



HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST CIO  
Registered Charity 1195759

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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## SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022

This is the first full year as a CIO and some of the processes that are required to formally complete this process are still ongoing. The Asset transfer of the village hall to the Trust from Kirklees remains ongoing.

During the year January to December 2022 the Management Committee of HVCT held 12 quorate meetings, as always these have a consistent format with standard agenda items including a report from the Treasurer on our financial position. The Committee monitors its actions through an Action Schedule which is updated at each meeting. It is through regular monitoring that the Trust has been able to steer an effective and efficient course to ensure value for money. The Trust thanks the Holme Valley Parish Council and other charitable organisations who have given grants to the Trust to help with specific projects.

The Trust has continued, where possible, to lead and contribute to initiatives and activities in the village. The Trust is an associate member of the Honley Business Association and has links with other community groups within the village.

One of the highlights of 2022 has been the success of the Welcome Club, report attached, whilst it was set up initially to help Ukrainian Refugees coming into the village it developed on to be much more than that and is open for anybody from the community. During the winter it proved to be an invaluable source of soup, toast, drinks, and cakes as well as friendship.

The Village Hall is still recovering from the pandemic and now the additional costs brought about by the economic crisis. However, the Trust has made great efforts to make the hall more community-facing and hosting the monthly markets has been one of the key successes, these were held in the park last summer and proved to be very popular. In the winter months it was thought that the hall would be a more suitable place, and this has now been a permanent move. They are so popular we now use the Scout hut next door too, raising money for them.

The Trust was initially founded to look after Magdale Fields and subsequently purchased Magdale dam. The work here continues not just maintaining but also improving it. A community orchard has been created in the field next to Spider Alley. The junior school got involved in the project with apple tasting.

We have also planted an oak tree in memory of the previous chair of the Trust Ian Blagborough, Ian loved Magdale, and it will be a fitting tribute to him.

We have also hosted events by other groups on the land, Holmfirth Arts Festival have had 2 events and we have also had a wildflower identification workshop with the South Yorkshire Botany group. Eden Forest CIC has set up some small fishing groups on the dam and the Environment Agency supplied us with 4000 one year old fish for restocking.

Never a group to be backward looking, the Trust has several what we call Future Projects. We are looking to set up a Heritage trail round the village including an information centre in the old Mortuary chapel. This is planned for 25/26. We are also working with Sheffield University to look at the feasibility, design, and grant process to place a hydro power turbine on Magdale Weir Waterfall. This is hopefully to be completed in 2026/27 and last, but not least is a new village hall which serves the needs of the community better again we are looking at 2027.

In November was decided by the trustees to separate the Trust from its 2 subsidiaries Honley Youth and Friends of Honley. This process is still on going.

Honley Youth have had a strong year employing a full-time youth worker for part of it, establishing detached youth work using other local groups and running external trips. They are very much looking forward to restarting the work once a new structure has been formalised, looking at more sports activities as well as drop-in sessions.

Friends of Honley have carried on making Honley look beautiful, planting over 4000 plants hanging 32 hanging baskets and picking up tons of litter.

*Lorraine Needham-Reid*

## THE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT

It's been a difficult year what with energy prices going through the roof and the economic crisis that all have had to face. After the vaccine program had come to a close at the village hall, and most of the renters of the hall had found alternative accommodation. A decision was made to try to make the Village Hall more community facing, so with that in mind and The Trusts commitment to the youth of Honley, it was decided that we would support the Brownies and Honley Youth by allowing them to use the hall rent free.

One of the great success stories to emerge out of this reshuffle was the setting up of The Welcome club which are held on a Monday between 1-3pm. This meeting is run by the trust members and volunteers and is open to everyone, it is a safe place for people to meet and enjoy for free the entertainment which has a rich and varied schedule.

Another of the Trust's successes at the village hall has been, the monthly markets, which were originally just to cover the winter months when the Honley Business Association (HBA) could not run them in the Peoples Park due to bad weather. But then HBA made the decision not to run them at all, so we took up the mantle of Markets in the Village Hall. We had such a good response from the stall holders and visitors alike that we invited the scouts to join us and use the scout hut too. During the summer months we can also fill the green space between the two halls. Non-profit groups of Honley can have one of these spaces free of charge to run games or stalls to help as many of Honley's groups get back on their feet after the pandemic. These markets have helped the scouts to raise both profile and much needed funds. We have been able to pass onto the scouts something in the region of £1000.00 so far to help them to provide another well worth activity for the youth of Honley.

In addition to this the trust has always tried to support non-profit organisations of Honley and so each market one of these groups are asked if they would like to attend to do a raffle to raise monies for themselves, the Trust then gives the group a further donation from the takings of the coffee bar run on the market day to add to their funds, so next time you have coffee and cake at the Village hall you are not only helping the trust but you are helping other non-profits in the village. We have been able to donate around £500 to these organisations. The markets have brought in extra revenue for the trust and to date we have been able to raise approximately £2100 for the trust which will be spent on projects within Honley. If you are part of a non-profit in Honley or you think you could help on the café please contact myself.

Other events going on in the village hall at present are;

Dancing classes on Tuesday 10 – 11am 1-2 pm 7 – 8.30pm, Yoga - Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30pm, Thursday 10.30 - 11.30am and Weight Watchers 5.30 – 7.30pm.

The trust has run events over Christmas and Easter again targeting the Youth with craft events and parties. These events have all been subsidised by grants and trust funds, we had a very successful fashion show in March of this year, and we have another planned for April 24.

Please keep your eye out for future events in the flyer and on social media and please support in our efforts. The village hall is available for bookings for party's fund raisers and meetings of which we have had quite a few so far this also helps with funding, but we still need more to combat rising prices and trust monies.

We hope to continue to raise money through different types of events raising money that can be put back into the village, so if you would like to help in any way just contact any member of the trust or ring me direct on 01484 660348 it can be by helping with an event you are passionate about or just bake a cake for the coffee bar on market days.

*Peter Bonds*

## THE WELCOME CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

### What is the Welcome Club?

The Welcome Club was started on 1st August 2022 in response to a need for somewhere for people to go to find friendship, warmth, community, activities and free drinks and cake etc in a welcoming environment.

It was initially intended for the Ukrainian Refugees who had fled to this country after Russia invaded their country in February.

Refugee families started to arrive in the Holme Valley on 1st May 2022.

As a group we started by helping in any way we could by preparing food bags and toiletry bags to be handed to the families on arrival to help with initial needs. Following this we were advised to open the Welcome Club to everyone in Honley (which is what we did), and it has now developed as a Welcome Club for all. It is the best place to be on a Monday afternoon 1–3pm.

The winter was going to be very hard for everyone, with heating costs and food prices rising every day. We applied for a grant of £500 from TSL (Duggs Carre) to help with Winter Warmers – they have all been gratefully received and signed for.

We have helped by providing a warm environment with free soup, toast, drinks, and cake etc. and as many activities as we can afford to fund.

### What have we got planned for 2023?

We are putting together a timetable of events, activities including favourites such as bingo and our weekly quiz, alongside trips (paid for by members), Armchair Zumba – 4 sessions being funded by TSL Kirklees and other things such as card making being led by a friend of one of the volunteers (Sue Coomber). Sue herself is going to be giving hand massages in January – she is qualified to do so.

We are led by what the members want to do, it is their group, and we just help to make it happen.

We want them to be HAPPY, HEALTHY, COMFORTABLE, COSY AND FED. You just need to be in the room to know that they are VERY HAPPY! You can feel it...

So – What do we need to achieve these things?

**FUNDING** – we will be applying to as many organisations as possible to keep this group going indefinitely for the good of all our members, young or old.

The members have now started donating cash each week themselves – which is a lovely way of them saying thank you, please keep this club going!

We have received £200 funding from TSL Kirklees, used to secure 4 Armchair Zumba sessions for 2023 (each session costing £45) with £20 spare to go towards tea, coffee etc. We will approach them again in the future for further funding if possible.

We have received Grants/Donations in 2022 from:

TSL Kirklees	£200.00
Holmfirth Rotary	£500.00
Parkin Donations	£ 25.00
Raffle & Drinks Money from December Market	£307.39

We keep weekly donations and receipts for what we spend in a cash box and if the balance gets too high it's banked.

*Carol Roberts*

## MAGDALE FIELDS & DAM ANNUAL REPORT

It's always good to look back on a year to see what has been achieved and what events have taken place at Magdale. As always, I'm indebted to the work of a volunteer group that has used their skills and commitment to tackle a range of activities. Without them we would not be able to maintain and enhance Magdale for the benefit of residents and wildlife.

The major projects and work we undertook during 2022 were:

1. The creation establishment of Honley Community Orchard following the planting of 25 apple trees of different varieties in the field adjacent to Spider Alley. We were advised by Hilary Dodson, Chair of The Northern Fruit Group, in planting this orchard and the sourcing of the trees. The trees were well tended during the drought period with extra watering and mulching so that they all survived. It will be a few years before we will see them producing a good quantity of apples, but they are off to a good start. The planting of the orchard was preceded by an apple tasting event and grafting event with Year 4 of Honley Junior school to involve pupils in the project. Phil Russell composed 'the Apple Song' which was sung by the pupils and by the Cakehole singing group at the time of the planting. We had sandwiches and cake to celebrate the completion of the orchard. Later we placed some rustic benches around the orchard.
2. The wetland pond proved to be very attractive to frogs, toads and newts and there was a significant amount of frogspawn in the pond in March. During the drought period that followed we had to keep topping up the pond until the tadpoles had become small frogs/toads. The heron could be seen circling the pond at the time of spawning looking for an easy meal. We have continued to remove the dock plants that surround the pond and sown wildflower seed. It has achieved our purpose in creating a different environment to add to the biodiversity of the area as well as becoming an attraction for people walking through the fields, particularly young people fascinated by tadpoles and insects. We want them to enjoy the environment, learn about wildlife and how we need to protect such places in the future.
3. In November the family of Ian Blagborough, former Chair of the Trust, planted an oak tree in his memory in the centre of Magdale Fields. Ian loved Magdale and spent many hours over several years helping maintain and improve the area. He is sadly missed but will always be remembered when we walk past his oak tree.
4. Magdale has hosted a number of events during the year. Holmfirth Arts Festival used it as a venue for an "Accessible Amble" with activities in May, and Light Up Magdale was the final event in the programme with a lantern walk along Magdale with lantern installations on the Dam and Mag Brook. In July the South Yorkshire Botany Group held a wildflower identification workshop and it was fascinating to discover the range of wildflowers growing in the different micro- environments on Magdale.
5. The Himalayan Balsam had taken hold in some areas, particularly near the goit running from the River Holme to just above the weir on Mag Brook. We were grateful for the help of River Holme Connections volunteers in tackling this spread and will need to keep on top of it in future years.
6. We were fortunate to have some good weather at the beginning of August to enable Dave Benson to cut the grass, turn and bail it within a week and for volunteers to load the bails on his trailer to take away the following weekend.
7. During the year we also took on a new venture in helping to clear and restore Southgate Woods, which will be left as a legacy to the Trust. This is a five-year project in clearing undergrowth and planting new trees.
8. We have a Fishing agreement with Eden Forest CIC and they have run small fishing groups on Magdale Dam and installed some bat boxes. Towards the end of the year the Environment Agency supplied us with nearly 4000 one-year old fish to restock Magdale Dam.
9. In addition to the above we have continued with the general maintenance of Magdale including planting oak trees donated to us, clearing holly trees in the oak woodland, path maintenance (particularly following flooding early in the year) and leaf clearance in December.

Our plans for the next year include extending the orchard, the construction of a bee bank and further work to enhance the variety and volume of wildflowers on Magdale.

If anyone reading this report is interested in helping, please contact me on 07717 766071. The volunteer group meets on the second Sunday of every month unless the weather or other matters prevent the work taking place.

*Steve Hemming*

# YOUTH PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT

## Summary of 2022

The aim of 2022 was to extend our offering to young people, run regular sessions both indoors and outdoors and obtain further input from Honley Youths to allow us to improve our services during the year.

We also introduced external trips and worked with other local groups to promote Honley Youth and the improvements being made.

During the year we had 1 full time working supported by sessional workers to help run activities.

Monthly Steering Group meetings reviewed and approved the strategy and project goals.

## The main achievements for 2022

- Employ a full time Youth worker and part-time sessional Youth workers.
- Establish detached youth work, drop-in sessions, and indoor/outdoor activities:
  - Monday evening Skateboarding sessions run by Skate IT at Honley Skatepark.
  - Tuesday Project Sports sessions.
  - Tuesday Graffiti sessions run by Northern Mural. Including appearance on Look North.
  - Wednesday drop-in sessions.
  - 1:1 session for Youths with specific needs.
  - Bradley Woods and Eden Forest trips.
  - Working with The Base (Drugs/Alcohol awareness).
  - Colour run for Forget-me-not Children's Hospice.
  - Musical Theatre and Rhythm Sticks workshops.
  - 'I have a voice' giving young people tools and confidence to speak up about things that impact them.
- Develop a Honley Youth Network connecting all those running activities for youth.
- Develop relationships with local councils – Kirklees and Holme Valley Parish Council.
- Build a Social Media presence – ensuring better promoting and signposting of what's available.
- Grant fundraising to ensure sustainability.
- Monitoring and Evaluation and prove success.

## Budget position 2022

2022 Income		2022 Costs	
C/f 2021	£16,943.73	Cost	£38,413.16
Local Fundraising	£10,134.25		
Grant Applications	£34,841.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£61,918.98</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>£38,413.16</b>
<b>C/f 2023</b>	<b>£23,505.82</b>		

## Strategy for 2023

We have had to put Honley Youth on hold since December due to staff leaving and changes to the structure of Honley Youth. Those discussions are still underway, the current plan is to re-start Honley Youth during June/July 2023.

Our focus for 2023 will continue to be on the following:

- More Sports activities.
- Group sessions both inside and outside.
- Youth Council.
- Mentoring.
- Drop-in Sessions.

Glen Kirkby

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Kirklees Business Support Grant	-		17,431	
Members' subscriptions & donations	204		8,769	
Room hire	9,892		17,028	
Building society interest	-		74	
Christmas fair	-		579	
Flyers	-		1,009	
Grants received	-	10,096	11,155	56,045
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Light & heat	457		2,804	
Village hall rent	-		1,152	
Village hall expenses	-		847	
Events	-		50	
Rates & water	-		929	
Repairs & renewals	-		1,281	
Land management	-		20,843	
Cleaning	-		2,243	
Accountancy	-		504	
Professional fees	-		480	
Consultancy services	-		1,500	
Telephone & internet	-		507	
Insurance & licences	611		1,754	
Maintenance & construction	-		260	
Post, stationery & advertising	-		464	
Flyers	-		424	
Donations	-		1,110	
Sundries	-		84	
Depreciation	-	1,068	3,777	41,013
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>9,028</b>	<b>15,032</b>	



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Land	25,568			25,568
Transferred to HVCT CIO	25,568	-		
Magdale Dam	45,473			45,473
Transferred to HVCT CIO	45,473	-		
Village Hall equipment, fixtures and fittings	16,154		17,436	
Additions	-		1,500	
	16,154		18,936	
Less depreciation	-		2,782	16,154
Transferred to HVCT CIO	16,154	-		
General tools and equipment	5,641		626	
Additions	-		6,010	
	5,641		6,636	
Less depreciation	-		995	5,641
Transferred to HVCT CIO	5,641	-		
	-			92,836
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash in hand	-		64	
Cash at building society - general account	-		25	
youth account	-		25	
village hall account	-		25	
Co-op account	-		200	
Barclays account	-		1,000	
Barclays FoH account	-		1,000	
Contingency fund	-		25	
	-		2,364	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors and accruals	-		1,341	
Friends of Honley account	-		26,159	
	-	-	27,500	(25,136)
			-	<b>67,700</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>				
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>				
Balance brought forward		67,700		150,217
Surplus for the year		9,028		15,032
Transferred to HVCT CIO (Reg. Charity No. 1195759)		(76,728)		(97,549)
		-		<b>67,700</b>

## **REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS**

Using the historical cost convention, we have prepared but not audited, the annexed Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account from the records and other information supplied by Dennis Roberts, the Trust's Treasurer.

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations, and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## HONLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY TRUST FUTURE PROJECTS

Looking to the future we need to be aware of opportunities to improve and increase our local facilities. Some of the ones we are currently pursuing may never materialise due to potential issues with planning, grant availability or local authority restrictions etc., but we are preparing for various projects in the meantime.

1. To create a Circular Heritage Trail to highlight the beauty of Magdale and the historic water management systems which provided power to local mills in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The trail will culminate in an information centre based in the Mortuary Chapel at Green Cliffe which will be refurbished as part of this project. Visitors and schools will be able to learn about the area, as well as the history, including the Honley Luddites. We hope to be able to complete the Trail by 2025/26
2. To install a Hydro Power Turbine system in Magdale Weir Waterfall. A renewable energy project to provide electricity. A fish ladder will be incorporated into the design to allow fish to migrate to the upper reaches of the River Holme. This is currently not possible due to high weirs in the Holme.

We have commissioned a student group from Sheffield University to carry out the design and construction and to negotiate the various planning procedures and grant applications. We hope to be able to complete this project by 2026/27.

3. To demolish and re-build the Village Hall and create a modern facility better suited to the needs of the community.

The current building is well past its sell by date, expensive to heat and restricted to use by only one activity at a time.

The planned new building will have 2 floors connected by both stairs and a lift. Independent access to each floor and each floor having its own Coffee Bar and Toilets will give the opportunity to have multiple uses throughout the day. For example, a vaccination centre could be organised at the same time as the Welcome Club, or a Youth Club be held at the same time as Dance Classes on a different floor etc.

We plan to have a series of quiet small offices for use by local businesses. The village now has many home workers who sometimes need to hold meetings in a more formal situation. We hope to be able to complete the New Village Hall by 2027.

*David Hardy*

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## **YOUR THOUGHTS & FEEDBACK**

Now that you understand how 2022 turned out, we would love to hear your thoughts for 2023 and beyond. What would you like Honley Village Community Trust to be involved in, what would you like to see from us, are there any events you would like to see in the village.

Perhaps you would like to get involved in a volunteer capacity for the Welcome Club, the monthly markets, distribution of the Honley Flyer or spend some time in the great outdoors on the land at Magdale, you would be met with a very big welcome.

Please send your thoughts, feedback, and suggestions to -

**[info@honleyvillagecommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@honleyvillagecommunitytrust.org.uk)**

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Thank you.*

Honley Village Community Trust CIO