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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

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)
1				
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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
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

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)

<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

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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)

The Children's Playground has remained open throughout the period with all issues raised by the annual inspection being 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.

This has been a year of consolidation following the previous year's significant capital expenditure. The Hall has remained open throughout for parishioners and external hirers. The trustees have reviewed room hire charges in the light of the need to rebuild capital reserves. The bulk of additional charges have been loaded onto external hirers ie non-parishioners.

The Trustees have been actively considering solar panels with a view to dispensing with usage of gas entirely, subject to the availability of suitable grants.

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. We continue to experience considerable difficulty in recruiting trustees both from the wider community and village organisations.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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

We have noted a significant reduction in wedding bookings since Covid in line with the national trend.

The Trustees organised a very successful redecoration party made up of volunteers from the parish. The cost of materials was covered by some donations.

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 approximately £5,000

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

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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)

	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

1st September 2024