



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for Year Ended 30 September 2024

Charity name: The White Hut Community Hall

Charity registration number:1153229

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The income of the White Hut was £71,978 during this period compared to the 22-23 figure of £46,664.
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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,577. More receipts than payments during this period has resulted in a surplus of £222 increasing the Hall's reserves from £7,355 in 22-23 to £7,577.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

Additional information (optional)

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Reference and Administrative details

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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)
Alison Black	Chair		
Dan Baribeault	Treasurer		
Wayne Pask	Vice Chair		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NA		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Other optional information

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THE WHITE HUT COMMUNITY HALL

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

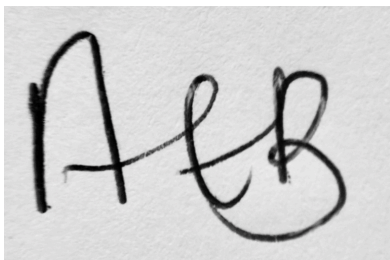
Receipts and Payments Account

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Hire of Hall	13,812	15,529	19,651
Bar Takings	56,630	30,435	21,424
Ticket Sales	1,536	0	0
Grants - Covid	0	0	249
Grants - Other	0	300	0
Donations	0	0	100
Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>965</u>
Total Receipts	<u>71,978</u>	<u>46,664</u>	<u>42,389</u>
Payments			
Staff Wages	30,735	27,100	19,627
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Event Performers	795	0	0
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Miscellaneous	<u>721</u>	<u>2,041</u>	<u>1,592</u>
Total Payments	<u>71,756</u>	<u>63,889</u>	<u>41,048</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	222	-17,225	1,341

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024 (Abridged)			
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Date: 7 October 2025

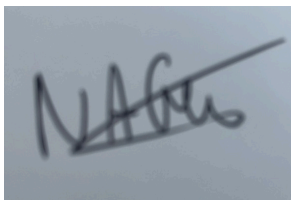


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Chair of the White Hut

Signed:

Date: 8 October 2025



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Independent Examiner

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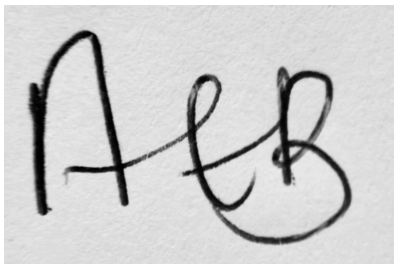
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name: Alison Black

Position: Chair

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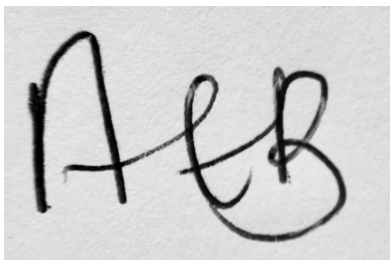
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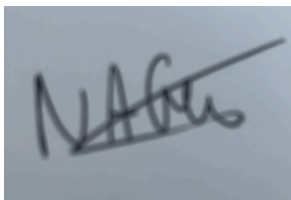


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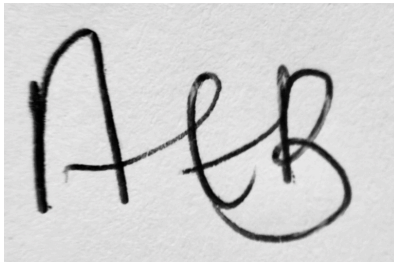
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Registered Charity Number: 1153229

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The White Hut Community Hall charity number 1153229 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts conducted under section 145 of the Act and in conducting my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. There is an ongoing dispute with SSE regarding the liability for gas and electricity, which has now been appealed to the ombudsman. It is clear that the understatement of the charge will have a material effect on the financial position of the charity. Were accounts prepared on an accruals rather than a cash basis a substantial deficit would have arisen.

Financial controls were defective in respect of cash management. The Trustees are aware of this and are instituting changes to improve matters, including reducing the reliance on cash and issuing of receipts for hall rental. The trustees have implemented software for analysing bar takings which greatly improved control.

The accounts do comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:.....

Date: 1 September 2025

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Payments were made to SSE based upon estimated amounts over a period of nearly four years. The Trustees did not prohibit SSE from reading the meters and believe that the utility company contributed to underpayments arising. The amount claimed by SSE is **£15,711**. The Trustees believe that SSE is only entitled to claim arrears for a limited period and believe the liability to be about one third of the amount claimed. They have appealed to the ombudsman.

Lack of detailed financial information makes it impossible to assess the profitability of bar activities. There is confusion on the allocation of cash receipts between hall rental and bar takings, and undocumented cash disbursements made prior to banking. Banking is infrequent and is not supported by any reliable analysis of income source. Good progress has been made with software to itemise bar takings but further work is required to improve overall cash management.

It is essential that the trustees establish financial accounting procedures that provide full analysis of cash book items back to properly referenced and recorded supporting documents. *All bank account transactions should be referenced to a supporting invoice or receipt.*

Clause 130 of the Charities Act 2011 states:

- 1 The charity trustees of a charity must ensure that accounting records are kept in respect of the charity which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, and which are such as to —
 - (a) disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and
 - (b) enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1), those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under section 132(1).
- (2) The accounting records must in particular contain —
 - (a) entries showing from day to day all sums of money received and expended by the charity, and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place, and
 - (b) a record of the assets and liabilities of the charity.



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It is important that the trustees put in place a system of financial control and management that provides day-to-day information presenting them with control information.

It is important for trustees to note that they are jointly and severally responsible for the implementation of the Section 130 legal requirements.