

Findern Village Hall CIO – 1166293
Independent Examiner's Statement

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Findern Village Hall on the accounts for the Year to 30 September 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Findern Village Hall for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out in the attached documents.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



22 January 2026

Robin Maxwell FCCA
68 Askew Road, Linby, Nottingham, NG15 8JU
22 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Operating Reserve	Restricted	Total	Prior year Total Funds
Income					
Income from charitable activities	19,723.97			19,723.97	17,043.47
Grants			0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fund raising	2,005.18		2,610.06	4,615.24	5,369.57
Other income				0.00	0.00
Total income	21,729.15	0.00	2,610.06	24,339.21	23,413.04
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	28,576.72		3,032.87	31,609.59	17,592.12
Fund Raising costs	40.00			40.00	880.88
Other expenditure				-	-
Total expenditure	28,616.72	0.00	3,032.87	31,649.59	18,473.00
Net income / (expenditure)	(6,887.57)		(422.81)	(7,310.38)	4,940.04
Gains / (Losses) on investments		949.37		949.37	2,263.87
Balance brought forward	30,351.78	19,188.32	3,271.70	52,811.80	45,607.89
Balance carried forward	23,464.21	20,137.69	2,848.89	46,450.79	52,811.80

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Receipts & Payments

	y/e 30.09.25	y/e 30.09.24
Warm Welcome		
Grant Income	0.00	1,000.00
Donations from Attendees	2,610.06	2,426.72
Total Income for Restricted Fund	2,610.06	3,426.72
Expenditure		
Contribution to Hall Overheads	630.00	720.00
Costs of Meals Provided	2,402.87	2,122.38
Total Expenditure for Restricted Fund	3,032.87	2,842.38
Net income/expenditure	(422.81)	584.34
Fund Brought Forward	3,271.70	2,687.36
Fund Carried Forward	2,848.89	3,271.70

Operating Reserve - Unrestricted fund		
Fund Brought Forward	19,188.32	16,924.45
Gain/Loss on Value of Investments	949.37	2,263.87
Fund Carried Forward	20,137.69	19,188.32

Unrestricted Funds		
Income		
Hire of Village Hall Facilities	19,283.98	16,915.07
Summer Fayre, Fete & Other Fundraising	2,445.17	3,071.25
Total Income for Unrestricted Fund	21,729.15	19,986.32
Expenditure		
Administration & Computer Costs	566.18	161.42
Advertising and Promotion - including Fete adverts	180.55	703.40
Consumables	981.99	254.19
Dues and Subscriptions	221.70	132.04
Insurance Expense	1,208.18	1,071.99
Miscellaneous Expense	412.21	647.64
Payroll Expenses	7,286.66	6,115.39
Rates	230.42	122.47
Repairs and Maintenance	13,435.51	2,132.73
Telephone and WiFi	703.03	618.89
Utilities:Electricity, Gas & Water	3,390.29	3,670.46
Total Expenditure for Unrestricted Fund	28,616.72	15,630.62
Net Income/Expenditure	(6,887.57)	4,355.70
Fund Brought Forward	30,351.78	25,996.08
Fund Carried Forward	23,464.21	30,351.78

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Balance Sheet

	As at 30/09/25	As at 30/09/24
Investments		
M&G Charifund Accumulated Units	9,674.52	8,516.22
Charities Ethical Investments	10,463.17	10,672.10
Total Investments	20,137.69	19,188.32
Current Assets		
Co-Operative Bank Accounts	27,044.13	33,925.26
Cash in Hand	2.31	4.08
Accounts receivable	1,526.39	1,251.93
Total Current Assets	28,572.83	35,181.27
Liabilities due within One Year		
Accounts payable	380.85	247.89
Payroll Liabilities	580.13	35.40
Room Hire Prepayments	1,298.75	1,274.50
Total Liabilities	2,259.73	1,557.79
Total Net Assets	46,450.79	52,811.80
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) for year	(7,310.38)	4,940.04
Starting balance	52,811.80	45,607.89
Other gains / (losses) - value of investments	949.37	2,263.87
Total Reserves	46,450.79	52,811.80

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted Fund	23,464.21	30,351.78
Operating Reserve - Unrestricted	20,137.69	19,188.32
Restricted	2,848.89	3,271.70
Total	46,450.79	52,811.80

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Registered Charity 1166293

Trustees Report for the year 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

The Trustees at 30th September 2025 were:

Trustee & Chair	Mrs M Eckersley
Trustee & Treasurer	Mrs S Anderson
Trustee	Mrs R Rose
Trustee	Mrs T Brown
Trustee	Mrs D Arnold
Trustee	Mrs R Noblett
Trustee	Mrs J Orme
Trustee	Mrs S Boldison
Trustee	Mrs L Fearn

Governing Document

The CIO's remit is "the running of the Village Hall for the benefit of residents in the village and surrounding area and to do so at prices which cover running costs and are affordable to all likely users."

Financial Policy

The charity operates three funds which operate on an accruals and prepayments basis.

- Designated Fund held by way of two investments as a reserve of approximately six months running costs
- Restricted Fund for grants income and expenditure
- General Fund for the regular operation of the charity

Public Benefit

The charity continues to provide the Village Hall as a benefit for local organisations and individuals. The trustees keep the hire charges for community groups as low as possible so as not to restrict access.

Activities and Achievements – Report of the Chair

It has been another positive and productive year for the Village Hall, and I am pleased to share an update on our progress.

The hall continues to thrive as a busy and well-used community space. Our daytime bookings have expanded significantly, and we now offer a very full daily programme. At

present, there are only two daytime spaces remaining, allowing limited availability for occasional or one-off activities. This strong level of regular use demonstrates how valued the hall is within the community and provides a stable foundation for our ongoing sustainability.

We have successfully maintained all of our regular bookings throughout the year, including Girl Guides, the Sunday Quiz, Fitness Classes, Karate, and Glass Fusion workshops. These groups form the backbone of our weekly activity and ensure that the hall remains vibrant, welcoming and active.

The Warm Welcome initiative continues to be an important part of what we offer. This year it was featured in Rural Derbyshire Magazine as an example of how village halls can help tackle loneliness. The article highlighted that Warm Welcome is not about numbers — it is about kindness, creating spaces where people can come together. It does not need to be complicated; sometimes it is simply about offering a friendly face and the opportunity to sit and eat together. We are proud of the impact this initiative continues to have.

The Fete Committee once again delivered a successful Village Fete in 2025. It was well supported, enjoyed by residents, and raised valuable funds for the hall. Planning for the 2026 Fete is already underway, and we are pleased to share that next year's theme will be *Movies*. We look forward to building on the success of previous years.

In terms of maintenance and compliance, we have retained our maintenance employee and, working together, have planned and completed a number of tasks over the year. One of the most noticeable improvements has been the replacement of the curtains with blinds, which have enhanced both the appearance and practicality of the hall. We have also completed all outstanding electrical works identified in the legally required EICR. Aside from routine ongoing maintenance, no further extensive electrical works are required at this time, and the EICR will be renewed in line with statutory requirements.

Financially, this has been a year of responsible management and investment in the building. While the accounts show a planned deficit (£7,310) due to compliance and maintenance works, these improvements strengthen the long-term position of the hall. We continue to manage our income and expenditure carefully to ensure stability for the future.

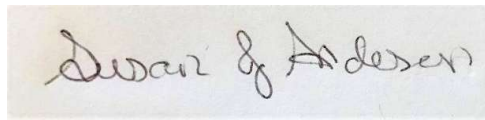
We are currently in the process of recruiting additional Trustees and have been actively reaching out to the community. This will remain a priority, as the continued success of the hall depends on shared responsibility and fresh input. We warmly welcome anyone who feels they could contribute time or skills to come forward.

Our website has been renewed and continues to provide useful information about the hall, bookings and events. It remains an important tool for communication and engagement.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, volunteers, staff, and all those who support the hall throughout the year. The Village Hall is a valued community asset, and its continued success is a direct result of the commitment and dedication of those involved.

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ME' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Melanie Eckersley – Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan Anderson' in a cursive script.

Susan Anderson - Treasurer