

THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ending 31st March 2026

2024/25		2025/26	
£	Income	£	
2,566.00	Subscriptions	2,485.00	
0.00	Refreshment/Others	0.00	
2,122.68	Events	3,331.02	
365.70	Hall Box	1,106.20	
20,686.50	Donations	80.50	
369.50	Interest Received	227.64	
26,110.38	Total	7,230.36	

	Expenses	
8,974.00	Donations to Towneley Hall	6,569.00
96.95	Other	175.34
114.69	Postage, printing etc	124.22
51.40	Refreshments	47.19
330.00	Meeting expenses/Donations	445.00
900.00	Events	1,292.04
10,467.04	Total	8,652.79
NET INCOME		
Total of both accounts from 2024/25		52,473.18
Petty Cash from 2024/25		101.50
Total		51,152.25

Assets
62 Noel H. Leaver Watercolour paintings, bequeathed to the Society by Dr. Peter H. Bracewell, late of Crosthwaite, Kendal. **Latest Insurance valuation by Bonhams (Nov 2022) was £55,100**

Sets of Costumes created by Cynthia Hewitt (Member of the Society). The WW1 uniforms, the servants outfits and the Egyptian costumes are used in the schools learning programme. (Estimated value of £1,500)

BALANCE SHEET	£
As at 31st March 2026	
Unrestricted Funds	50,890.48
Restricted Funds	0
Total Reserves	50,890.48
Held as follows	£
Lloyds TSB Savings Account	33,720.81
Lloyds TSB Current Account	17,169.67
Total =	50,890.48
Petty Cash	261.77
Total =	51,152.25



The Towneley Hall Society
formed 1965

Patron
Peregrine Towneley

Website
www.towneleyhallsociety.co.uk

Annual Report & Accounts
For the year ending 31st March 2026

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Towneley Hall Society.

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes examination of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 14 of the Act and to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Howard Mitchell (Auditor)

The Towneley Hall Society is a Registered Charity
(No 515939)

**THE TOWNELEY HALL SOCIETY
TRUSTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2026**

(Submitted by Peter Woodhead (Hon Treasurer & Trustee)

The Towneley Hall Society is a Registered Charity (No 515939). The Society was formed in 1965 to establish a circle of friends of Towneley Hall. The aim is to help stimulate public interest in the Hall and to protect, preserve and enhance the amenities of the Hall (and gardens). The members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting appoint the Committee. The society holds regular meetings at the Hall, from August to May. There are also social events at Christmas and Easter. These raise money to provide amenities for the Hall. With the permission of the Council, a donation box for the Society is now located in the Hall's Shop.

Our reserves are now approximately £50,890 with £33,720 in the deposit account and £17,170 in the current account.

Membership. During the year 2025-26 membership numbers have continued to increase with 15 new members joining the Society.

Events are one of the Society's main fund raising activities and during the year it has been able to organise some fundraising events namely:
April 21st Easter Monday Stall Sales.
May 5th Bank Holiday Stall Sales,
Treasure Hunt, Colne, 17th June.
Temple Newsam Visit, August 5th.
August Bank Holiday Stall Sales 25th August.
Monday (5th October) Nature Festival Sales
Annual Quiz Day 24th Nov.
Christmas Party 8th Dec.

Total amount raised for these events was just over £1,292.

Speakers. Speaker expenses amounted to £445 for our monthly meetings at the Hall.

In the last 26 years to 31st March 2026, the Society has provided a total of £206,099 in gifts to the Hall. (Includes Ascroft legacy of £45,000 in 2004)

Donations to the Hall over the last 25 years to the end of March were :-

2001 - £2,652	2013 - £3,517
2002 - £4,372	2014 - £1,891
2003 - £15,367	2015 - £16,548
2004 - (£45,000) + £4,353	2016 - £5,899
2005 - £3,763	2017 - £7
2006 - £3,303	2018 - £1,351
2007 - £10,140	2019 - £21,700
2008 - £9,755	2020 - £10,589
2009 - £5,445	2021 - £0
2010 - £3,132	2022 - £0
2011 - £4,754	2023 - £12,776
2012 - £4,242	2024 - £8,974

Donations to the Hall for 2025/26

£6,569 was given to the Hall for the printing of the Hall's new children's book, Making of the Bill the Bear costume and purchase of the Medieval Brooch.

Past THS contributions to the Hall.

	£
2007 Dishwasher	1,880
Highchair	70
2 Wheelchairs	475
Frames & Mounts	130
Glasses Trays/Drinks Measures	340
New Towneley Flag	221
General Scarlet Painting	5,000
Natural History Gallery Donation	2,000
Hollins Purchasing Book	95
2008 Millennium Ebonised Clock Case	1,000
Padiham Mug	680
Glass carriers	50
Glass carriers, trays, extenders	551
Tablecloths	100
Round Tables + Bar items	350
Magnetic hammer for clock bell	1,800
Ebonised Clock brackets	225
Towneley Family Busts	5,000
2009 Events Board	113
Bar Equipment	182
Charles Townley Bust Donation	5,000
Material for Chair Refurbishment	150
2010 Soft Furnishings for the 'Lichen' Room	1,362

2011 Installation of new flagpole	800
Commissioning of Geoff Butterworth's 'Virgin Snow' painting	1,500
Curtains for Long Gallery Bedrooms	1,369
Blinds for Long Gallery Bedrooms	1,085
2012 Donation to 'Friends of Towneley Park' towards purchase of Scooter for the disabled	1,000
Purchase of new Towneley Flag	242
Donation to conservation of Watercolour	1,000
Donation towards new exhibition showcases	2,000
2013 Harp restoration	1,200
Geoff Butterworth Painting	600
(bought from sale of donated Muriel Riding Pottery)	
Altar lighting	1,717
2014 Contribution to FoTP towards Italian Gardens Fountain restoration.	500
Purchase of DVD Player & Monitor for Lecture Theatre Audio/Visual control unit.	121
New THS Donation Box for the Shop.	820
Purchase of Pendelfin pottery from Eric Knowles.	450
2015 Testing, Mounting, Framing, Delivery & Installation of 21 tiles in the Decorative Arts Room.	983
Purchase of Pendelfin Pottery from Mrs Margaret Phillips.	250
Contribution towards WW1 Commemorations.	1,000
New Green Regency Room Curtains & Voiles.	5,715
Purchase of two 'Discobolus' Statues.	8,600
2016 Purchase and installation of PA system in Lecture Theatre	1094
Conservation work on 'How Liza loved the King' painting.	3950
Shelving for Lecture Theatre rooms.	855
2017 Purchase of 2 x 6 gang 1metre extension leads with Surge Protection (for Lecture Theatre)	7
2018 Purchase of twenty table top covers	1,147
Payment for 6,000 Towneley Hall Events leaflets.	204
2019 Payment towards New Events Car Park	20,000
Payment for 2 Dog Grates for the Main Hall	1,700
2020 Payment for Regency Room table & chairs	5,660
Contribution to LED lighting of Hall exterior	4,876
2021 No purchases were acquired for the Hall.	0
2022 No purchases were acquired for the Hall.	0
2023 3 Oak Display Cabinets for Craft Museum.	8,500
Takedown costs for De morgan exhibition.	3,427
New Chapel Lighting.	849