



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

Charity name: The Oulton Institute

Charity registration number: 523794

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.</p> <p>Para 1.17</p>	<p>The object of the Institute is to manage and control by charitable means but not otherwise the freehold property at Oulton in the County of York described in and conveyed by a Conveyance dated 7 July 1893 and made between Edmund Calverley of the one part and himself and other of the other part (now vested in Trustees on behalf of the Institute) for the purpose of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parishes of Oulton and Woodlesford without distinction of political religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.</p>	
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p> <p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>The year 2024 was a continuation of normality.</p> <p>Most of the regular activities continued with one or two additions and losses. Children's birthday parties were a regular feature at weekends in the Hall. The refurbished Hall continues to impress.</p> <p>The Fair Exchange (link and build the local community) run a number of events at the Institute including an Art Class, Coffee Morning, Salsa and Healing Minds weekly and Craft & Chat fortnightly.</p> <p>The local Oulton & Woodlesford Neighbourhood Forum concerned with planning for the future of our villages continued to use the building for their monthly meetings and will continue in 2025. A notice board is provided to act as an information centre for the group.</p> <p>The Annual Service of Remembrance was held in the Hall before attendees made their way to the local War Memorial for the two minute silence. Many then returned to the Hall for a warming Tea/Coffee and biscuits hosted by the Management Committee.</p> <p>The Trustees again organised the Annual Craft Fair, which was well received by all, to raise funds for the upkeep of the Institute. The weekly Tea Dance is now a regular feature and contributed to our Fund-raising effort.</p> <p>All the available Office space is now let and we had an almost full year of Rental Income which was very welcome.</p>	

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit Para 1.18	The Trustees have given due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers Para 1.38	
Other	

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> <p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Revenue from Community Letting was 7% lower than the previous year. Our charges were increased by 3.5% for the year, compared to the inflation rate at the time of 4.7%.</p> <p>We had a full year of Office Lettings apart from one month void period which saw revenue from that source virtually unchanged for the year. One tenant left on 31st January 2024 and was replaced on 1st March.</p> <p>Overall our expenditure exceeded our income by £32,070 in the year so we ended the year with £23,914 in hand. Revenue generated by the Letting of the Building spaces was supplemented by a Grant of £5,000 and a Loan of £61,000.</p> <p>Our major focus in 2024 has been the exterior of the building. During winter 2023-4 there was an instance of stone falling from the building. In March a survey of the stonework was commissioned which resulted in a quotation for £53k (+Vat) to replace all the stone considered to be in a dangerous condition. It seemed sensible to replace the roof on that part of the building, £44k as part of the same project. This would mean that all 3 roofs would have been brought up to modern standards in recent years.</p> <p>As this was beyond the scope of our existing funds it was decided to seek a loan which was eventually agreed with the Charity Bank. We have a facility for £120k and in 2024 drew £61k. Work eventually started with large amounts of scaffolding going up in late September and continues into 2025. Inevitably as work progressed other areas were identified as necessary and more as cosmetic which made sense to undertake whilst the areas were accessible, and funds became available.</p> <p>The whole process shows the Trustees determination to make this building the best it can be and extend its usefulness to the Community for the future.</p> <p>In the area of general maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of one Boiler and repairs to the other two.• General Repairs and Maintenance including to the 1st floor windows which were in places badly rotted and currently easily accessible.• All necessary Gas, Electrical and Fire Extinguisher testing was carried out. <p>This building is a focus of Community Activity and the on-going projects to maintain and improve it is welcomed and enjoyed by the increasing number of people who use it.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives Para 1.41	
Other	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period. Para 1.21	The charity finished the year with a balance of £23,914 having made continuing investment in repairing and improving the building. The Trustees have taken a Loan to cover work currently being undertaken and are confident that this will be repaid within the 10 year term of that Loan.	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held Para 1.22	During the year the Reserves Policy was reviewed by the Management Committee. We believe we are in a comfortable position to continue our program of future proofing the building so that it is available for future generations.	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£22,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no specific uncertainties at this time although the Management Committee is not getting any younger and could do with some maybe newly (rather than long) retired persons for the future.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution drawn up in 1970
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By proposal to the Management Committee and vote to join the Committee. Must be residents of the Parish of Oulton & Woodlesford or have an attribute that would be beneficial to the running of the Institute.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Oulton Institute
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	523794
Charity's principal address	Quarry Hill Oulton LEEDS LS26 8SX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Cove	President	1 st January – 2 nd September	
	Professor Cove sadly passed away in September. He was our longest serving Trustee and very active in support of the Institute, the local area and the local Community in general. He was also a supporter of the Save the Children Charity and the Council for the Protection of Rural England. He will be greatly missed.			
2	Margaret Peniston	Vice President Chairman		
3	Pat Hoyle	Secretary		
4	Ron Walker	Treasurer		
5	Elizabeth Tonks			
6	Pauline Hope			
7	Hannah Harvey			
8	Stuart Ward			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ronald James Walker	Margaret Peniston
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Honorary Treasurer	Honorary Vice-President & Chair

Date

3 rd March 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Oulton Institute

523794

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1 January 2024


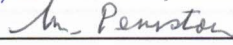
To

31 December 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Lettings	31,674	-	-	31,674	34,140
Office Rents	18,379	-	-	18,379	17,506
House Rent	9,874	-	-	9,874	10,493
Bank Loan	61,000	-	-	61,000	
Grants	5,000	-	-	5,000	
Feed-in Tariff	1,651	-	-	1,651	1,471
Interest	1,141	-	-	1,141	1,399
Subs	18	-	-	18	18
Donations	615	-	-	615	110
Sundries	15	-	-	15	132
Fund Raising	3,319	-	-	3,319	2,986
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	132,686	-	-	132,686	68,255
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	132,686	-	-	132,686	68,255
A3 Payments					
Loan Repayment	906	-	-	906	-
Loan Interest	592	-	-	592	-
Supplies	831	-	-	831	1,038
Admin Exp	3,158	-	-	3,158	749
Cleaning	2,931	-	-	2,931	3,270
Gas Hall	1,291	-	-	1,291	956
Electric Hall	775	-	-	775	954
Gas Offices	1,363	-	-	1,363	1,126
Electric Offices	711	-	-	711	1,014
Water	605	-	-	605	660
Rates	147	-	-	147	165
Waste Removal	703	-	-	703	744
Insurance	1,782	-	-	1,782	1,675
Telecom	552	-	-	552	491
Licences	717	-	-	717	622
Sundries	122	-	-	122	249
Donations	300	-	-	300	300
Gas House	94	-	-	94	-
Electric House	7	-	-	7	-
Repair & Maint.	15,387	-	-	15,387	11,993
Sub total	32,974	-	-	32,974	26,006
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Re-furbishment Labour	129,947	-	-	129,947	21,161
Materials	1,537	-	-	1,537	2,993
Equipment	298	-	-	298	5,175
Sub total	131,782	-	-	131,782	29,329
Total payments	164,756	-	-	164,756	55,335
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 32,070	-	-	- 32,070	12,920
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55,984	-	-	55,984	43,063
Cash funds this year end	23,914	-	-	23,914	55,984

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	1,613	-	-
	Bank Reserve Account	22,297	-	-
	Cash on Hand	4	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,914	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		R J Walker (Treasurer)	3.3.2023	
		Margaret Peniston (President)	3.3.2025	

THE OULTON INSTITUTE
Independent Examiner's Report to The Oulton Institute

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed: A Cutler FCCA

Date:

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