

**Bar Hill Village Hall**  
Registered Charity No. 1002579

Trustees' Annual Report  
1 August 2024 - 31 July 2025

**Clerk to the Trustees**

Mrs Gillian Wells  
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**Names of Trustees**

Mrs Anne Sweeney	Chair
Mrs Sonya York-Wright	Vice Chair
Mrs Gillian Wells	Secretary
Mr Robert Wells	
Mr Richard Mayer	

**Sources of advice and support**

Bar Hill Parish Council  
Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

## **Governance**

Bar Hill Village Hall was established as a charity by a Trust Deed dated 21st November 1978.

The hall was purpose built in 1974 as part of the new development of Bar Hill Village.

The Village Hall is owned by the Management Committee, but the Village Hall is held upon Trust by the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees. The Village Hall Management Committee is responsible for keeping the building in good state of repair.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

The Trust Deed governs the appointment of trustees and the management of the charity.

Four trustees (the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in November: each trustee serves for 1 year and is re-elected should they confirm their wishes to do so in writing.

In addition, each user group listed in the Trust deed, of which there are ten, can nominate one trustee. The trustees form the Management Committee of the Village Hall which has the power to co-opt up to five further trustees on an annual basis.

## **Policies and Procedures**

To guide the Management Committee in exercising its duty of care to members, employees and users of the hall, the following policy statements have been adopted:

- Health & Safety Policy
- Financial Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Noise Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Anti-Bribery & Corruption Policy

The policies are included in the Trustees' Welcome Pack and are reviewed annually.

## **Hiring Agreement**

Use of the village hall is subject to a Hiring Agreement which must be signed by the hirer when booking. The Hiring Agreement sets out the conditions of hire and identifies the respective responsibilities of each party to the agreement.

## **Licences**

The hall has a Premises Licence (not including alcohol) with South Cambridgeshire District Council and a copy of the Licence can be found on the Management Committee Notice Board in the foyer of the hall. The hall is licensed by the Performing Right Society for live and recorded music.

## **Risk Management**

### **Insurance**

The village hall is insured with respect to property damage (buildings insurance) by Ansvar Insurance (£3.831M cover). It is insured with the same company with respect to contents (up to £30,010, public liability (£5M), employers' liability (£10M) and legal assistance.

### **Building Issues**

- Gas appliances and portable electrical appliances are tested by qualified personnel annually.
- The mains electrical installation is checked by a qualified engineer every five years and was carried out in October 2022.
- Firefighting appliances are inspected annually under contract with the supplier.
- Volunteers from the Committee carry out regular maintenance checks.

### **Objectives of the Charity**

- Provision of a village hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Bar Hill without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious, or other opinions.
- Use of the village hall for meetings, lectures and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the social conditions of the life of the inhabitants.

The Trustees consider these objectives to be consistent with Charity Commission guidance on providing for the public benefit as shown in the list of activities pursued this year.

### **Principal Activities in pursuit of Objectives**

The hall is in use most days of the week for a variety of activities including baby and toddler activity sessions, dance classes, keep fit activities, martial arts, football activities and bingo.

The hall is available for hire for private functions including celebrations and children's parties, wedding receptions and social functions.

### **Funding Strategy**

It is the strategy of the Trustees to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. The contributions made by the users of the hall are set to achieve this.

### **Volunteers' Effort**

Management costs are kept to a minimum using volunteers for regular maintenance and administration. On average 10 hours of volunteer time are given each week to cover these tasks. In addition, the Trustees give a minimum of 2 hours a month for meetings.

## **2024 - 2025 Achievements**

The Trustees continue to work hard to make the hall attractive to potential users and measure their success by the range of users and the hall occupancy. The Trustees believe that this has been achieved by the fact that we continue to have regular hirers using the hall on 6 days of the week and that children's parties during the weekend are proving extremely popular. Weekend evening parties have increased over the last 12 months.

During the year the car park potholes were filled making it a much safer area and reducing the amount of standing water after rainfall.

We re-assigned the electricity and gas contracts to the Sports & Social Club and this came into effect on the 1st August 2025. The purpose of this was entirely to save money.

The Trustees have been working hard to achieve Hallmark 2 accreditation with Cambridgeshire ACRE and since writing this Report we can confirm that we have been successful.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees aim to have reserves of not less than 25% and no more than 50% of the annual forecast expenditure of £55,500. This figure was reached by taking the 2024 year-end figures as a base and increases made where applicable, such as wages and utilities. Based on these figures the funds in the bank should not go below £13,875 or above £27,750.

In the event of reserves dropping below the minimum level, the Trustees will aim to restore the reserves over the next four years. Should the reserves exceed the maximum level, the Trustees will aim to bring forward cosmetic improvements to the fabric of the Village Hall.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the village hall and from time to time this involves major works far in excess of funds held. On identifying such major works, alternative funds will be sourced by way of grants with the object of meeting the costs in full. Such funds would be restricted. There are currently no restricted funds in hand. As time goes on the maintenance increases and the Trustees monitor this very closely and make decisions as necessary based on the repairs required.

## **Future Plans**

In last year's Annual Report, it was reported that the Village Hall had been participating in the Green Business Initiative Programme run by PECT, with a view to be able to obtain a grant of up to £15,000 towards additional solar panels. Unfortunately, by the time we had completed the Programme there was only a week before the grant applications ran out and therefore for all the time and effort spent on this, there was no reward at the end.

Following the disappointment of not being able to secure a grant, the proposal for increasing the number of solar panels was not put on the back burner and slow progress has been made, although there is very little to report. This idea has not been disregarded.

During the year the Trustees have been focusing on capital items that may enhance the hall and the first thing that came to mind was the kitchen. The kitchen in the hall is totally inadequate for the size of the Hall. The Trustees are in the process of making enquiries to start planning.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

**Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees**

**Signature**     *Anne Sweeney*

**Full Name**     Anne Elizabeth Sweeney

**Position**       Chair

**Date**             27th November 2025

**BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

## **BAR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

Report to the trustees/members of Bar Hill Village Hall Management Committee, on accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025, set out on pages 3 and 4

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material aspect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

*Hilary Whipp*

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12 November 2025

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# BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	This year	Last year
<b>INCOME - rent receivable</b>		
Sports and Social Club	17,400.00	17,400.00
General hall hire	19,027.45	17,037.00
Playgroup	6,000.00	6,000.00
Feed in Tariff	867.81	1,671.33
Changing room hire	300.00	570.00
South Cambs Community Grant	-	2,000.00
Bar Hill Parish Council donation	-	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>43,595.26</b>	<b>46,678.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Water & sewerage charges	324.35	2,626.01
Less: due from Bar Hill Scouts	0.00	(21.49)
Electricity	6,043.61	4,634.00
Less: due from Bar Hill Scouts	(2,390.71)	(2,077.61)
Gas	11,074.03	1,999.79
Repairs & renewals ≤ £450	4,196.67	5,152.71
<b>Repairs &amp; renewals ≥ £451</b>		21,418.68
Full test emergency lights	528.00	
Replace LED lights	576.00	
Emergency lights remedials	1,170.00	
S/F VH pump	600.00	
S/S glass to entrance doors	460.00	
Potholes	3,127.08	
S/F immersion heater	484.80	
Cleaning materials	386.73	500.29
Window cleaning	610.00	1,607.00
Wages inc Pension - cleaning & booking	10,488.78	9,545.42
Bar Hill PC loan interest	1,132.07	1,399.33
Insurance	2,402.74	2,455.79
Accountancy	100.00	100.00
Waste disposal costs	1,202.56	1,137.76
Print, post, phone, broadband	510.00	523.57
Hallmaster	253.00	226.80
Sundry	1,335.30	822.21
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>44,615.01</b>	<b>52,050.26</b>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>(1,019.75)</b>	<b>(5,371.93)</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	269,528.70	274,900.63
<b>GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>268,508.95</b>	<b>269,528.70</b>



## BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	This year	Last year
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Cost of building and furniture	1,074,580.57	1,074,580.57
<b>GRANTS RECEIVED</b>		
Bar Hill Parish Council	678,062.67	678,062.67
South Cambs District Council	50,000.00	50,000.00
Bar Hill Social Club	75,000.00	75,000.00
	<u>803,062.67</u>	<u>803,062.67</u>
	271,517.90	271,517.90
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors - due from Bar Hill Scouts	2,390.70	2,099.10
Debtors - other	1,736.80	3,665.16
Cash at bank	20,670.74	22,390.40
	<u>24,798.24</u>	<u>28,154.66</u>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Damage deposits held in advance	400.00	100.00
Trade creditors and accruals	9,487.05	6,732.59
	<u>9,887.05</u>	<u>6,832.59</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	14,911.19	21,322.07
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>286,429.09</u></u>	<u><u>292,839.97</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Long term loan from Bar Hill Parish Council	17,920.14	23,311.27
General fund	268,508.95	269,528.70
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