

SEDBERGH PEOPLE'S HALL
Charity Reg. No. 523829
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
and
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 30 September 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Governing document

Sedbergh People's Hall is an Unincorporated Association, governed by a Trust Deed dated 1 June 1959 and registered as a Charity.

Management of the Charity is vested in the Management Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees. Occasionally a small group may prepare documents or engage in short term projects.

At each AGM the current Trustees resign, and Trustees are elected for the next year. Current Trustees may stand for re-election. We appoint non trustees to assist. All new Trustees are inducted during their initial attendances at the Management meetings and encouraged to play a part according to their availability and skills.

We have loose relationships with other Sedbergh organisations such as the Parish Council, Chamber of Trade and Business, Community Trust, etc. and co-operate on mutual projects. We collaborate with our hirers to ensure they obtain the best value from our facilities.

Management Committee

The following have served on the Management Committee for at least part of the year ended 30 September 2023:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date acted it not whole year</u>	<u>Appointing body</u>
Mr Steve Longlands	Chair		
Dr Gina Barney	Treasurer	Died 2023	
Mr Peter Taaffe	Treasurer		
Mr Chris Wood	Booking Secretary		
Mr Ian Hutt			
Mrs Sandra Longlands			
Mrs Sandra Gold-Wood	Vice-Chair		Rose Theatre Group
Mrs Pam Drower			Sedbergh WI
Mr Stuart Wetherell			People's Gym & Fitness Centre
Mr Keith Wood		Died 2023	Town Band
<u>Non-Trustees</u>			
Bill Lewis	Caretaker	Died 2023	Trustees

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Legal and administrative information (continued)

Principal address:

Howgill Lane, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5DQ

Address for written communication:

Booking Secretary, Sedbergh People's Hall, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5DQ

Bankers:

NatWest Bank, 55 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 2WY

Solicitors:

McGarry & Co, 54 Main Street, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5AB

Independent Examiner:

Ian Thompson FCA, Saint & Co, The Old Police Station, Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0BT

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are:

To hold the People's Hall upon trust for the purposes of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Sedbergh without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions, and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Activities

The main activities are the hiring of the hall for activities defined in the Constitution. We also run events for the public benefit, such as dances and touring theatre.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The financial year 2022-2023 saw the end of the Covid restrictions with a return of "normality" and improved hire income.

During the year we were able to build on the works carried out last year, with the works on the apron staging and the lighting desk, as well as replace the aging fluorescent lighting in the Main Hall with LED luminaires which should halve the running costs. The new lighting has hirer operated dimming so that different light settings can be made to suit their event.

Financial review


In the year ended 30 September 2023, the Hall received hire income of £20,507 (2022: £16,492). We are holding restricted funds of £2,282 to be spent on the Queen's Canopy project, and £2,500 from the Jubilee Wood Grant.

We received an exceptionally generous donation from our former Treasurer, Gina Barney, made only months before her very sad loss, and more recently received a legacy. The Hall is dependent on the generosity of our donors in supporting our improvement works to the Hall itself.

The year closed with a modest but healthy bank balance and hire fees continue to improve.

Steve Longlands, Chair

Peter Taaffe, Treasurer



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEDBERGH PEOPLE'S HALL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2023, as set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Ian Thompson FCA
Saint & Co Chartered Accountants,
The Old Police Station
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Ambleside
LA22 0BT

Date 22/7/24

SEDBERGH PEOPLE'S HALL**Charity Reg. No. 523829****Receipts and Payments Account****For the year ended 30 September 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies & Grants	13,500.00		13,500.00	6,500.00
Hires & Rents	20,507.00		20,507.00	16,492.00
Bank Compensation	-		-	146.00
Interest on Reserve Account	0.22		0.22	0.18
Plusnet Recharges Gym	-		-	195.15
Electricity Recharges to the Gym	1,618.82		1,618.82	1,982.51
Sundry Income	187.20		187.20	-
Total Receipts	35,813.24		35,813.24	25,315.84
Payments				
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	4,414.82		4,414.82	1,551.32
Alterations & Improvements	9,584.30	217.50	9,801.80	23,764.48
Lighting & Heating	4,980.66		4,980.66	4,496.16
Water, Sewerage & Refuse Collection	1,660.20		1,660.20	1,547.13
Caretaking & Cleaning	4,800.96		4,800.96	3,111.19
Insurance	2,159.80		2,159.80	653.80
Licences	961.60		961.60	312.00
Website & Broadband	-		-	392.21
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Advertising	225.00		225.00	100.00
Sundry	905.67		905.67	615.00
Admin Expenses & Materials	711.31		711.31	75.00
Independent Examination Fees	600.00		600.00	558.00
Total Payments	31,004.32	217.50	31,221.82	37,176.29
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	4,808.92	(217.50)	4,591.42	(11,860.45)
Cash Funds Brought Forward	6,921.87	2,500.00	9,421.87	21,282.32
Cash Funds at 30 September 2023	11,730.79	2,282.50	14,013.29	9,421.87

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
Cash Funds				
NatWest No1 Current Account	7,840.51		7,840.51	6,697.51
NatWest No2 Current Account	3,864.72	2,282.50	6,147.22	2,699.02
NatWest Reserve Account	25.56		25.56	25.34
Total Cash Funds Per Receipts and Payments Account	11,730.79	2,282.50	14,013.29	9,421.87

**Assets Retained for the
Charity's Own Use**

Insurance Valuation 6/6/2023

Buildings	2,687,985.00	1,731,586.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	54,514.00	48,543.00

Approved by the Trustees on 20.7.2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Steve Longlands, Chair



Peter Taaffe, Treasurer

