

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		
Total Income			Maintenance Inc. Garden	5675,32	1304,98
	50816,71	27812,77	Building Works	5598,84	732,00
			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



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 2024

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 **31/03/2024**.

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: 20/01/2025

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(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).