

Report for the Parish Assembly - Tuesday 21st April 2026

Dunster Tithe Barn Community Hall (May 2025 – April 2026)

In the past year, the Management Committee has been comprised of a team of dedicated volunteers, who have worked hard to keep the Tithe Barn operating well.

We currently have a smaller committee of 8, having 2 members stand down for personal reasons.

Small sub-committees continue to oversee Health & Safety and Compliance matters, the care and maintenance of the building, Finance, Office Administration and marketing - reporting back and seeking approval for any required actions at full committee meetings now held on a bi-monthly basis. Compliance and Health and Safety Policies have been amended and updated. Our newly created Health and Safety calendar helps us to ensure that all regular checks, services and policy reviews are carried out in a timely fashion. Our Safeguarding Policy has also been drawn up and put into place. During 2026 we shall be updating our events signage for use at the entrance to support smoother operations during events and continuing to review our Health and Safety Policy and Fire Safety Policy.

We continue to have 10 regular weekly classes, 4 regular monthly classes and community events run by the Dunster Village Society as well as other occasional users. The Horticultural Society held their Annual Show and Social Evening & AGM, the Yarn Market Hotel held their popular Choral Weekends, finishing with free concerts, and we have been the venue for monthly Antiques Fairs. The first Dunster Winter Festival was successfully held in December. We were a regular venue for Exmoor National Park events, and held the Visit Exmoor Networking Day, along with other smaller events.

We have seen 7 weddings, Somerset Opera, Exmoor Music Festival, Take Three Girls, as well as a number of celebrations parties, and funeral wakes.

We continue to work closely with Archer Events and the Village Gardens and collaborate on various events. Our relationship with Rob Jackson, the Farm Agent continues well.

We are receiving a larger number of enquiries for different types of events; single-day weddings, post-wedding celebrations etc., and we are adapting our pricing structure and approach to facilitating these and creating a more flexible offer. To support this we are also improving the facilities we offer with the purchase of a large projector screen for the main hall, (funded by DVS) and the potential purchase of a professional PA system.

Our 2-week closure in January 2026 enabled us to have the high-level guttering serviced, the kitchen underwent an extensive deep clean, ongoing maintenance and redecoration, storeroom improvements with shelving, upholstery and carpet cleaning. We have recently had the flagged area outside the main entrance doors professionally cleaned.

Over the coming months we shall continue to develop our on-line presence, make good use of our newly created Welcome Leaflet, and work towards increasing income to invest in the barn and the provision of paid full/part time staff.

David Moore
Chair - Dunster Tithe Barn Community Hall

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Accounts

30 September 2025

DUNSTER TITHE BARN

Year ended 30 September 2025

Income & Expenditure Account

		Year 30/09/2024
Income		
Fund Raising	287	
Grants (net of spend to date)	5,412	-
Donations	250	
Rentals	45,737	34,607
Bank Interest	1,248	709
	<u>52,934</u>	<u>35,316</u>
Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	240	240
Cleaning & security	1,743	2,048
Maintenance & repairs	11,122	12,278
Depreciation charges	877	877
Heat & Light	2,333	2,148
Bank Charges	141	109
Insurance	2,758	4,229
Printing & Stationary	76	373
Professional Services	1,223	-
Rent & rates	1,021	1,024
Office costs	260	-
Licenses & permits	2,775	655
Subscriptions	37	30
Telephone	1,339	1,961
Wages	-	-
Sundry Expenses	534	24
	<u>26,479</u>	<u>25,996</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) for period / year	26,455	9,320

DUNSTER TITHE BARN

Year ended 30 September 2025

Balance Sheet

As at 30/9/25	30//09/2025			30/09/2024	
	Accounts				
Fixed Assets			57,698		57,698
Less : Accumulated Depreciation			(55,944)		(55,067)
			<u>1,754</u>		<u>2,630.61</u>
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts			58,939		41,884
Debtors			-		-
Cash in hand			50		169
			<u>58,989</u>		<u>42,053</u>
Current Liabilities					
	Loans				-
Grant received			2,588		8,000
Provision for deposits repayable			5,066		10,050
			<u>7,654</u>		<u>18,050</u>
Total Assets			<u>53,089</u>		<u>26,634</u>
Represented By:					
Surplus Brought Forward					
Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000		10,000	
Other	16,634	<u>16,634</u>	26,634	<u>7,314</u>	17,314
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			<u>26,455</u>		<u>9,320</u>
			53,089		26,634
Surplus Carried Forward					
Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000		10,000	
Other	43,089	<u>43,089</u>		<u>16,634</u>	
Surplus Carried Forward			<u>53,089</u>		<u>26,634</u>



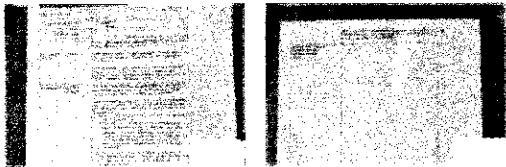
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