

Howden le Wear Village Hall

Report for the Year Ending 31st July 2025

The number and variety of activities at the Village Hall continues to grow. Income from room hire for the year was £8083 an increase of more than 50% from the previous year. At the same time costs have been contained despite rising energy prices by remote control of the heating system so that energy costs for the year were £2843 compared with £3895 for the previous year. Excluding capital expenditure which was funded by grant monies the Society made a small operating surplus for the year, and it remains our policy to break even on a year-to-year basis maintaining the Society's reserves for repairs and investment in improved facilities which cannot be funded by grant monies. Unfortunately, no progress was made with our attempt to lease the land to the rear of the Village Hall despite employing a solicitor to pursue our case with Believe Housing and a grant of £468 received from Durham County Council in connection with this project may have to be repaid. We would like to thank all our user groups for their continued support, especially Village Friends whose events including a drop in café, a men's night, and a chair fitness class greatly enrich the life of the Village, the History Society which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary with a weekend exhibition at the Village Hall, our baby and toddler Group Tiny Feet, the Scouts, and the Craft Group. Despite our success we still have vacancies for new groups and if you have any ideas or suggestions, please come along to one of our regular monthly meetings and the Hall is available for parties, coffee mornings, funeral teas, and other events at a competitive rate.

Alan Bowman

Chair.

Howden le Wear Village Hall Society

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the twelve months 01/08/2024 to 31/07/2025

Income

Room Hire	8083.00	(5129)
DCC Grant Received	468.00	
Total	8551.00	

Expenditure

Energy	2848.38	(3895)
Water	388.40	(374)
Communications	713.76	(656)
Property Repairs/Maintenance	5105.06	(13044)
Insurance & Licences & Legal Fees	1494.42	(1111)
Sundries	20.00	(115)
Total	10570.02	

Notes to Accounts

1. Property Repairs and Maintenance includes expenditure of £2578.49 on a replacement floor for the main hall supported by a DCC Grant of £4000. £1080 deposit paid in previous financial year.

2. £468 received from DCC and paid to Hewitt's Solicitors in connection with lease of land

3. Restricted Funds Defibrillator Account

Balance 1/8/24	£989.16
Electricity Charge	30.00
Balance 1/8/25	£959.16

Trial Balance

Bank 31/7/24	33377.25
Cash 31/7/24	321.52
Income	8551.00
Expenditure	10570.02
Bank 31/07/25	31307.03
Calculated Cash 31/07/25	372.45
Cash Box 31/07/25	12.45
Unprocessed Credit	360.00

Signed A Bowman (Chairman), D Kidd (Treasurer), D Dixon (Independent Examiner) 13th October 2025