

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

oria Institute, including Community Link Café and 2 to 31st March 2023

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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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Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2022 to

2022/2023 2021/2022

Income

Grants and Donations

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 2022

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/
members of

Charity Name
Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

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 **31/03/2023**.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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: 20/12/2023

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Zillah Hopps

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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