

BOLTON LE SANDS Village Hall / Community Centre

Registered Charity 700264

Accounts and Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

Charity Details

Name Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 700264

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Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

Annual Report

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Structure, governance and management

The Governing Document is a scheme dated 18 February 1988 as amended by special resolution dated 13 May 2010 and is unincorporated.

Management Committee

The charity is administered by a Management Committee, at 31 March 2023 comprising:

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Chairperson | - | Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers |
| Vice Chair | - | |
| Secretary | - | Mr Thomas Ian Birnie |
| Treasurer | - | Mr Peter Bayliss |
| Booking Secretary | - | Mrs Sharman Robinson |

Representatives of the Village Hall user organisations.

The Management Committee are the charity trustees as specified in the Governing document and as the meaning defined in the Charities Act.

The Full Committee met on three occasions during the year.

Objects, activities and public benefit

The object of the charity is to maintain Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall / Community Centre for the communal benefit of the residents of Bolton-le-Sands and its surrounding area. The management committee aim to provide first class hall facilities at an affordable cost to voluntary organisations servicing the community.

The charity has two preferred providers of cleaning and caretaking services, both on a flexible self employed basis. In addition, it also depends upon volunteers from the local community and committee members.

Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall is a member of Community Futures.

Financial review

In conjunction with our Mission Statement the trustees aim is to continually promote the interests of the Village Hall / Community Centre. To raise the necessary funds to keep the building and its contents in good working condition. To continue to keep it at the heart of the village life, for the benefit of all the local community and to enhance the facilities available to bring forward a better quality of life for the community.

Review of the year

The Hall usage returned to pre-covid 19 levels. Bookings totalled 441 for the year. An average of 37 per month, ranging from 46 in May to 22 in December.

The hire charges of £19,134 is £3,041 more than the previous year [18.9%] and is also very similar to the pre-covid years of 2019 and 2020.

The Hall is used by a variety hirers, including, Art Group, Ballet, Carnforth Choral Society, Horticultural Society, Innovative Pilates, Lancaster and District Choral Soc., Pickle Ball, Sequence Dancers, St Johns Hospice Choir, Stagestruck, Superball Paul, WI Meetings and regular Coffee Mornings. In additional, there are one off events and family parties etc.

The planned programme for the replacement of the window bases and render on the wall facing the tennis court ,which is subject to the greatest temperature variation on the building, has been deferred until next year.

The grant of £2,000 from the Parish Council, is a contribution to the cost of this project.

The Audio system has been upgraded and expanded to facilitate connection through mobile devices.

The centre is published by Lancaster District Community & Voluntary Solutions directory.

The centre's website is available through BLS Parish Council portal. The Calendar is available through it, giving potential availability and Booking enquiry form. Further additions to the website are planned.

I must record my appreciation to all those willing volunteers who have worked so hard over the past year to maintain our Village Hall. Whilst it could not happen without such a strong team I must commend Mike Ashton, and the officers of the Management Committee. In addition, I must record my appreciation of the years of work provide by Carol Wolfenden, who retired at the end of October 2023 and to welcome Samantha Jones as our new self employed cleaner.

I need also to express my gratitude to Sharman Robinson, our Bookings Secretary, for her continued commitment to such a huge and time consuming operation that is so vital to the successful running of the Village Hall.

It is our hope that the Community Centre will maintain and retain its central place within village life.


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Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers

Chairperson

Date *5th May 2024*

On behalf of the Management Committee

Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31 March 2024

RECEIPTS

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <u>GRANTS and DONATIONS</u> | | |
| Bolton le Sands Bonfire Committee | - | 50.00 |
| LEF grant [for solar power] | - | 12,200.00 |
| BLS Parish Council | 2,000.00 | |
| Sundry donations and other income. | 35.00 | 30.00 |
| - | ----- | ----- |
| | 2,035.00 | 12,280.00 |
| <u>TRADING ACTIVITIES</u> | | |
| Hire charges for use of Hall and facilities | 19,134.00 | 16,093.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Sub total | 21,169.00 | 28,373.00 |
| <u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u> | | |
| Bank Interest | - | - |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 21,169.00 | 28,373.00 |

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Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31 March 2024 continued

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | |
|--|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Receipts b/fwd | 21,169.00 | 28,373.00 | |
| <u>Direct Charitable Payments</u> | | | |
| Repairs and maintenance [inc roof] | 1,025.30 | 20,046.36 | |
| Solar power installation | 710.00 | 12,840.00 | |
| PRS/PPL Performing Rights | 176.28 | 284.88 | |
| Electricity | 3,548.43 | 2,120.91 | |
| Gas | 2,956.86 | 2,820.10 | |
| Water Charges | 2,227.03 | 1,495.38 | |
| Less Recovered from Re-charges | (4,469.47) | (3,204.58) | |
| Cleaning and Waste Disposal | 935.19 | 664.95 | |
| Cleaning & Caretaking Services | 5,265.48 | 4,840.29 | |
| Less LCC Contribution to Disabled Toilet | (625.73) | (611.06) | |
| Less PC Contribution to Supplies etc | (375.45) | (161.01) | |
| Insurances | 997.26 | 946.41 | |
| Equipment [inc new stage] | 1,200.07 | 4,155.43 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| | 13,571.25 | 46,238.06 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| <u>Other Payments</u> | | | |
| Independent Examiners Fee | 120.00 | 120.00 | |
| Annual Licence Fee – LAPLNA1019 | 70.00 | 70.00 | |
| Community Futures | - | 30.00 | |
| Booking Telephone cost | 45.83 | 47.88 | |
| Internet Charges | 310.06 | 308.84 | |
| Stationery, Postage & Sundry Expenses | 265.56 | 274.12 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| | 811.45 | 850.84 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Total Payments | 14,382.70 | 47,088.90 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Net increase /(decrease) in assets for the year | 6,786.30 | (18,715.90) | |
| | | | |
| | Funds | Deposit | Accounts |
| Opening Balance 2023 | 22,285.56 | 319.50 | 22,605.06 |
| Increase for the year | 6,786.30 | | 6,786.30 |
| Increased Deposits | | 820.99 | 820.99 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Closing Balance at 31.03.2024 | 29,071.86 | 1,140.49 | 30,212.35 |

Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2024

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | |
| Bank Current Account | 30,865.45 | 22,849.03 |
| Bank statements 31 st March | 30,865.45 | 22,849.03 |
| Payments included above but not yet cleared at bank | 653.00 | 243.97 |
| Receipts included above not yet credited by bank | - | - |
| <u>Balance as Books of Account</u> | 30,212.35 | 22,605.06 |

Non-Monetary Assets

Permanent Endowment

Buildings used by the charity: The Village Hall (freehold title held by Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council as Custodian Trustee who also own the land on which the Hall stands). The Hall is insured for £852,764.

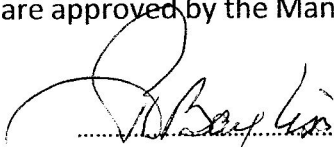
Assets retained for the charity's own use

Contents of hall, including furniture, tables, chairs, floor cleaner, cleaning appliances, kitchen utensils, cutlery and crockery, fully fitted kitchen appliances etc. These assets are insured for £59,884. Trustees indemnity is also insured for £250,000

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Management Committee.


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Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers
Chairperson


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Mr Peter Bayliss
Treasurer

Date 5th May 2024

29th April 2024

Independent Examiners Report

To The Trustees / Members of Bolton-Le-Sands Village Hall/Community Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bolton -Le-Sands Village Hall/ Community Centre (the Community Centre) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Community Centre you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

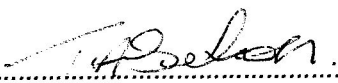
I report in respect of my examination of the Community Centre's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Community Centre 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.

Signed 

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Date 