

**Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground**  
**Registered Charity Number 1011360**

**Chairman's Annual Report**  
**Fiscal 2015 [1st February 2015 - 31st January 2016]**

*It's been quite a good year, and yet it's also been healthily normal as well in the life of the hall and park, with some great capital investments and a robust bank balance to carry forward; it's been a privilege to work with an enthusiastic group of trustees; and overall I think -- I hope -- there's a renewed sense of confident vibrancy about the place.*

Our financial accounts for this past fiscal year are before us; we are deeply indebted to our sponsors this year, who are listed on the Honours Board in the foyer.

Additionally, anticipating that the next two years may be roughly similar in character to the previous two years, we have developed a working budget for 2016 and 2017. With careful forward planning we can be confident that a sustainable community facility will be fully fit for purpose.

Volunteer efforts have been strongly to the fore again this year, including caretaking and cleaning duties, and the work of our Hon. Treasurer and our dedicated Minutes Secretary. Thanks to all!

Capital Investments: New hot air boiler for the Main Hall replacing the condemned 35 year old boiler; new commercial gastrornorm refrigerator; bar chilling, font renovations and new spotlights to improve our bar service; emergency lighting in the toilets to enhance health and safety aspects.

Activities and User Groups: Parties and events are continuing in good measure at the hall, with good service and hirer appreciation, but in addition the NP-AONB Landscape Partnership has been using the halls for meetings, which have significantly enhanced our revenue over this past year. We welcomed a weekly ballet class (now discontinued) and a local history group this fall.

Trustee recruitment continues this year, with a real goal to enhance our active volunteer base, and to enhance our compliance with the Hallmark Scheme that recognises best practice in village hall management country-wide, and the Green Flag Scheme which does the same for public parks.

The immediate future: Tesco's Bags of Help grant will cover our brief for renovations to the play areas including drainage, fresh wood chips throughout, a new tarmac path to a new viewing platform overlooking the Dene, and improved CCTV coverage throughout the park. This path will serve as an access to the proposed Woodland Trail which Fawside is hoping to develop with the North Pennines AONB Landscape Partnership, during this coming spring. Our own resources are currently sufficient to accommodate a new, bundled, single oil tank for both boilers within a remodelled outdoor shed (the old men's toilet) in the alley. All of these works should be finished by late spring (circa mid-June, we hope). In addition we are holding specific reserves in case we have to replace the 25 year old New Hall boiler as a matter of urgency. We're working towards better Health & Safety in terms of the staging and hand-rails. And we'll be assessing a new commercial cleaning team on a monthly basis, to top up our volunteer effort.

Grantsmanship ahead: Concrete floors for under the balcony, and then looking to enclose the entrance to the Youth Project in wood-trim uPVC. With continuing budget cuts to council services, we must prepare ourselves for the possibility of critical support to our Youth Project.

We've included a budget item for legal fees for next year; it may be wise for us to consider regularising our relationship with sitting tenants who have no formal long-term security within our scheme (eg Youth Project, Bowls Club, Fawside). Leases could allow our tenants more conveniently to solicit capital improvement grants of their own.

And so we do look confidently ahead to fiscal 2016, and we will always be grateful for help and assistance as we work to develop these premises into a facility we can all be proud of.

*Respectfully submitted, Larry Winger*

**ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND**

**Unaudited Receipts and Payments Account for Year ending 31st January 2016**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>31-Jan-16</b>	<b>31-Jan-15</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>31-Jan-16</b>	<b>31-Jan-15</b>
User Groups Hall Hire	5,340.00	4,023.00	Wages	0.00	1,844.17
Hall Hire	7,353.10	9,628.11	Cleaner Expenses	258.40	0.00
			Utilities	3,062.69	3,638.26
AVH Group Donations	2,002.03	1,437.38	Heating Oil	2,329.58	2,377.92
Fawside Rent	2,604.00	2,604.00	Film Club	104.34	521.70
Bar Takings	6,744.42	3,809.26	Bar Proceeds	5,219.06	3,008.10
			Calor Gas/CO2	364.46	0.00
Sundry Income	628.00	393.67			
Interest	4.09	1.17	Sundry Expenses	430.94	164.17
Refund of Overpaid Utilities	1,350.91	0.00	Advertising	134.71	134.71
			Insurance	2,372.29	1,717.21
Grants & Donations	9,934.00	58,577.00	Licences	738.26	750.74
Advance Rent	0.00	11,616.00			
			Maintenance & Repairs	2,601.73	1,859.14
			Equipment	3,423.30	841.60
			Capital Expenditure	17,058.00	63,143.47
			Loan Repayment	600.00	600.00
			<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 38,697.76</b>	<b>£ 80,601.19</b>

**£ 35,960.55    £ 92,089.59**

Total resources as at 31st  
January 2015

**£17,433.73**

Shortfall of Receipts over  
Payments

**-£2,737.21**

**Total resources as at 31st  
January 2016**

**£14,696.52**

Jane M Hughes  
Hon Treasurer, AVH & RG

Comprising:  
Contingency Deposit Account      £2,025.25  
Deposit Account                      £4,225.96  
Current Account                      £8,445.31

**WHEELSTEADS  
WOODHALL MILL  
HAYDON BRIDGE  
HEXHAM  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
NE47 6AS**

**24 March 2016**

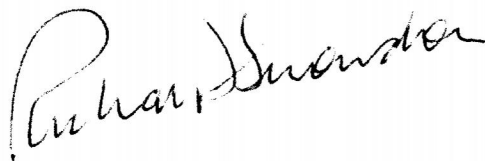
**Larry Winger (Chairman)  
Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground  
c/o Elpha Green Cottage  
Sparty Lea  
Allendale  
NE47 9US**

**Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground**

**Auditor's Certificate**

**I certify that I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Allendale Village Hall & Recreation Ground and find that the aforementioned are in accordance therewith and represent a true and fair position as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.**

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A D Snowdon', written in a cursive style.

**Richard A D Snowdon**