



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

COLTON VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1059585

Set out on pages

Sheets 1 & 2 of the attached CC16a dated 14/10/2025

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Signed:

Date:

14/10/2025

Name:

ALAN TOPLIS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

STREETHAY LODGE

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/03/2025

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					
Internal Bookings	3,513	-	-	3,513	3,884
External Bookings	9,160	-	-	9,160	9,945
Grant	13,100	-	-	13,100	-
Interest	495	-	-	495	97
	-	-	-	-	-
Repayable Loan from Trustee	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Other	2,265	-	-	2,265	1,711
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,033	-	-	29,033	15,637
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,033	-	-	29,033	15,637
A3 Payments					
Utilities	6,754	-	-	6,754	7,340
Maintenance & Major Repairs	4,652	-	-	4,652	4,442
Services	4,013	-	-	4,013	4,437
Booking Refunds	576	-	-	576	468
Playground	859	-	-	859	1,112
Other	1,174	-	-	1,174	900
Capital Improvements	14,142	-	-	14,142	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,169	-	-	32,169	18,699
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,169	-	-	32,169	18,699
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,136	-	-	- 3,136	- 3,062
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,620	-	-	18,620	21,682
Cash funds this year end	15,484	-	-	15,484	18,620

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Operating Account 18540268	1,017	-	-
	CVH Reserve & Playground Accounts	8	-	-
	Lloyds High Int Account	14,460	-	-
		15,484	-	-

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

1 04 2024

To

Period end date

31 03 2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Colton Village Hall

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1059585

Charity's principal address C/O Mr A.R Monbiot

Sheringham, Bellamour Way

Colton, Rugeley, Staffordshire

Postcode

WS15 3LN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1				
2				
3				
9	John Macmillan	chairman		Colton Local Nature Reserve
11	Anthony Richard Monbiot			Colton Produce Guild
12	Guy Reynolds	Treasurer		
13	Fiona O'Brien			
15	Lynne Richardson		From 27 th September	Colton WI
16	John Richard Dean		From 6 th February	
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By election at the AGM, or in the case of a casual vacancy, co-option by the Management Committee; by nomination of representatives of village organisations listed in the constitution.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

New trustees are given a folio of documentation, focused particularly on the role and responsibilities of trustees, the constitution, conflicts of interest/loyalty and financial management. They are encouraged to study on line the Charity Commission's Guidance for trusteeship.

As a small charity Colton Village Hall guards against risks by the maintenance of a reserve fund (see section E) and the purchase of trustee liability insurance to the value of £100,000.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Colton, including use for meetings, lectures, classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Children's Playground has remained open throughout the period with all issues raised by the annual inspection having been satisfactorily addressed.

The nature reserve on Village Hall land continues to improve and develop and is greatly appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees continued their policy of encouraging maximum usage of the hall by parishioners through advantageous pricing compared to charges made to bookings from non-residents of the parish.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our constitution is predicated on the assumption that all village organisations will provide a representative member to the Trustee body. We continue to experience considerable difficulty in recruiting trustees both from the wider community and village organisations. Although the number of trustees has improved it is still significantly below the maximum number permitted under the constitution.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, with the aid of a 50% grant from a local charity, the trustees installed solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall together with a battery storage facility with the aim of ensuring long term energy security and drastically reducing future energy costs. The balance of the cost was secured by a three year interest free loan, the repayment of which will materially impact our ability to build financial reserves. There will be some improvement in this matter once we reach the end of the current electricity supply contract which gives negligible returns for energy fed into the grid and negligible benefits from off-peak charging.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

1. We have a current financial reserve of £ 15,000.
2. It remains the policy of the trustees to build back the reserves to a total in excess of £30,000 over the coming years..
3. We are accumulating provision to cover replacement and repair of playground equipment, currently standing at approximately £5,000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds are raised through:

1. Fund-raising events organised by the Management Committee;
2. Hire charges to village organisations
3. Hire charges to private individuals, whether living inside the Parish or outside, and to organisations based outside the Parish.
4. Grants for large items of capital expenditure if available,

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Kenneth Macmillan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

1st November 2025



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