

SUTTON CUM LOUND VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2025

Registered Charity number 1096925

Address

38 Town Street

Sutton cum Lound

Retford

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Governance

Team Members

Lynne Tweed	Chair	
Kathryn Seddons	Secretary	
Brian Seddons	Treasurer Bookings	
Louise Ashmore		
Nicky Sorsby	Social Media Secretary Food Van Bookings	
Tomas Tortensson		
Paula Graham		AGM
Paola Bortolozzo		AGM

Sutton cum Lound Village Hall is a charity run for the benefit of the residents of Sutton cum Lound.

It is governed by a constitution and run by a team of between 7 and 11 residents. All the team resigned at the AGM but were immediately re-elected along with Paula and Paola. This gave us a base to run the hall but left us with little room to continue with as many Team sponsored events as we would have liked. We continue to look for more volunteers who are prepared to offer their time and efforts to further the aims of the Charity.

All adult residents of the village are eligible to serve with the team and are formally elected at the Annual General Meeting. The officers are also elected at this point.

Why and what we do

The object of the charity is to make sure that the Village Hall continues to be an asset to improve the life and wellbeing for the residents of Sutton-cum- Lound and its neighbourhood. The Hall can be used for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation.

During normal times, the Hall certainly is used every week and on many days during the week. Activities range from holding weekly or monthly meetings to special events organised by individuals or by the Village Hall Team.

Summary of main achievements this year – Chair's report

The Village Hall has continued to host events which have enhanced the lives of those living in our community.

The monthly Quiz night continued throughout the year and we say thank you to the different Quizmasters who gave us varied questions, all of them interesting and some were harder than others! They definitely kept us on our toes.

Our meal preparations have certainly been eased on many occasions this year. Time and Plaice have brought their fish and chip van to the Hall most months this year, with Wallace and Dough bringing their mobile pizza oven to offer a variety of Friday night meals. The Hall has opened its doors, along with the bar, to offer the chance of meeting others from the community and an extremely convivial evening.

In June, the Hall became the place to be, to join in the National Celebrations of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. The Parish Council brought together representatives of many village groups to create a memorable day culminating in a wonderful concert.

The Craft Fayre in November once again gave us a chance for early gift buying and the stall holders were impressed by the venue and the organisation. Thank you, Nicky.

The children missed out on a Halloween event but the Team delegated the organisation of a Children's Christmas Party to some micro volunteers and a good time was had by all. The good news is that more children's events are on the way.

The Team decided that a celebration of Burn's Night was due for a return to the Hall after an absence of several years. A highly successful evening ensued. There were pipers, haggis, tartan, whisky and entertainment in abundance. The caterer and singer have already been booked for 2026!

The Hall continued to host a significant number of groups meeting on a regular basis but a few spaces have become available for new and aspiring community ventures. The Post Office continues to provide a service to the village, however towards the end of the financial year dropped to one session a week in preparation for a fully mobile service.

The Committee continued to maintain the high standard of the hall facilities.

We had a problem with damp in the kitchen and servery areas which, when investigated, turned out to involve a redundant chimney void which had become blocked. This was successfully cleared and the plaster removed to let the bricks dry out. This could take up to a year!

The flat roof over the kitchen and servery was also renewed. To end the year we had wonderful news from the FCC Communities Foundation. They have awarded us a grant of £89,000 to renovate and add to our outside play park. We hope the new equipment will extend the age range of the users.

We are always looking for new members to join the Team but recognise that busy schedules get in the way. Micro volunteering is a relatively new concept but gives people the chance to help the Hall in a more flexible manner. Help on an ad hoc basis has meant that village children have had parties and the ivy has been kept at bay in the grounds. Thank you to all those micro volunteers.

The Hall continues to be a popular venue for individuals to host their own event ranging from Vow Renewal Ceremonies to small family get-togethers.

The Committee would like to extend their thanks to all users of the hall and will continue to offer a variety of activities and events to enhance the lives of all those living in Sutton cum Lound.

Finance

We remain in a strong financial position despite the challenges of ever-increasing running costs and the pressure on household finances that inevitably force people to consider how they spend any disposable income that they may have.

That being said, our income from the use of the hall still covers the outlay required to maintain and improve its facilities.

Most of our income (over 25%) still comes from our 10 regular user groups which now includes the new Boot Camp on Thursday evenings.

The hall was used for 40 private hires over the year, of which 19 were from within the village with the other 21 from outside the village. 8 of these hires also had a private bar which provides a further boost to our income.

The Committee ran a total of 36 bars throughout the year made up of a variety of village hall fundraisers, the monthly quiz nights and Meet The Neighbours lunches, and this remains an important element to our fundraising efforts although the purchase of stock is a further expense we have to cover.

There were 13 Committee organised events in the year as outlined by the Chair and we have tried to cater for a wide range of tastes based largely on our survey results from 2021.

Grant funding was received from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Community Fund (LCF) for a number of safety improvements in the hall most notably the new CCTV system and extra emergency lighting in the toilets. Further funding was available from Bassetlaw District Council to enable us to set up the new Meet The Neighbours drop-in event, and another modest grant from the LCF has been used for our utility bills.

Whilst there is still uncertainty around the rising cost of living it is prudent for us to consider our future financial position and with this in mind we took the view that an increase in the private hire charge was necessary especially for non-residents.

No changes were made to our Financial Reserves Policy which remains at £4,500.00.

Accounts for the year

Opening Balance (as at 1 Apr 2024)

TSB Running	£280.16
TSB Deposit	£20,000.00
Cash	£1,354.18
TOTAL	£21,634.34

Income

Grant Funding	£3,138.00
Other Income	£23,781.95
	£26,919.95

Expenses

Maintenance & Repairs	£5,522.42
Running Costs	£20,227.07
	£25,749.49

Closing Balance (as at 31 Mar 2025)

TSB Running	£1,922.14
TSB Deposit	£20,011.61
Cash	£871.05
TOTAL	£22,804.80

Net increase of £1,170.46

Principal source of funds

- Fundraising events organised by the Village Hall Team
- Hire costs from users
- Proceeds from sales at the bar

How expenditure has supported the key objectives

- Maintenance and improvements to the building and surrounding area

Other optional information

Thanks to all those volunteers who give up their time to make sure the Hall is available to all. It is expected that they will be treated with respect at all times.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
SUTTON CUM LOUND VILLAGE HALL	1096925

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/4/2024		31/03/2025

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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					
BANK INTEREST	260	-	-	260	222
GRANTS	0	2,390	-	2,390	610
OTHER INCOME	15,119	600	-	15,719	11,461
AD HOC LETTINGS	3,515	-	-	3,515	2,600
REGULAR LETTINGS	8,482	-	-	8,482	6,522
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,376	2,990	-	30,366	21,415
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,376	2,990	-	30,366	21,415

A3 Payments

BANK FEES/CHARGES	118	-	-	118	57
PROFESSIONAL FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,877	-	-	1,877	2,247
REFURBISHMENTS	2,393		-	2,393	-
INSURANCE/LICENSES	1,808	-	-	1,808	1,832
RENT	2,903	-	-	2,903	2,903
UTILITIES	10,036	-	-	10,036	3,541
CLEANING & REPAIRS	10,559	-	-	10,559	5,160
OTHER RUNNING COSTS	8,582	-	-	8,582	6,315
PROJECTS	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,277	-	-	38,277	22,055

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	38,277	-	-	38,277	22,055
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,901	2,990	-	- 7,911	- 640
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	20,492	1,672	-	22,164	22,804
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Cash funds this year end	9,591	4,662	-	14,253	22,164
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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	TSB REGULAR ACCOUNT	1,209	-	-
	TSB DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	6,636	4,662	-
	CASH IN HAND	1,746	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	9,591	4,662	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tables & Chairs	General	-	2,500
	Electrical Equipment	General	-	5,000
	Fixture & Fittings	General	-	1,500
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	B Seddons	Brian Seddons	18/06/2025	

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF SUTTON CUM LOUND VILLAGE HALL

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of **Sutton Cum Lound Village Hall** (the "Village Hall") for the year ended **31st March 2025**, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (or Income and Expenditure Account).

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the Village Hall's affairs as at **31st March 2025** and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended 31st December 2024.

Matters on Which I am Required to Report by Exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept.
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Village Hall's Committee. The audit work has been undertaken so that it might state to the Village Hall's Committee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Village Hall and the Village Hall's Committee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Signed:



Auditor's Name: Ian Warton-Woods CPFA MSc

Date: 18/06/25