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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| | | Period start date | | | Period end date | | |
| From | 1 | 04 | 2022 | To | 31 | 03 | 2023 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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) |
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| 9 | John Macmillan | chairman | | Colton Local Nature Reserve |
| 11 | Anthony Richard Monbiot | | | Colton Produce Guild |
| 12 | Guy Reynolds | Treasurer | | |
| 13 | Fiona O Brien | | | |
| 14 | Nigel Parry | | | Colton Parish Council |
| 15 | Lynne Richrdson | Secretary | From 27 th September | Colton WI |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| N/A | |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| N/A | | |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small> | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small> | Trust |
| Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small> | By election at the AGM, or in the case of a casual vacancy, co-option by the Management Committee; by nomination of representatives of village organisations listed in the constitution. |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. | <p>New trustees participate in an induction session, focused particularly on the role and responsibilities of trustees, the constitution, conflicts of interest/loyalty and financial management.</p> <p>As a small charity Colton Village Hall guards against risks by the maintenance of a reserve fund (see section E) and the purchase of trustee liability insurance to the value of £100,000.</p> |
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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| | <p>The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Colton, including use for meetings, lectures, classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.</p> |
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

New lighting was installed in the car park to replace the old and failed existing lighting at a cost of £7,700 The old central heating boiler also failed and had to be replaced at a cost of £8,600 Sanitary ware in the gents' toilet was replaced at a cost of £1,100. No grants being available to fund the work, the Trustees had to draw down reserve accumulated over previous years to meet this type of contingency.

The Children's Playground has remained open throughout the period with all issues raised by the annual inspection had been satisfactorily addressed.

The nature reserve on Village Hall land continues to improve and develop and is greatly appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our constitution is predicated on the assumption that all village organisations will provide a representative member to the Trustee body. Despite the fact that most village organisations are regular users of the hall at favourable rates, it remains difficult to persuade them to provide trustees. It is equally difficult to persuade residents to stand for election as a trustee.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Colton Village Hall remains in a sound financial despite heavy capital expenditure in the last two years. These investments have significantly improved the physical state of the Village Hall.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

1. We have a contingency reserve of £4000.
2. A balance in excess of £12000 remains in the treasurer's account.
3. We are accumulating provision to cover replacement and repair of playground equipment, currently standing at £5,500

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds are raised through:

1. Fund-raising events organised by the Management Committee;
2. Hire charges to village organisations
3. Hire charges to private individuals, whether living inside the Parish or outside, and to organisations based outside the Parish.
4. Grants for large items of capital expenditure if available,


Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Kenneth Macmillan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

1st September 2023

