

Rickingham Village Hall

(Rickingham Silver Jubilee Playing Field)

Charity Number 1031063

Acting Chairman's annual report 29 November 2024

Our achievements this financial year: the charity has installed a solar panel and battery system to contain energy bills, replaced defunct flood lights on the sports area and replaced failed Velux roof lights all with the invaluable help from various grants. Botesdale Parish Council generously provided emergency funding of £10K for the flood lights from its community infrastructure funds. Without this help we would have had great difficulty doing the repairs before the winter season. We also installed a sound system for use within the hall. The replacement of the wooden roof line and downspout covers with plastic was planned for the 2023/2024 financial year but was completed this month, November 2024. The grass mower finally succumbed to its age and was replaced with a younger model. We had earmarked funds to cover the cost. Looking forward, Suffolk County Council's project to install two electric vehicle charging bays on the car park is scheduled for March 2025.

Volunteers on the management committee, from the local community and further afield carry out a wide range of tasks for the benefit of the charity and hence our local community, viz: running the regular market together with the autojumble & classic car meets; the annual Christmas craft fair; weekly & monthly safety checks; maintenance of the hall and playing field, administration of accounts and hiring out the premises. Without these contributions, the costs of running the hall would be significantly higher and the events held at the hall considerably fewer. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and skills. However, the continued willingness of volunteers to organise these events is not guaranteed and difficulties in recruiting appropriate volunteers to support the village hall is a cause for concern. We were very sad to lose volunteer Mike Goodwin who has maintained the playing field in good order for many years.

The hall has been hired out a record 576 times to individuals, local organisations and small businesses, this compares with 507 hires last year. South Norfolk Netball League continues to hire the sports area throughout the year and in the summer months we have regular informal tennis bookings. The skate park continues to be well used. We plan to repaint the surface of the sports area in 2025 and promote the use of this area to a wider audience.

The charity's principal sources of funds are hire charges made for use of the facilities, fundraising from the monthly markets, autojumble & classic car meets and annual Christmas craft fair. The £16,700 cost of running the hall and outdoor areas this year was covered by £18,000 income from hire fees. I therefore suggest that we can keep our current hire charges unchanged for 2025.

We hold a reserve to cover one year's running costs (2024 £17K) plus £10K for emergency repairs plus money set aside for possible future projects and we continue to maintain and improve both the indoor and outdoor facilities of this important community asset.

Thank you.

Charles Greenhough
Acting Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Rickingham Village Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st October 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1031063

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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Signed:

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Date:

11-03-2025

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/11/2023

To

31/10/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Village Hall Hire	15,020	-	-	15,020	13,033
Sports Area	1,232	-	-	1,232	2,119
Playing Field	1,305	-	-	1,305	430
Electricity Slot Meter	520	-	-	520	729
Fund Raising Events	1,802	-	-	1,802	1,295
Recycling Centre	1,436	-	-	1,436	848
Lottery	4,720	-	-	4,720	4,920
Grants & Donations	39,431	-	-	39,431	10,529
Misc. Income	97	-	-	97	52
Farmers Market	11,384	-	-	11,384	7,689
Bank interest	769	-	-	769	204
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,716	-	-	77,716	41,848
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-		
		-	-		
Sub total		-	-		
Total receipts	77,716	-	-	77,716	41,848
A3 Payments					
Maintenance	2,809	-	-	2,809	563
Wages	3,058	-	-	3,058	2,927
Anglian Water	1,516	-	-	1,516	635
Fire	272	-	-	272	101
Fund Raising Events	161	-	-	161	173
Electricity	2,705	-	-	2,705	1,757
Misc Expenses	1,245	-	-	1,245	2,857
Insurance	2,167	-	-	2,167	1,942
Licences (Bar P Rights)	592	-	-	592	473
Sports Area	1,362	-	-	1,362	873
Playing Field	8,993	-	-	8,993	413
Farmers Market	3,524	-	-	3,524	2,306
Projects	53,313	-	-	53,313	3,927
Lottery Expenses (Prizes)	2,493	-	-	2,493	2,480
Sub total	84,210	-	-	84,210	21,427
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-		
		-	-		
Sub total		-	-		
Total payments	84,210	-	-	84,210	21,427
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,494	-	-	- 6,494	20,421
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,795	-	-	76,795	56,374
Cash funds this year end	70,301	-	-	70,301	76,795

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		
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	Bank Reserve Account	48,187		
	Market Manager cash	150		
	Lottery Account	201		
	Cash- Bookkeeper	1,297		
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	Total cash funds	70,301	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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