

ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1034030

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-02-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR USE OF INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF ISFIELD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS LECTURES AND CLASSES AND OTHER FORMS OR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the inhabitants of the parish of Isfield

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF ISFIELD.
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£26,514	£13,143	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,849	£17,532	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,759	£15,927	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,377	£15,620	-	-
2020-12-31	£19,232	£7,993	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR RON LEVETT	Chair	2003-03-12
Beverley Ashford		2017-08-14
DAVID ARNO		2025-04-01
Georgia Arno		2026-03-13
MARGARET LEVETT		1995-06-10
PHILIPPA JANE LUCKETT		2024-08-01
Simon Black		2026-03-13

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY, 2024 to 31 DECEMBER, 2024**

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Trustees as of 31 December 2024: Ron Levett, Katherine Meakin, Margaret Levett, Beverley Ashford, Mike Upton and Phillipa Luckett

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

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As custodians of a beautiful early 20th Century former Church of England school that needs careful attention the Management Committee continued to monitor the condition of the building and carry out any maintenance work as and when needed. Outgoings were consistent with management of an old building.

The Friends of Isfield Village Hall continue to make an important contribution to reserves. Donations for 2024 were slightly lower than those for 2023. Gift Aid has been received on the donations

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Plans have been drawn up for the construction of a small extension to provide disabled toilets and improved storage for chairs and tables, removing dangerous chimney and repositioning boiler to the outside approximate cost of £125,000 The plans were approved by the Management Committee. It was proposed to present the plans to Isfield Parish Council and at its September meeting the Parish Council resolved to award a maximum amount of £30,000 toward the whole project subject to match funding. The management committee to apply for other grants.

It is considered that the Charity has performed well thanks to the efforts of the Management Committee in maintaining the premises in a condition that makes them very attractive to hirers. Fortunately the Frost Fair, Quizzes and participation at the Village fete have raised funds for the Village Hall.

The availability of the Village Hall has proved to have a significant public benefit and regular users have increased slightly, In addition to regular users the Hall is used by all ages in the community for parties, wedding and anniversary celebrations, funeral teas, receptions, arts and crafts workshops, AGM's and meetings, exhibitions and flower shows. The search for additional new and interesting activities will continue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity ended the year with a profit of £13,370.88 which is a healthy position in which to start the new financial year.

Donations from the Friends are held in a deposit account, with friends donations at £1228.28 this year.

The Charity has a reserve of £65,274.64 invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund. This sum can be drawn on if necessary. It has a permanent Endowment which is valued at £51,630.21 which is also invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund on which it receives the income.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Ronald Levett

Chairman

14th February, 2022

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Hire of Hall and Equipment	14,826.50	14,636.90
Donations from The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	1,425.00	2,250.00
Gift Aid on Previous Year's Friends' donations	523.58	102.60
Income from Quizzes	2,092.05	1,692.79
Income from Summer & Frost Fairs	813.73	1,225.56
Income from Race Night	-	1,061.09
Income from Isfield Fete	143.00	120.00
Income from Wealden Lottery	166.50	155.50
Interest from COIF deposit account	3,136.59	2,514.98
Dividend income from permanent endowment	1,405.42	1,386.09
Interest from Friends' Deposit Account	419.64	203.64
Refund from Not For Profit	1,000.00	2,500.00
Income from Polo shirts	321.11	-
Tax payment	241.59	-
	26,514.71	27,849.15
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rates	68.61	74.59
Water/Waste	692.71	498.90
Electricity	751.75	624.93
General Upkeep and cleaning materials	439.15	572.00
KPS clearing ditch/back of carpark	-	1,080.00
Purchase of Zettle	-	34.80
Expenses relating to Frost Fair	87.46	92.49
Expenses relating to Race Nights	-	858.08
Expenses related to Quizzes	1,102.60	762.04
Expenses related to The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	196.72	199.19
Expenses related to the Village Fete	40.28	-
Printing (flyers etc.)	54.64	67.73
Boiler service and maintenance	118.80	132.00
Website & software licences	231.87	161.70
Heating oil	723.24	1,974.98
Insurance	1,797.69	1,741.44
Caretaker wages (including tax)	3,806.13	3,301.56
Fixtures & fittings	2,437.04	-
Repair works (plumbing)	-	327.32
Returned Deposit	30.00	10.00
HSBC Bank Charges	67.60	70.40
Electrical repair works	-	-
Tributes/Donations	-	90.00
Expenses associated with proposed extension	-	4,791.60
Expenses related to Polo shirts	244.29	-
Tunbridge Wells fire protection	253.25	66.21
	13,143.83	17,531.96
Surplus Income over Expenditure	£13,370.88	£10,317.19
<u>Balance of Assets at 31st Dec</u>		
Debtor re Hire of Hall		-
In credit with EDF		-
Creditor re Tarmac (location: recycling bin area)		-
Money received in advance re Hire of Hall		-
Balance in Current account at bank	11,919.25	£19,829.10
Balance in Deposit account at bank (Friends)	30,207.88	£13,944.66
Balance in COIF bank account	65,247.64	£60,705.63
Petty cash	1,384.73	£909.23
Total Cash	£108,759.50	£95,388.62
Value of permanent endowment	51,630.21	50,489.65
% Movement on permanent endowment	2.26%	9.19%
Movement on permanent endowment	1,140.56	4,249.07

Accounts prepared by Mrs K J Meakin (Treasurer)

KJ Meakin

Examined and approved by Mr R S F Smither (Examiner)

R S F Smither

Approved at AGM by Trustees Mr R Levett (Chairman)

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The Funding Committee which was set up in 2020 to look into the availability of grants for major projects has held a number of meetings and discussions have taken place with the Partnership and Funding Officer at Wealden District Council which indicate that funding could well be obtained for a project. It will be necessary to obtain Planning Permission and three estimates before making any applications for funding.

Plans have therefore been drawn up for the construction of a small extension to provide disabled toilets and improved storage for chairs and tables and a folding stage. The plans were unanimously approved by the Management Committee at its December meeting. It is proposed to present the plans to Isfield Parish Council at its January meeting and it is understood that the Parish Council will support the proposal both as freeholder and through the planning process

It is considered that the Charity has performed well thanks to the efforts of the Management Committee in maintaining the premises in a condition that makes them very attractive to hirers. Fortunately Government restrictions were lifted in time for a very successful Frost Fair to be held in November raising significant funds for the Village Hall.

The availability of the Village Hall has proved to have a significant public benefit and regular users have remained constant. Its availability was much missed during lockdown and bookings rapidly returned to normal once restrictions were lifted. Public confidence in the safety of the Hall was improved by the purchase of a "Fogger" which has been used regularly to mist all surfaces with an anti viral/bacterial liquid. In addition to regular users the Hall is used by all ages in the community for parties, wedding and anniversary celebrations, funeral teas, receptions, arts and crafts workshops, AGM's and meetings, exhibitions and flower shows. The search for additional new and interesting activities will continue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The continued loss of income was very worrying but it emerged that the Village Hall was eligible for further small business COVID grants from Wealden District Council amounting to £18,708.

The Charity ended the year with a profit of £19,756.65 which is a healthy position in which to start the new financial year.

Donations from the Friends are held in a deposit account and had accumulated to the point where it was decided to spend the funds on replacing the original windows with upvc double glazed units which would reduce both heating and maintenance costs. A local firm undertook the work and the units are such good replicas that it is hard to tell the difference.

The Charity has a reserve of £54,880.53 invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund. This sum can be drawn on if necessary. It has an Endowment which is valued at £52,325.03 which is also invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund on which it receives the income.

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Donations and Grants	20,586.00	10,490.00
Donations from The Friends of Isfield Village hall	1,735.00	1,155.00
Gift Aid on Previous Year's Friends' donations	288.84	466.28
Summer Fair & Frost Fair income	1,258.00	200.00
Refund from EDF	166.09	-
Interest from COIF deposit account	6.09	98.10
Dividend income from permanent endowment	1,345.37	1,319.17
Interest from Friends' Deposit account	0.90	6.49
	<u>35,377.29</u>	<u>19,232.04</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rates	50.65	26.00
Water/Waste	326.06	344.97
Electricity	456.00	636.00
General Upkeep and cleaning materials	361.86	801.14
Replacement windows	9,298.80	-
Floor maintenance	-	662.40
Laptop	338.99	-
Expenses relating to The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	31.13	-
Printing (flyers etc.) & Flower Show advert	27.38	-
Boiler service and maintenance	132.00	114.00
Website expenses	267.00	145.00
Heating oil	-	488.01
Insurance	1,374.20	1,347.17
Caretaker/Booking Manager	2,871.45	2,783.97
Replacement fixtures & fittings	-	598.80
Tributes	40.00	-
TunbridgeWells fire protection	45.12	45.12
	<u>15,620.64</u>	<u>7,992.58</u>

<u>Difference</u>		
Surplus Income over Expenditure	19,756.65	11,239.46

<u>Balance of Assets at 31st December 2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Debtor re Hire of Hall	-	-
Money received in advance re Hire of Hall	-	4,854.33
Balance in Current account at bank	15,928.27	16,070.82
Balance in Deposit Account at bank (Friends)	10,857.22	7,677.48
Balance in COIF bank account	54,880.53	38,529.07
Petty Cash	572.93	204.93
Total Cash	<u>82,238.95</u>	<u>67,336.63</u>
Value of permanent endowment	52,325.03	45,824.60
Percentage Movement on permanent endowment	14.19%	6.64%
Movement on permanent endowment	6,500.43	2,851.54

KJ. Meakin

Accounts prepared by Mrs K J Meakin (Treasurer)

9/1/22

Date

Ross

Examined and approved by Mr R S F Smither (Examiner)

09/01/22

Date

R Levett

Approved at AGM by Trustees Mr R Levett (Chairman)

7/02/22

Date

Independent Examiner's Report

To: Isfield Village Hall Trustees

I report on the accounts of Isfield Village hall for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out in the accompanying pages.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by Isfield Village hall and a comparison of the accounts with those records.

It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 or not 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Mr Ross Smither

2 Elms Cottages, Isfield,

Date.....09/01/22.....

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