

Eighton Banks Village Hall Trust

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 April 2025

1. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Eighton Banks Village Hall Trust
Legal form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered charity number	1152464
CIO (company) number	CE000483
Principal office / registered address	Black Lane, Eighton Banks, Gateshead, NE9 7UP, UK
Website / social media	Eighton Banks @Facebook

Trustees who served during the year:

- Dr Leslie Burns, Chair
- Mrs Pamela Warneford, Treasurer
- Mrs Mary Burns , Secretary

Trustees

- Mrs Lavinia Hurst
- Mr Ben Wilkie
- Miss Joan Wilson
- Mrs Tracey Wilkie
- Mrs Marilyn Cornish
- Mrs Marguerita Patterison
- Mrs Elsie Tate

Key advisers: Gateshead Council

2. Structure, governance and management

Eighton Banks Village Hall Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England & Wales. The charity is governed by its constitution [2013].

Trustee recruitment, appointment and training

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution. New trustees receive an induction covering governance, safeguarding, finance and building compliance.

Management and staffing/volunteering

The hall is managed by the trustees with the support of volunteers. No trustees received remuneration during the year. Reasonable expenses may be reimbursed where incurred.

Related parties

The charity works with local community groups and Gateshead Council. There were no related party transactions in the year (other than those disclosed in the accounts), if any.

Compliance and property management

The charity operates under Gateshead Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) framework, which supports ongoing building compliance (e.g., statutory inspections and certificates).

Risk management

The trustees maintain a risk register covering health & safety, safeguarding, financial controls, volunteer capacity and income diversification. Mitigations include regular checks, safeguarding training, and prudent reserves.

Safeguarding

We maintain robust safeguarding policies for children and adults at risk, DBS checks where appropriate, and clear reporting procedures.

3. Objectives and activities (including public benefit)

Charitable purposes

To manage Eighton Banks Village Hall for the benefit of the community by providing facilities to advance education, health, social welfare and recreation.

Main activities during the year

- Pre-school and youth groups (ages 6–16)
- Support sessions for individuals with mental or physical challenges
- Affordable Food day(s)
- Creative arts, dance and martial arts classes
- Activities for older residents
- Dog obedience classes
- Social and fundraising events, councillor surgeries and wider community use

Public benefit statement

Eighton Banks Village Hall exists to serve the local community by providing an accessible, welcoming space for social, educational, and recreational activities. The hall hosts a range of

events and groups that promote health, well-being, and lifelong learning, while reducing isolation and fostering community cohesion. It is available for use by individuals and community organisations at affordable rates, ensuring inclusivity and equal access. By maintaining this facility as a charitable asset, we aim to strengthen local networks, support vulnerable residents, and enhance the quality of life for people in the surrounding areas.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and that the activities above further the charity's purposes for the public benefit. Access is open to the general public or a sufficient section of the public through low-cost or free community provision.

4. Achievements and performance

In the year, the hall provided a consistent, affordable and accessible venue for a wide program

- Pre-school and youth groups (ages 6–16)
- Support for individuals with mental or physical challenges
- Affordable Food day
- Creative arts, dance, and martial arts classes
- Activities for the elderly
- Dog obedience classes
- Social and fundraising events,
- Coffee Mornings
- Councilor surgeries

5. Financial review

Total income: £12255

Total expenditure: £32995

Net movement in funds (surplus/deficit): -20740

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold free reserves equivalent to [e.g., 3 months] of core operating costs to manage cash flow and risk. At year end, free reserves were 68,000 against a target of 2600.

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern based on secured bookings, prudent cost control and expected grant income.

Fundraising and income sources

Income is derived from hall hire, community events and small grants. The charity does not undertake high-risk fundraising and complies with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

6. Plans for future periods

- Maintain and expand community programme (youth, older residents, wellbeing)
- Develop Affordable Food provision and explore a warm space offer subject to funding
- Strengthen volunteer base and training
- Secure small capital grants for hall improvements and energy efficiency
- Build unrestricted reserves towards target level

7. Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) where applicable. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

8. Approval and signature

Approved by the trustees on 12 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Dr Lesle Burns

Signature:



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME		
Hall Rentals	5888	4962
Awards/ compensation	490	175
Interest	404	587
Fundraising	3291	3444
Theatre Groups	2042	1758
Xmas function		1115
School Hire		1575
Membership	140	140
Total Income	12 255	13 756
EXPENDITURE		
Telephone, broadband, Utilities	3280	627
Insurances and licences	902	947
Property maintenance	24 622	2145
<u>Utilities</u>		2689
Waste	423	234
Cleaning	2583	
Events	913	1985
Petty cash & Sundries	272	1553
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32 995	10 180
NET INCOME	-20 740	3576
NET MOVEMENT IN RESERVES		
Net income	-20 740	3 576
Net movement in reserves	89 601	85 700
General reserves carried forward	68 861	89 276
Deposit Account	60 134	59 582
Cash at Bank	8 705	29 694
Cash in hand	22	0
	68 861	89,276

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date:

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Margaret Botterson

