

RUSKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1041699

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-10-27

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

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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL FOR USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF RUSKINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING PARISHES

Activities: THE HALL IS HIRED BY VARIOUS GROUPS INCLUDING PLAYSCHOOL, BOWLS CLUB, ,SLIMMING CLUB, BINGO, MODEL RAILWAY CLUB AND IS WELL SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY. IT IS ALSO FOR HIRE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR PARTY CELEBRATIONS, MEETINGS, PRIVATE & PROMOTIONAL FUNCTIONS. BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS ARE HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF RUSKINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING PARISHES
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,098	£37,535	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,534	£17,946	-	-
2023-03-31	£17,946	£17,348	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,816	£22,456	-	-
2021-03-31	£16,426	£13,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Hicks	Chair	2022-09-14
ALWYN NEIL KIRK		
Gillian Glover		2022-09-14
Keith Austen		2022-09-14
Linda Ashby		2022-09-14

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Accounts

Ruskington Village Hall Management Committee – AGM Saturday 24th May 2025

Chairpersons Report

Since being elected to serve as chairman at the 2024 AGM, it has been an interesting time.

~~Quickline~~ ^{Pearl Energy} completed our Solar Installation, it has generated in excess of 7,300 kWh since it was commissioned in July 2024. The support from DEFRA with the grant of £ 2,300, certainly helped reduce our own capital outlay.

Due to EDF being a very unsupportive business, we have not been able to take advantage of the SEG export payments. This being the case, we have now agreed to move to Octopus energy which has given us a good set of rates for the next 24 months. We expect to reduce our overall electricity cost by up to 30%. Once we have signed up to the Octopus energy export scheme, we can expect a return of £0.15 per kWh as against the SEG export which would have been £0.041 per kWh.

Our grant from the Co-op has given us extra facilities to offer to our hirers in the shape of a Bluetooth audio system. After initially extremely expensive quotes from companies to install the equipment, we managed to use a local electrician who charged us just £200 which included the provision of a new double AC outlet in the storage area which is now used to power the equipment. He also installed the speakers and routed wiring through the divider wall. This system is now actively being used by our hirers, and we shall ensure that it is highlighted within our offer on communications and social media.

Hallmaster has been a huge success, we have moved from a manual system to a semi-automated, soon to be mainly automated system. Luna has spent a large amount of time refining the process and is making excellent headway in taking our booking ability to the next level. Annual costs to use Hallmaster are £265 per year with the return being far more in time saving, convenience of access and visibility.

The Artisan markets which started in 2024 were initially quite successful. Unfortunately, this petered out during the year and in April, the organiser decided to cancel the remaining dates at the village hall. Looking at this from a long-term perspective, the number of events that were run by the organiser were in a tight geographical area and therefore reduced footfall in Ruskington due to oversaturation.

With a smaller number of volunteers currently, we have some limitations to what we may achieve and whilst it would be beneficial to both the community and our costs, until this has been rectified, I see limited scope to extend our offer with more complex and time-consuming events.

I believe that we have managed to address quite a wide scope of issues this year, with the support of both our team members, Alwyn, Luna, Tracy and Ray alongside our user groups and I am sure that we can continue to increase our positive impact on the community of Ruskington and surrounding areas.

TREASURER`S REPORT TO 2025 AGM, MAY 24TH 2025

(NOTE; Under CURRENT ASSETS of the Examiner`s report, the HSBC Current Account figure 2025 should be £10,444; ie reversed with Savings)

On the income side of things, we have increased this by £1,564 despite `Lettings` revenue being down. This is due to the two, non-lettings sources: Lincolnshire Coop Champions income (for the Sound System) received in April 2024, and the Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) grant of £2,300 in November 2024 towards the photo-voltaic installation.

The total cost of the Solar Panels was £15,200 and of the Sound System, (inc installation) was £1,502.

The three, other, major, single areas of expenditure were the comprehensive inspection of Fire and Safety circumstances extant in the hall; £504:

The urgent, remedial F and S work by Churches Fire of £373:

The installation of a HIVE hub to give greater control over the hall`s heating system, costing £265.

Points for Consideration

With the increase in the National Living Wage and National Insurance contributions, Ray`s (caretaker) employment will cost us, 2025/2026, approximately 8% more for the full year, than 2024/2025, totalling around £7,500.

Considering the Heating and Lighting figures in the `LESS EXPENSES` line, now is the right time to seriously review hiring charges for the hall and to implement any changes as soon as possible. ✓ Up 5.3% from June 25

The Money Manager money needs to be in a higher interest account, the current rate being 1.81%.

The lonos fees need to be paid directly through the hall bank account, rather than indirectly via Adam`s account.

I would like to ^{*}relinquish invoicing completely, handing over to Luna, but continue to be responsible for the Current Account and authorising the repayment of Occasional User deposit refunds if that is the wish of the committee. ^{*}Done July 25

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Ruskington Rascals	7,473	8,764
NHSBT	285	190
Other Lettings & Fund Raising (Less Deposits Returned)	14,429	15,204
Donations Received	1,512	288
ACRE Grant	2,300	0
Sale of Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment		0
Bank Account Interest Received	99	88
	<u>26,098</u>	<u>24,534</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Caretaker & Gardener	6,955	6,674
Heating & Lighting	8,160	6,642
Water Charges	209	0
Insurance	1,203	1,047
Telephone, Internet & Website	285	676
Repairs, Replacements & Consumables	19,438	2,608
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0	0
Licences	285	20
Rent	2	0
Cleaning	602	546
Professional fees & Bank Charges	396	322
	<u>37,535</u>	<u>18,535</u>
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	<u><u>£(11,437)</u></u>	<u><u>£5,999</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
HSBC Savings Account	10,444	21,980
HSBC Current Account	5,248	5,149
Cash in Hand including Quiz float	0	0
NET WORTH	<u><u>£15,692</u></u>	<u><u>£27,129</u></u>

Represented by

ORDINARY FUND

(Surplus of Income over Expenditure)

Balance B/fwd 1st April 2024	27,129	21,130
Net Surplus (Expenditure) for the Year	(11,437)	5,999
Balance C/fwd 31st March 2025	<u><u>£15,692</u></u>	<u><u>£27,129</u></u>

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