

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

oria Institute **14 to 31st March 2025**

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Expenditure		
Running Costs		
Utilities inc. Rates and Insurance		
Heat and Light	4669.83	3686.25
Water and drainage	1296.34	2271.20
Insurance	2734.39	2769.01
Rates	134.00	125.46
Telephone and Internet	769.00	467.64
Office Supplies	148.59	176.23
Sundry Expenses	1259,1	1177.75
Tr. To CLC (rec'd in Account)	10,00	
Volunteer Expenses	<u>77,61</u>	1346.78
Capital Equipment	214.19	2081.16
Office and Other Staff Expenses		
Salaries and HMRC	6554.52	8068.68
Payroll	180.00	180.00
Other Expenses		
Petty Cash		
Building Development Work		
Maintenance Inc. Garden	8132.28	5675.32
Building Works	105910.96	5598.84
Total Expenditure	131921.85	32446.6

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:

- 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: 15/01/2026

Name:

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).