

Clara Vale Village Hall Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity No. 1154652

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The trustees' present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objective

The aim of the Clara Vale Village Hall Association (CVVHA) is to provide for recreation, education amenity, and to encourage community spirit within the village of Clara Vale.

Structure

New Trustees are elected at the Association's Annual General Meeting. The business of the organisation is managed by the Association's management committee. Induction of new trustees is conducted by the Association's officers and relevant training is offered.

Public Benefits

In alignment with its objectives, the CVVHA offers a range of weekly activities and classes, including yoga, pilates, barre, karate, table tennis, and dance sessions for children. Additionally, the Hall hosts a choir, craft workshops, dog ring training, and a parent and toddler group. The association also hosts monthly sewing socials and occasional wreath-making classes.

Volunteers facilitate a weekly 'Wednesday Warm Space' café, monthly village breakfast events, and pizza nights. Annual or biannual volunteer-led fundraising events encompass jumble sales, Open Gardens, a Christmas Fair, carol singing, and the Clara Feelgood Festival.

Grants for Warm Spaces

A number of grants, including the household support grant were provided to the CVVHA to assist with purchasing food for the Hall's 'Warm Spaces' initiative. The total of these grants in the 2024-25 financial year was £6,000.

Gateshead Council's winter 'Warm Spaces' initiative has been enthusiastically adopted by the Village Hall, developing into a weekly cafe open all year round. All are welcome, the initiative has brought new people to the Hall and provides a social environment for all who participate. Table tennis tables are available for those who want to use them, and a quiet room for those who want to work. Warm Spaces has also attracted a regular number of volunteers to help out.

Grant Funding for Village Hall Improvements

The Association has also secured important funding from external organisations to support the ongoing improvement of the village hall facilities. A grant of £12,715 was received from Groundwork specifically for the installation of destratification ceiling fans and underfloor insulation. These enhancements are intended to improve energy efficiency and comfort within the hall, ensuring a more pleasant environment for all users.

Additionally, the John Bell Foundation awarded a grant of £10,000, which enabled the installation of solar panels and battery storage at the hall. This initiative not only advances the Association's commitment to sustainability but also helps reduce operational costs by using renewable energy.

Designated funding

The designated funds in the account are set aside specifically for building improvements, for example roof repairs, window upgrades or replacement of our heating systems. This is due to the charity being responsible for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of the village hall building, which is over 100 years old.

Achievements

In line with the Association's objectives, CVVHA has continued to deliver a comprehensive programme of activities designed for the benefit of the local community. These activities, as previously outlined, encompass a diverse array of classes and sessions that cater to a broad spectrum of interests and age groups. The regular schedule not only encourages community engagement but also promotes well-being and social interaction amongst residents.

Furthermore, the Association has successfully implemented several energy-saving measures within the village hall. The installation of solar panels, improvements in insulation, and the addition of ceiling fans have all been completed. These initiatives are a testament to the Association's commitment to enhancing the sustainability and comfort of the hall, ensuring it remains a welcoming and energy-efficient space for all users.

Plans for 2025/2026

The CVVHA is committed to ongoing improvements and maintenance of the village hall in the coming year. A primary focus will be addressing essential maintenance requirements to ensure the building remains safe, functional, and welcoming for all users. In parallel, the Association will continue its efforts to adopt more sustainable methods of heating the hall, further supporting environmental responsibility and energy efficiency.


Alongside these priorities, the CVVHA is keen to foster and support new initiatives that make full use of the hall's facilities for the benefit of the wider community. By encouraging fresh ideas and activities, the Association aims to enhance community engagement and ensure the village hall continues to meet the evolving needs of residents.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of	Clara Vale Village Hall Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no	1154652
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),• follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and• state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and• accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:			
Name:	Mark Thompson MAAT		
Address:	42 Lesbury Road Newcastle NE6 5LB		
Date:	18 November 2025		

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Incoming Resources	4					
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Grants Received		250		28,465	28,715	5,000
Donations and legacies		5,178			5,178	5,577
Charitable Activities		30,097			30,097	27,489
Other Trading Activities		32,256			32,256	29,063
Investments		473			473	362
Total Incoming Resources		68,254		28,465	96,719	67,491
Resources Expended	5					
Raising Funds		3,404		6,757	10,161	8,454
Charitable activities		51,307		23,038	74,345	48,668
Total Resources Expended		54,711	0	29,795	84,506	57,122
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		13,543		(1,330)	12,213	10,369
Transfer Between Funds		(20,000)	20,000			
Total Funds Brought Forward		34,446	45,000	1,330	80,776	70,407
Total Funds Carried Forward		27,989	65,000	0	92,989	80,776

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets			0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	949		989	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,039		80,267	
		<u>92,989</u>		<u>81,256</u>	
Creditors: due within one year	8			(480)	
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Net Current Assets			92,989		80,776
Net Assets			<u>92,989</u>		<u>80,776</u>
Funds	9				
Unrestricted			27,989		34,446
Designated			65,000		45,000
Restricted			0		1,330
			<u>92,989</u>		<u>80,776</u>

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee :

Signed Position

Signed Position

Date

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Notes to the accounts, 2024/25

1. Basis of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Clara Vale Village Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

Total Salary Costs	12185
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Average no of part time staff was	1
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3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £400.

4. Analysis of Income

Grants Received

Community Foundation (John Bell Fund)	10000
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Groundwork UK	12175
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Gateshead Council (Household Support Fund)	6000
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Total Grants Received	28175
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Donations and Legacies	5178
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Charitable Activities

Room Hire	18909
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Office Rental	10646
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EV Car Charger	2445
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Other	256
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Other Trading Activities

Fundraising	30096
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Investments

Interest Received	473
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5 Analysis of Expenditure

Hall Maintenance	38828
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Staff Costs Manager	12815
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Utilities	11045
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Cleaning	6484
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Fundraising	10161
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IT/Communications	2212
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Consumables	859
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Insurance	1519
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Miscellaneous	583
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6 Debtors & Prepayments

Sundry Debtors (HMRC Gift Aid)	949
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7 Creditors

Sundry Creditors	0
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8 Restricted Funds

	Open Balance	Income	Expend	End Balance
National Lottery Community Fund	396		396	0
Gateshead Council (Household Support Fund)	934		934	0
Community Foundation (John Bell Fund)		10000	10000	0
Groundwork UK		12175	12175	0
Gateshead Council (Household Support Fund)		6000	6000	0
Total	1330	28175	1330	0

Designated Fund

Building Improvemnts Fund	65000
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