

LOW BENTHAM PUBLIC HALL AND VICTORIA INSTITUTE

England & Wales · Charity number 523773

Details

Other names	LOWER BENTHAM INSTITUTE OR READING ROOM AND PUBLIC HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-02-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN INSTITUTE OR READING ROOM AND PUBLIC HALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RATE PAYERS OF THE LOWER BENTHAM WARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BENTHAM AND THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Activities: The charity is responsible for the Low Bentham Victoria Institute building, ensuring that it continues to be a great local asset for the benefit of the population of Low Bentham and the surrounding area.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOWER BENTHAM WARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BENTHAM AND IMMEDIATE
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£171,701	£158,320	-	-
2024-03-31	£78,005	£56,184	-	-
2023-03-31	£52,231	£47,330	-	-
2022-03-31	£9,127	£36,103	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,622	£18,453	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Diane Faraday-Williams	Chair	2019-01-21
KAY ANN PIPER		
LINDA BARRINGTON		

Linked charities

- CLAUDE WILLIAM ATKINSON OR BOOKS AND LITERARY WORKS (523773-1)

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Accounts

July 2025 AGM Chair person's report

As last year, this report will be brief. We have had another busy year finishing off the major refurbishment project, completing everything within budget and mandatory deadlines. We will not rest on our laurels and are thinking about applying for another UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grant to perhaps put in a lift, hearing loop and further enhance the electrics. This will be discussed at the committee meeting which follows this AGM. Staffing and volunteers have remained constant.

Financially LBPHVI is ok although we do need to keep on top of income and spending. The refurbishment work has enhanced the building but did also use up some of our reserves. I cannot thank Lin enough for all the work she does monitoring the finances, paying the wages and keeping records. It is easy to forget that she puts in all the time and effort needed on a voluntary basis.

We have a strong staff and volunteer team and committee each member of which brings their own ideas, skills and knowledge. Strength of character and forceful personalities are a huge asset to any organisation as they provide ideas, energy and drive which in turn bring successes. They also throw up the odd conflict / disharmony in the team that is not always pleasant to deal with, but I accept that it is part of my territory. In my opinion, the positives that this team bring to our project far outweigh the minor niggles. As an individual, I have sat back a little and analysed what we all bring to our organisation and what we have achieved. I would encourage everyone to do the same at some point. This reflection endorses my opinion that I am privileged to be part of Low Bentham Public Hall and Village Institute.

If anyone has questions or comments on this report please bring them up at the meeting, email me on julielbridgeman@gmail.com or ring me on 07939059812.

As you know, I do not live in Bentham anymore and am happy to step down as chair if people on the ground feel that the chair should be more of a physical presence.

Julie Bridgeman

Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Income and Expenditure from 1st April 202

2024/2025 2023/2024

Income

Room Hire

Helen Howard	4111.25	3184.00
Tai Chi and Yoga	1865.00	226.50
Snooker Club	300.00	
Small Hirers		2053.95
Occasional Hire	1093.50	1346.50
Cornerstone Church	2735.00	2496.38
Post Office Outreach	842.50	
Community Link Cafe Hire		500.00
Art Classes	640.00	
Hip Joint	500.00	
Low Bentham WI	445.00	
Bank Interest	897.95	

Other Income

Fundraising	1474.36	801.85
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Donations and Grants

Donations and Grants	139807.05	40207.53
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Total Income

154711.61 50816.71

Balances 1st April 2024	44395.74
Income Year ended 31 March 2025	154711.61
Total Funds	199107.35
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2025	131921.85
End Balance	67185.50

Community Link Cafe

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2024

2024/202 2023/2024

Income

Lunch Contributions	9297.00	10644.50
Transport Contributions	2485.20	2915.70
Fundraising Coffee Morning	320.60	471.60
Lunch Club Raffle	954.00	1250.00

Grants and Donations

Cornerstone Church	237.00	130.00
Brown and Whitaker		50.00
Age Concern North Craven		200.00
Donations from Individuals	30.00	40.00
Transfers from BOPT		1200.00
Town Council Precept		166.32
McCarthy Stone		6000.00
Harnessing the Power of Community		780.00
Day Trip Funding	1856.00	
Donation Ribbleshead Sheep Show	250.00	

Total Income

23848.1

Balances 1st April 2024	20988.69
Income Year ended 31 March 2025	15429.80
Total Funds	36418.49
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2025	23891.44
Balances 31st March 2025	12527.05

to 31st March 2025

2024/202 2023/2024

Expenditure

Salaries	18131.60	14849.19
Transport Costs Age Concern	727.00	1485.00
External Catering		65.00
Food Costs	2743.91	3287.76
Miscellaneous	175.19	1001.09
Hire of Victoria Institute		500.00
Xmas Party Costs	666.67	754.00
Safeguarding Training	150.00	
Day Trips	1297.07	
Total Expenditure	23891.4	21942

Bentham Older People Together

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2024 to

2024/2025 023/2024

Income

Grants

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust 4000.00

Donations

W G Griffiths Grant for Exercise Classes 1560.00

Black Pig Quiz Proceeds 240.00

Bentham Town Council Calendars 800

Total Income 1560.00 5040.00

Balances 1st April 2024	6570.72
Income Year ended 31 March 2025	1560.00
Total Funds	8130.72
Less: Expenditure year to 31 Mar 2025	2506.39
End Balance	5624.33

▷ 31st March 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Expenditure		
Disbursements		
Disbursement to Age Concern		1200.00
Disbursement to CLC		1200.00
BOPT Training Costs		35.00
BOPT Activities Costs	570.00	510.00
Bentham Hub		50.00
Lower House Sensory Farm		500.00
Bowland View for Workshop	500.00	
Victoria Institute for Fire Alarm	1000.00	
Victoria Institute for Handrail	394.24	
Miscellaneous Costs		
Travel Expenses	42.15	
Total Expenditure	2506.39	1060.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

523773

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

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

Signed:

Zillah Hopps

Date: 15/01/2026

Name:

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Disclosure

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Accounts

July 2024 AGM Chair person's report

I'll keep this brief because I don't want to bore people. We have had a busy but exciting year, appointing Jillian as Institute Manager who has settled in well even though she didn't know what she was letting herself in for although we did hint at it at interview! Di was always going to be a hard act to follow and change unsettles some people.

We have secured some £100,000 in grants from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (its official title) / Levelling Up Fund (I think its original title) / Trying to Buy Northern Votes Fund (my title). This means major refurbishment - new toilets, improved and new insulation, glazing upgrade, photovoltaic panels, energy efficient bulbs, draught excluding measures. Contractors have been appointed and work is underway. We aim to have this completed by October 2024 giving us time to finish off and address any snagging issues before next March's deadline for completion.

We are in a busy period with some disruption but this will be well worth it (easy to say, as I am 1,000 miles away). Seriously, the legacy that this committee will leave to Low Bentham and its surrounding community is already appreciated and will be even more so when the final results are seen. Testament to this is the communication and cooperation of the committee, the institute and CLC staff, institute users and contractors.

If anyone has any questions that they would like me to answer please add them to the minutes, Jillian will send them to me and I'll answer them as best I can or email me directly.

As people know, I no longer live in Bentham but I have very much enjoyed contributing to the development of Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute this year and really appreciate the support and camaraderie involved.

Julie Bridgeman

Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023		2023/2024	2022/2023
Income			Expenditure		
Room Hire			Running Costs		
Helen Howard	3184,00	2320,50	Utilities inc. Rates and Insurance		7668,19
Exercise Groups	226,50	654,00	Heat and Light	3686,25	
Snooker Club			Water and drainage	2271,20	
Small Hirers	2053,95	1944,70	Insurance	2769,01	
Occasional Hire	1346,50	1569,75	Rates	125,46	
Cornerstone Church	2496,38	1702,50	Telephone and Internet	467,64	
Post Office Outreach		635,00	Office Supplies	176,23	167,15
Community Link Cafe Hire	500,00		Sundry Expenses	1259,17	6641,49
			Tr. To CLC (rec'd in Account)	10,00	
			Volunteer Expenses	<u>77,61</u>	1346,78
			Capital Equipment	2081,16	2029,59
Other Income			Office and Other Staff Expenses		
Fundraising	801,85	1282,63	Salaries and HMRC	8068,68	6627,79
			Payroll	180,00	180,00
Donations and Grants			Other Expenses		
Donations and Grants	40207,53	17703,69	Petty Cash		
			Building Development Work		
			Maintenance Inc. Garden	5675,32	1304,98
			Building Works	5598,84	732,00
Total Income	50816,71	27812,77	Total Expenditure	32446,57	25351,19
Balances 1st April 2023		26025,60			
Income Year ended 31 March 2024		<u>50816,71</u>			
Total Funds		76842,31			
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2024		<u>32446,57</u>			
End Balance		44395,74			

Community Link Cafe

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023		2023/2024	2022/2023
Income			Expenditure		
Lunch Contributions	10644,50	8706,26	Salaries	14849,19	12406,29
Transport Contributions	2915,70	2151,50	Transport Costs Age Concern	1485,00	1150,00
Fundraising	471,60	1862,00	External Catering	65,00	384,00
Lunch Club Raffle	1250,00		Food Costs	3287,76	3091,38
Grants and Donations			Miscellaneous	1001,09	822,53
Cornerstone Church	130,00		Hire of Victoria Institute	500,00	
Brown and Whitaker	50,00		Xmas Party Costs	754,00	711,62
Age Concern North Craven	200,00				
Donations from Individuals	40,00	125,00			
Transfers from BOPT	1200,00	2203,45	Total Expenditure	21942,04	18565,82
Grants		8088,00			
Town Council Precept	166,32				
McCarthy Stone	6000,00				
Harnessing the Power of Community	780,00				
Total Income	23848,12	10416,45			

Balances 1st April 2023	19082,61
Income Year ended 31 March 2024	23848,12
Total Funds	42930,73
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2024	21942,04
Balances 31st March 2024	20988,69

Bentham Older People Together

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023		2023/2024	2022/2023
Income			Expenditure		
Grants					
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	4000,00				
Donations			Staff training hours paid		134,32
Various Donations		37,50	Disbursements		
Black Pig Quiz Proceeds	240,00		Disbursement to Age Concern	1200,00	
Tractor Run Donation		911,70	Disbursement to CLC	1200,00	2203,45
Coffee Morning		205,60	BOPT Training Costs	35,00	360,00
Legacy from Ethel Wrathall		127,00	BOPT Activities Costs	510,00	660,00
Bentham Town Council Calendars	800		Bentham Hub	50,00	
			Lower House Sensory Farm	500,00	
			Miscellaneous Costs		
			Subscription NCVO		55,00
Total Income	5040,00	1281,80	Total Expenditure	3495,00	3412,77

Balances 1st April 2023	5025,72
Income Year ended 31 March 2024	5040,00
Total Funds	10065,72
Less: Expenditure year to 31 Mar 2024	3495,00
End Balance	6570,72



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Accounts

AGM Tuesday 4th July 2023

Chairperson's Report

The past year has seen activities at LBVI thrive! The regular hall users continue to use the building every week, with an increase in participation. Especially, The Community Link Café and Cornerstone church, which is part of the beating heart of the community. We have also seen a rise in one-off events - which include children's parties, musical events, funeral tea, and wedding reception. In order to continue to progress, we must be aware of financial issues, in relation to continued rising energy costs and adjust our hire fees accordingly.

The biggest challenge this year has been the ongoing saga with Water Plus. After a long drawn-out complaints procedure, it appears a resolution has been achieved, With a zero account balance set and a new direct debit agreed.

The Victoria Institute has been able to obtain the following grants this year:

BTC Precept Fund

Harold and Alice Bridges Fund

The Bentham Hub

I would like to thank them for their generosity. All of which will aid in our next tranche of projects.

Last year our treasurer Sandra moved on and Lin took over the reins. After a busy induction, Lin now plays a major role in the V.I.'s management structure and I would like to thank her for all her endeavors. At this point, I would like to mention and thank two stalwarts of the committee who retired after numerous years of service, Kay and Michael. They both will be missed and I would like to thank them for the time and effort they provided in developing the V.I to where it has grown to today. During the year, we gained three new committee members Catherine Pattinson, Gillian Middleton and Linda Cressy. Welcome!

Looking to the future, I would like to thank all committee members, staff, and volunteers, for their ongoing commitment in raising our profile, within our community. Let's keep up the good work!

The V.I are sadly going to be losing their manager (me) after 8 years in post!

Its been a huge learning curve for me to of been part of a community hall, that's undergone immeasurable changes, which enables the whole parish to share this welcoming space!

I have seen and helped develop a space for celebration, commemoration, and learning. It is a particularly important space for elderly people and for young families who are less able to travel, and who may otherwise be isolated or unable to take part in community life. With the broad activities we offer, I can see what it brings to a community - it makes it such a nicer plaser to live and drastically improves the lives for many.

I would like to thank this wonderful committee here and old and members who are not with us, Karl, Jack and Roy who have supported me throughout all the exciting changes from building of the new office and conservatory to the difficult times of the Covid-19 pandemic. You are the real heroes, giving of your time and expertise for free. I can honestly say, you are like family to me. I am so very proud and honoured to have worked alongside such incredible people, who go

above and beyond their duty. Jillian Ashton will be taking on the Manager's Job and I wish her all the best in her new role.
Thank you.

Low Bentham Public Hall and Victo

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 202

Balances 1 April 2022	45232.93
Income year ended 31 March 2023	52230.78
Total Funds	97463.71
Less: Expenditure y/e 31 March 2023	47329.78
End Balance	50133.93

Low Bentham Public Hall and Victo

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 202

2022/2023 2021/2022

Income

Room Hire

Helen Howard	2320.50	2333.00
Exercise Groups	654.00	566.00
Snooker Club		-
Small Hirers	1944.70	1294.20
Occasional Hire	1569.75	1455.00
Cornerstone Church	1702.50	1641.00
Post Office Outreach	635.00	475.00
Community Link Cafe Hire		270.00
Community Link Cafe Transfers		350.78

Other Income

Fundraising	1282.63	742.16
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Donations and Grants

Donations and Grants	17703.69	12140.50
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Total Income

27812.77 21267.64

LBVI Balances 1st April 2022	23564.02
Income Year ended 31 March 2023	27812.77
Total Funds	51376.79
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2023	25351.19
End Balance	26025.60

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oria Institute 2 to 31st March 2023

2022/2023 2021/2022

Expenditure

Running Costs

Utilities inc. Rates and Insurance	7668.19	5537.98
Office Supplies	167.15	219.43
Tr. To CLC (rec'd in Account)		431.00
Sundry Expenses	6641.49	1007.96
Covid-19 Expenses		43.98
Capital Equipment	2029.59	271.44

Office and Other Staff Expenses

Salaries	5977.99	4434.66
HMRC and Payroll Provider	829.80	611.00

Other Expenses

Petty Cash		-
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Building Development Work

Maintenance Inc. Garden	1304.98	743.93
Extension Building Works	732.00	22802.24

Total Expenditure	25351.19	###
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Community Link Cafe Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

2022/2023 2021/2022

Income

Lunch Contributions	8706.26	6287.35
Transport Contributions	2151.50	806.60
Fundraising	1862.00	1597.20

Grants and Donations

Various (Covid-19 funds and Co-op)		6690.99
Donations from Individuals	125.00	
Transfers from BOPT	2203.45	
Grants	8088.00	

Total Income **23136.21** **15382.14**

CLC Balances 1st April 2022	14512.22
Income Year ended 31 March 2023	23136.21
Total Funds	37648.43
Less: Expenditure year ended 31 March 2023	18565.82
Balances 31st March 2023	19082.61

to 31st March 2023

2022/2023 2021/2022

Expenditure

Salaries	12406.29	7623.28
Transport Costs	1150.00	506.20
External Catering	384.00	897.55
Food Costs	3091.38	1848.19
Miscellaneous	822.53	528.48
Hire of Victoria Institute		270.00
Xmas Party Costs	711.62	616.88

Total Expenditure 18565.82 12290.58

Bentham Older People Together

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2021

2022/2023 2021/2022

Income

Grants

Morecambe Bay Clinical Group		1500.00
Bradford VCS Alliance Ageing Well		960.00
Charles and Elsie Sykes		1500.00
Allen Lane Foundation (Year 3)		778.00
Stronger Communities (for BMF)		223.00

Donations

Various Donations	37.50	50.26
Sale of Digital Equipment		322.00
Tractor Run Donation	911.70	
Coffee Morning	205.60	
Legacy from Ethel Wrathall	127.00	

Total Income

1281.80 5333.26

BOPT Balances 1st April 2022	7156.69
Income Year ended 31 March 2023	1281.80
Total Funds	8438.49
Less: Expenditure year to 31 Mar 20	3412.77
End Balance	5025.72

2 to 31st March 2023

2022/2023 2021/2022

Expenditure

Salaries (self employed basis)

Development Worker		1501.50
Digital Project Worker		170.00
Bus Escort		516.03
Staff training hours paid	134.32	

Capital Equipment

Digital Project Costs		225.00
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Printing and Publicity

Printing and Publicity		154.67
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Disbursements

Disbursement to Age Concern		3123.66
Disbursement to CLC	2203.45	3123.66
BOPT Training Costs	360.00	211.00
BOPT Activities Costs	660.00	625.00

Miscellaneous Costs

BOPT Covid-19		24.88
Bentham Moving Forward Costs		235.08
Subscription NCVO	55.00	

Total Expenditure	3412.77	9910.48
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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Low Bentham Victoria Institute and Public Hall

AGM 22nd June 2021

Chairpersons Report

Last year I posed the question” what were the challenges in front of us due to Covid -19 and the impact it would have on our community building”?

The Victoria Institute did have challenge's to overcome with the introduction of Government Tier systems in the winter of 2020, this created issues surrounding the interpretation and definition of the rules. Terms like support bubbles , rule of six , self-isolate, new vocabulary to get used to! Each organisation had to interpret the guidance for their group. With full support from this committee, the hall users and the wider community, we were able to deal with these difficulties successfully.

Thankfully we have been able to access government funding, which has helped us considerably and puts us in a firmer position.

Whilst the Institute was in local restrictions we took the opportunity to invest in the general up keep. This included having the entrance area and stairs painted and the completion of LED lighting in the main hall. The purchase and installation of a new dishwasher and replacing the external wooden safety hand rails for the mobility ramp. The ongoing conservatory was delayed due to changes in the structural planning and obtaining a supplier for the steel work.

The community garden is bright and blooming, this is due to Michael Marshall's time and effort and to John and Joan Lawson who volunteered to cut the grass. Their hard work has received favourable comments from various members of the public.

With the introduction of the vaccination programme, this gave us all hope of gradually resuming regular activities. We had a look at the reopening process and which groups could return and when! All this was surrounded by government direction. All of our regular users were keen to come back!

The CLC have made a welcome return, this has been a tremendous team effort and I have to thank the BOPT team and most importantly Andrea, Vanessa and their volunteers for their positive approach to working with the `new normal`

Added to this we have been joined by additional new user groups! The unity and the commitment of this committee was an important factor in attracting and making the hall open and accessible in welcoming these new groups.

Since welcoming Sandra to the post of treasurer, she has played a leading role in remodelling the financial systems and policies, ably assisted by Lin and Julie on the staffing sub-committee. We now have in place employment contracts and are registered with HMRC. This process was an arduous task and I would like to thank them for their time and work.

The future is looking rosy for the Victoria Institute, I'm proud to say the V.I are offering a lifeline for older residents, social spaces for youngsters and a place to pop in and have a coffee and chat. There is so much more this place can offer, training events, film nights and thanks must go to Cornerstones for installing the projector and screen, these are but a few examples. We have gained two new committee members Lynne and Liz but had to say goodbye to Frances. We are always ready to welcome new members to the committee and strengthen our links with the community. Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this unprecedented time.

This new normal path will continue and I will leave you with this proverb "Where there is a will there is a way"

June 21

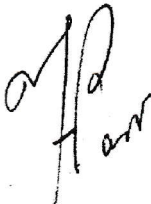
Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute

Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Income		Expenditure			
	2020/21	2019/20			
Room Hire			Running Costs		
Helen Howard	£ 240.00	£ 3,106.80	Gas	£ 880.83	£ 1,836.00
Tai Chi	£ -	£ 480.00	Electricity	£ 871.86	£ 987.69
Snooker Club	£ 137.50	£ 687.50	Water	£ 1,698.39	£ 1,204.23
Pipers Painters	£ -	£ 25.00	Business Rates	£ -	£ 138.92
Art Group	£ 230.00	£ 713.00	Insurance	£ 2,112.18	£ 2,060.47
Line Dancing	£ -	£ -	Cleaning (cleaner self-employed)	£ 1,708.00	£ 1,591.35
Bat and Chat	£ 44.00	£ 402.15			
Table Top	£ 45.00	£ 220.60	Tf to CLC (rec'd in account)	£ 508.80	
Room Hire Occasional	£ 253.00	£ 1,507.00	Sundry Expenses	£ 591.57	£ 1,252.49
Community Link Café	£ 792.00	£ 1,584.00	Covid-19 expenses	£ 236.08	£ -
Cornerstone Church	£ 761.00	£ -			
Sunday Band	£ 99.00	£ -			
BOPT	£ -	£ 199.00	Office & other staff Expenses		
			Admin salary (self employed)	£ 2,439.83	£ 1,927.18
Other Income			Office Supplies	£ 99.57	£ 297.89
Bk swap	£ 21.00	£ 113.42	Phone/Internet	£ 490.90	£ 492.57
Fundraising	£ -	£ 3,519.66			
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -			
Dog Bags	£ 18.00	£ 20.00	Other Expenses		
Post Office	£ -	£ 260.00	Petty Cash	£ 50.00	£ 604.85
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ 210.00	Building Development Work		
			Maintenance inc Garden	£ 5,440.62	£ 1,426.00
			Extension	£ -	£ 2,560.27
Donations and Grants			Capital Equipment	£ 1,324.98	£ 350.00
Donations and Grants *	£ 29,982.09	£ 5,176.99			
Total Income	£ 32,622.59	£ 18,225.12	Total Expenditure	£ 18,453.61	£ 16,729.91
Balances	1st April 2020	1st April 2019	Closing Balance	31st March 2021	31st March 20
Current Account Balance on Books	£ 24,214.36	£ 22,719.15	Current Account Balance on Books	£ 38,383.34	£ 24,214.36
Cash in Hand Petty Cash	£ -	£ -	Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)		
Reserve Account	£ -	£ -	Reserve Account		£ -
Uncashed cheques	£ -	£ -			
Total Balances at start of period	£ 24,214.36	£ 22,719.15	Closing Balances	£ 24,214.36	

Balances	
Balances 1st Apr 2020	£ 24,214.36
Income yr ended 31 Mar 2021	£ 32,622.59
Total Funds	£ 56,836.95
Less Expenditure yr ended 31 Mar 2021	£ 18,453.61
End balance	£ 38,383.34

Entries * modified from 2019/20 following splitting of VI & BOPT grants and expenses


 19.05.2021



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

VICTORIA Institute, Bentham

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 2021

Charity no (if any)

523773

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.03.2021

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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

19.05.2021

Name:

FRANK PARR

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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