising and event income continued to recover from the low point seen in 2020. The Street Market returned as the key fundraising event in 2022. This included a number of supporting activities in the early part of the year and culminated in the main event held at the start of the Queen's Jubilee weekend at the end of May. A tremendous effort was made by volunteers across the community of Austwick and its surrounding area, and as has traditionally been the case, the net proceeds were shared 50:50 with its fellow charity, the Austwick Playing Fields Association. The event raised income of £17,026 and after costs, the net surplus was £12,829, of which £6,414 (50%) was retained by the Parish Hall. Other fundraising income comprised £896 and included the summer plants stall and the return of the popular monthly film nights in the autumn of 2022.
- Compensation for the problems created by Covid-19 continued to be available at the start of 2022 in the form of a final government Covid-19 business grant of £2,667. This compares with amounts claimed in 2021 of £17,302 and £11,334 in 2020.
- A generous grant of £1,000 was also made by the Farrer Family Trust specifically towards the installation of new lighting in the Hall as referred to below.
- Expenditure increased to £25,915 in 2022 from £13,548 in 2021, an additional £12,367, of which £7,622 was attributable to a combination of higher fundraising costs with the return of the Street Market, and the transfer of the 50% share of the net surplus to the Playing Fields Association. These elements of higher expenditure were reflections of the higher fundraising income.
- The remaining increase in expenditure was largely the result of :
  - Well-publicised price rises for heating fuel and electricity.
  - Reinstatement of business rates from April 2022, post-Covid-19.
  - The one-off cost of £1,662 to replace obsolete Hall lighting with low energy units, which was part-funded by the grant of £1,000 referred to above.
  - One-off amounts spent of £1,050 on urgent roofing repairs and £966 on installation of new hand-dryers in the toilets. (NB : there had been a one-off 2021 cost in repairs and maintenance of £852 for replacing a window in the ladies' toilets).

- During the year, in response to the introduction of bank charges by HSBC, the bank account historically used for the Street Market was closed and the balance transferred to the charity's main operating bank account. The closing balance of that account is therefore included in the year-end cash reserves of the Hall, although as shown in the attached statement of financial assets, an amount of £1,546 is attributable to the Austwick Playing Fields Association.
- The net effect in 2022 of the incomes and expenditures reported above was a modest cash surplus of £2,133. This represents a return to a more normal level of financial activity after the surplus of £17,985 in 2021 which was principally attributable to the receipt of government Covid-19 grants. The financial resources of the charity at the end of 2022 were £63,783 held principally as bank balances at HSBC, Skipton BS and National Savings, and which continue to provide a strong financial opening position for 2023.

At the start of 2023, the Hall was fully open for hire albeit still on the reduced tariff introduced back in 2020 to enable small groups to use the large hall with social distancing. Following the successful return of the Austwick Street Market and Cuckoo Festival in 2022, planning for the event in 2023 is already well under way, and current expectations are for 2023 to see the use of the Hall now settling at pre-pandemic levels.

The Trustees would like to extend their thanks to all those in and around Austwick who volunteered their time, energies and other resources for the benefit of the charity during the year.

Robert Glen,

Treasurer, Austwick Parish Hall.

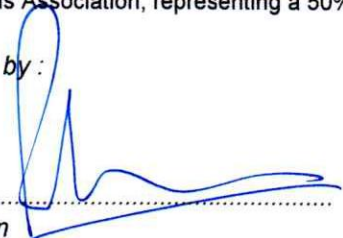
6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**AUSTWICK PARISH HALL COUNCIL**  
**Registered Charity No. 523477**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

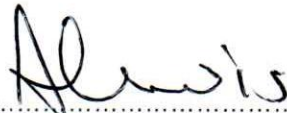
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balances as at 1 January	61,650.27	43,664.69	39,938.38
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	2,133.33	17,985.58	3,726.31
Balances as at 31 December	<u>63,783.60</u>	<u>61,650.27</u>	<u>43,664.69</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Refundable deposit held by Filmbank	150.00	150.00	150.00
Petty cash	823.86	812.19	407.17
Bank balances at HSBC, Settle (current accounts)	38,430.31	36,382.18	18,922.33
National Savings Investment Account	3,911.71	3,911.32	3,883.36
Skipton Building Society	20,467.72	20,394.58	20,301.83
Total	<u>63,783.60</u>	<u>61,650.27</u>	<u>43,664.69</u>
Unbalanced difference	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Note :** At 31 December 2022 and 2021, balances at HSBC above included **£1,546.62** attributable to Austwick Playing Fields Association, representing a 50% share of £3,093.24 funds held for the joint "Street Market" event.

Completed by :

  
 Robert Glen  
 Treasurer, Austwick Parish Hall  
 Dated : 30 January 2023

I have examined these accounts and the books and records of Austwick Parish Hall Council and I am satisfied that they represent a correct statement of the Council's affairs as at the date stated.

  
 Andrew Lewis  
 Independent Examiner  
 Dated: 30 January 2023

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**SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	To 31 December 2022		To 31 December 2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Hall and equipment hire	3,559.75		2,690.00	
Fundraising and event income	17,922.39		9,631.30	
Rental income	579.14		640.08	
Reimbursement of costs	2,017.29		1,134.88	
Covid-19 Government grants	2,667.00		17,302.00	
Other grants	1,000.00		0.00	
Bank Interest received	73.53		120.71	
Donations	230.00		15.00	
		<u>28,049.10</u>		<u>31,533.97</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Business Rates and Insurance	1,167.81		930.07	
Utilities and Energy	4,251.93		3,133.68	
Repairs, maintenance and caretaking	7,518.36		6,111.61	
Expenses of fundraising and events	4,414.52		732.15	
Miscellaneous, admin. and bank charges	2,148.15		165.88	
Playing Fields Assocn share of Fundraising	6,415.00		2,475.00	
		<u>25,915.77</u>		<u>13,548.39</u>
<b><u>Net surplus / (deficit)</u></b>		<u><u>2,133.33</u></u>		<u><u>17,985.58</u></u>