

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1081175

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-06-19

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Provision of a venue and facilities for community activities

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF UPWOOD
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£54,831	£40,968	-	-
2024-02-29	£10,682	£8,650	-	-
2023-02-28	£27,283	£19,169	-	-
2022-02-28	£5,835	£4,980	-	-
2021-02-28	£12,431	£4,746	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Denice Grace Ann Smith		2025-11-12
Jonathan Andrew Hopkins		2025-11-12
Norman Douglas McLeod		2025-11-12
Robert Frederick Child		2025-11-12
Stephen Andrew Howes		2025-11-11

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Upwood & The Raveleys Village Hall

Trustees Report to Year ending April 2025

Charity Details

- **Charity Name:** Upwood & The Raveleys Village Hall
- **Registration Number:** 1081175
- **Village Hall Address:** High Street, Upwood, Ramsey, Huntingdon, PE26 2QE
- **Management Committee: Chairman:** Stephen Howes
 - **Treasurer:** Stephen Lamb
 - **Secretary:** Denice Smith
 - **Bookings:** Bob Child
 - **Other committee members:** Caroline Blowers, Jason Edwards, Jack Holloway, Doug McLeod, Andrew Perkins, Lynn Perkins
 - **Trustees:** Doug McLeod, Geoff Carrington (retiring), Isobelle Howell (retiring), Esther Rowley (Moving to Management Committee)
 - **Finance Reviewer:** Roger Peckover (Independent Accounts Reviewer)
- **Note on Trusteeship:** As of March 2025, the legal (Holding/Custodian) trusteeship of the Hall was vested with the Charity Commission and the Trustees Listed on the Charity Commission register was amended in November 2025 to reflect the structure for 2025/6. (ie removal of Holding Trustees and addition of new Management Trustees)

Structure, Governance, and Management

The Village Hall is managed by a Management Committee consisting of a mix of around 10 Trustees and volunteers. There are no paid employees. (Cleaning and maintenance is subcontracted)

- **Management Frequency:** The Committee meets four or five times a year for about 1.5 hours.
- **Trustee Recruitment:** As per the constitution, the committee aims to be representative of its hiring groups. The organisation actively encourages "new blood" with fresh ideas to join the committee to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Legal Structure:** Following a recommendation from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) the property was vested with the Charity Commission in 2025 and day to day management is with the Management Trustees and volunteers (all unpaid).

Activities and Objectives

The primary objective is to manage and provide access to the village hall as a valuable, not-for-profit community resource for residents in the local area.

Key Objectives for the Year:

- **Utility Infrastructure:** Upgrading energy efficiency through renewable solar energy and improved heating.
- **Increase Hall usage:** To return hall usage to pre-pandemic levels

- **Accessibility:** Maintaining affordable and consistent hiring rates for local clubs, societies and private hirings.
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Achievements and Performance

- **Hirings:** The Hall has successfully navigated the post-pandemic recovery, with usage now restored to pre-pandemic levels (approximately 12 bookings per week)
 - **Solar Project:** Successfully installed solar panels with battery storage and energy-efficient "instant" heaters. This project was funded by a 100% grant from the Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities Fund. It is this grant funding which has caused our turnover this year to be much higher than usual.
 - **User Experience:** Hirers have reported improved comfort in winter months due to the new heating system. (Especially the Seniors Lunch Club)
 - **Simplified Billing:** The solar installation allowed the committee to move to a simpler flat charge for electricity, reducing administration and providing billing certainty for users.
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Financial Review

The financial year 2024–25 was characterized by significant infrastructure investment and rising operational costs.

- **Financial Result:** The audited accounts show a net loss of £4,951.97.
- **Performance Context:** This loss is attributed to a one-time return of £5,996.24 to the Upwood Performing Arts group to restart activities. Excluding this transfer, the hall would have realized a profit of £1,044.27.
- **Cost Pressures:** General running costs (utilities, subcontract labour, insurance) increased by approximately 10%.
- **Funding:** While major grants were won for capital projects, the Parish Council did not provide a grant this year due to its own pressures, contributing to a reluctant increase in hiring rates in Autumn 2024 to cover the shortfall.
- **Reserves and Future Planning:** The committee is currently collecting data on solar energy production and grid sales to evaluate and refine the all-inclusive charging model over a full four-season cycle.

The accounts show that the Village Hall holds cash reserves for emergency unplanned maintenance given that the hall is over 150 years old.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee

In March 2025, the Hall completed the process of vesting its Custodial trusteeship with the Charity Commission. Consequently, the Hall no longer requires individual custodial trustees who have since stood down. The remaining trustees are all unpaid volunteer Managing Trustees handling the day to day running and upkeep of the hall.

Serious Incidents

There have been no Serious Incidents

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STATEMENT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1ST MARCH 2024 TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations and Grants	£ 33,722.14	Refunds	£ 44.50
Deposits	£ 410.00	HDC - Council Tax	£ 129.54
One-Off Users	£ 634.10	Anglian Water (WAVE)	£ 396.04
Art Group	£ -	Cleaning	£ 1,867.50
History Group	£ 91.80	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 33,480.84
Home to Home	£ 165.15	EON - Electricity	£ 3,172.17
Parish Council	£ 227.29	Insurance	£ 1,222.44
St Peter's Church	£ -	Fund Raising Expenses	£ 18,815.22
Quilting Group/Craft n Chat	£ 93.88	Consumables	£ 165.44
Ramsey U3A Table Tennis Club	£ 321.76	PlusNet Internet	£ -
Upwood Table Tennis Club	£ 204.13	Sundry Expenses	£ 212.33
Ramsey Seniors Lunch Club	£ 3,947.50	Membership & Misc	£ 277.30
Book Club	£ 57.85		
Upwood Performing Arts	£ 12,847.48		
Upwood Ukeles	£ 901.08		
Oak Activities	£ 736.00		
Miscellaneous	£ 55.40		
SUB TOTAL	£ 54,415.56	TOTAL	£ 59,783.32
Interest (Saver's Account)	£ 415.79	Income Over Expenditure	-£ 4,951.97
TOTAL	£ 54,831.35	TOTAL	£ 54,831.35

Examined by: R. W. Peckover
R W Peckover

Date: 15 April 2025

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE HALL

BANK BALANCES AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

Current Account (No 30379868)	£ 1,814.00
Business Instant Access Account (No 30543368)	£ 33,320.86
Fund Raising Account	_____
Petty Cash	NIL

I hereby certify that the income and expenses accounts and balance sheets for Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall for the year ending 28th February 2025 are a true record according to the information provided

Signed R W Peckover

R W Peckover

Date 15 April 2025

Opening - Sav £ 36,720.29 £ 36,763.64 £ 36,810.03 £ 36,854.98 £ 36,901.49 £ 29,943.49 £ 18,143.50 £ 18,161.47 £ 18,183.65 £ 18,206.60 £ 33,236.77 £ 33,278.75
 Opening - Curr £ 3,366.54 £ 4,017.50 £ 3,592.71 £ 3,613.79 £ 3,054.64 £ 4,331.16 £ 5,031.22 £ 5,103.63 £ 5,472.20 £ 17,748.02 £ 2,435.52 £ 1,220.58

INCOME	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			TOTAL
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	
Donations and Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 33,647.14	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 25.00	£ 50.00	£ 33,772.14
Deposits	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	£ 110.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 410.00
One-Off Users	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 210.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 694.10
Art Group	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
History Group	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 25.55	£ -	£ -	£ 47.25	£ -	£ -	£ 19.00	£ -	£ 91.80
Home to Home	£ -	£ 63.50	£ -	£ -	£ 20.90	£ -	£ -	£ 23.75	£ -	£ -	£ 57.00	£ -	£ 165.15
Parish Council	£ -	£ -	£ 65.38	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 74.03	£ -	£ 35.63	£ -	£ 52.25	£ -	£ 227.29
St Peter's Church	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Quilting Group/Craft n Chat	£ -	£ -	£ 32.75	£ -	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 9.75	£ -	£ -	£ 11.38	£ 93.88
USA Table Tennis Club	£ 76.75	£ 35.50	£ 31.00	£ 27.00	£ 25.38	£ 26.00	£ 19.50	£ -	£ 22.75	£ -	£ 21.13	£ 36.75	£ 321.76
Upwood Table Tennis Club	£ 204.13	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 204.13
Ramsey Seniors	£ 1,455.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,068.50	£ -	£ 16.25	£ 773.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 650.00	£ 3,947.50
Book Club	£ -	£ 10.75	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 21.10	£ -	£ -	£ 9.75	£ 57.85
Upwood Performing Arts	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 12,818.98	£ -	£ 28.50	£ -	£ 12,847.48
Upwood Ukeleles	£ 190.30	£ -	£ 212.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 38.00	£ -	£ 222.70	£ -	£ -	£ 237.13	£ 901.08
Oak Activities	£ -	£ -	£ 192.00	£ -	£ 192.00	£ -	£ -	£ 128.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 224.00	£ 796.00
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 35,772.47	£ -	£ -	£ 14,595.29	£ -	£ 55.40	£ -	£ 54,415.56
			£ 2,570.51									£ 1,477.29	TRUE

Expenditure	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			TOTAL
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	
Refunds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 25.90	£ -	£ 18.60	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 44.50
HDC - Council Tax	£ -	£ 9.04	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00	£ 57.50	£ 129.54
Anglian Water (WAVE)	£ -	£ 93.96	£ -	£ -	£ 96.41	£ -	£ -	£ 100.87	£ -	£ -	£ 104.80	£ -	£ 396.04
Cleaning	£ 169.00	£ -	£ 156.00	£ 351.00	£ -	£ 156.00	£ 338.00	£ -	£ 182.00	£ 305.50	£ -	£ 210.00	£ 1,867.50
Repairs & Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 7,036.28	£ 25,890.86	£ 31.77	£ -	£ 297.99	£ -	£ -	£ 223.94	£ 33,480.84
EON - Electricity	£ 1,037.50	£ 309.04	£ 296.60	£ 273.35	£ 280.22	£ -	£ -	£ 496.06	£ 345.25	£ -	£ -	£ 134.15	£ 3,172.17
Insurance	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,222.44	£ -	£ 1,222.44
Fund Raising Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Consumables	£ 69.22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 69.22	£ -	£ -	£ 27.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 165.44
PlusNet Internet	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sundry Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ 53.40	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 19.95	£ -	£ 138.98	£ -	£ 212.33
Memberships & Misc	£ -	£ 122.50	£ -	£ 154.80	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 277.30
			£ 2,323.26			£ 34,355.04			£ 1,878.49			£ 2,411.31	£ 40,968.10
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Interest Received £ 43.35 £ 46.39 £ 44.95 £ 46.51 £ 42.00 £ 15.23 £ 17.97 £ 22.18 £ 22.95 £ 30.17 £ 41.98 £ 42.11 £ 415.79
 Paid from Savings £ - £ - £ - £ - £ - £ 18,815.22 £ - £ - £ - £ - £ - £ - £ 18,815.22
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Closing - Sav £ 36,763.64 £ 36,810.03 £ 36,854.98 £ 36,901.49 £ 29,943.49 £ 18,143.50 £ 18,161.47 £ 18,183.65 £ 18,206.60 £ 33,236.77 £ 33,278.75 £ 33,320.86
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UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 2023

With the pandemic now hopefully behind us, people's confidence to socialise seems to be slowly returning. Over the past year, our regular hirers have returned however I think its fair to say that the recovery has been slow and steady and many of our groups are not yet back to full numbers.

Our hirings however have been boosted by the Ramsey Seniors Lunch Club which moved to the village hall from their previous location in Ramsey. This is a thriving group and we are pleased to welcome them to the hall.

In an effort to encourage new bookings we have carried out extensive redecoration in the past year both inside and out giving the inside in particular a fresher, brighter colour scheme.

Whilst we all welcome the end of the pandemic, we, like everyone else have been hit by the cost of living crisis and in particular the significant increase in electricity costs (which we use for lighting as well as heating). In an effort to reduce our usage we have replaced our internal fluorescent lighting with more cost effective LED however with the long, cold winter of 2022/3 we have found that our electricity bills have still increased significantly and regrettably we have recently had to raise our unit rates to cover our costs.

The Management Committee are conscious that we need keep our hirings as affordable as possible and to try and find ways to make economies however we do have to balance the books and at the same time keep a 150-year-old building in a good state of repair.

Once again, we would like to thank the Parish Council whose grant helps us to cover our insurance costs.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks go to the management committee and its trustees whose tireless efforts continue to ensure that the hall remains a valuable community resource.

Stephen Howes
Chairman,
Upwood Village Hall Management Committee

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Accounting Period 01/03/2022 to 30/05/2022

Income	£	23,167.63*
Expenditure	£	4,274.19
Transferred to Business Saver Account	£	10,000.00
Transferred from Business Saver Account	£	0.00

**inc £18,815.22 transferred from NW Fund Acc*

Accounting Period 01/06/2022 to 31/08/2022

Income	£	1,030.76
Expenditure*	£	10,051.81
Transferred to Business Saver Account	£	0.00
Transferred from Business Saver Account	£	0.00

**£9,180 on Village Hall Exterior and Interior Redecoration*

Accounting Period 01/09/2022 to 30/11/2022

Income*	£	2,057.77
Expenditure**	£	2,081.24
Transferred to Business Saver Account	£	0.00
Transferred from Business Saver Account	£	0.00

**inc £1000 grant from U&RPC, ** inc £1076.40 for Insurance*

Accounting Period 01/12/2022 to 21/02/2023 (Part)

Income	£	837.88
Expenditure	£	2,418.36
Transferred to Business Saver Account	£	0.00
Transferred from Business Saver Account	£	0.00

Bank Account Balances as at 21/02/2023

TSB Current Account	£	939.48
TSB Business Instant Access a/c	£	37,319.02
Petty Cash	£	0.00
Cheques in Hand	£	284.25

Stephen P. Lamb
UVH Treasurer
21/02/2022

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STATEMENT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1ST MARCH 2022 TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations and Grants	£ 22,482.22	Refunds	£ 136.75
Deposits	£ 450.00	HDC - Council Tax	£ 128.00
One-Off Users	£ 464.90	Anglian Water (WAVE)	£ 202.87
Art Group	£ -	Cleaning	£ 2,000.09
History Group	£ 103.88	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 12,567.96
Home to Home	£ 163.06	EON - Electricity	£ 1,450.09
Parish Council	£ 164.88	Insurance	£ 1,076.40
St Peter's Church	£ 84.15	Fund Raising Expenses	£ -
Quilting Group/Craft n Chat	£ 112.90	Consumables	£ 91.39
Ramsey U3A Table Tennis Club	£ 185.48	PlusNet Internet	£ 384.96
Upwood Table Tennis Club	£ 1,146.38	Sundry Expenses	£ 843.08
W.E.A	£ -	Membership & Misc	£ 287.60
Book Club	£ 84.28		
Upwood Performing Arts	£ -		
Upwood Ukeles	£ 992.48		
Oak Activities	£ 579.40		
Miscellaneous	£ 80.00		
SUB TOTAL	£ 27,094.01	TOTAL	£ 19,169.19
Interest (Saver's Account)	£ 188.83	Income Over Expenditure	£ 8,113.65
TOTAL	£ 27,282.84	TOTAL	£ 27,282.84

Examined by: R.W. Peckover.
R W Peckover

Date: 28.3.2023

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE HALL

BANK BALANCES AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

Current Account (No 30379868)	£ 735.44
Business Instant Access Account (No 30543368)	£ 37,319.02
Fund Raising Account (Account now closed)	NIL
Petty Cash	NIL

I hereby certify that the income and expenses accounts and balance sheets for Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall for the year ending 28th February 2023 are a true record according to the information provided

Signed R. W. Peckover

R W Peckover

Date 28. 3. 2023