

Chairman's Report to Annual General Meeting 8 July 2025

As Trustees are aware, we made the decision to rebuild our financial reserves and keep a close watch on our costs. Removing the electrical meter in the storeroom coupled with a new fixed price energy deal has been beneficial as has the new arrangement with Veolia on waste collection. The addition of energy efficient LED lights to the main hall will hopefully contribute to more savings in the long term.

At the time of writing the hall is facing a significant financial challenge in the need to replace the disabled stair lift, the current installation being beyond economic repair. You will note that a number of options are on the agenda for discussion later in this meeting. (Note for record – after the meeting but during the financial accounting period, sufficient donations were received to pay for a new stairlift. These donations are reflected in the attached accounts.)

All the normal mandatory testing has been done along with the servicing of the Air Sourced Heat Pumps and later this month the hall dividers.

Again, I must thank my colleagues on the Trustee Operating Committee for their support which ensure the smooth running of the hall. In particular, I must thank David for the all the time he has spent in trying to resolve the issues relating to the door and lift.

Graham Parsons

Chair

Bidborough Village Hall CIO

8 July 2025

Bidborough Village Hall - CIO

Registered Charity Number 1166337

Financial Statement for the Period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

	12 months to 31st August 2025	Prior Year 12 Months to 31st August 2024
Income:		
Hall hire - Affiliates	£5,097.89	£6,486.36
Hall hire - Residents	£3,058.00	£2,868.00
Hall hire - Other	£25,612.44	£23,817.00
Donations	£13,040.00	£782.17
Interest received	£582.99	£513.07
West Kent Radio	£144.00	£336.00
Deposits Returned	(£4,126.50)	(£2,225.00)
Sundry	£34.37	£18.89
Total Income	£43,443.19	£32,596.49
Expenditure:		
Cleaning	£7,291.60	£5,645.40
Electric	£3,987.28	£5,240.29
Water	£703.11	£566.57
Refuse collection	£1,112.34	£1,899.79
Gardening	£2,574.00	£2,905.75
Repairs/Maintenance	£9,639.18	£8,268.48
Sundry Purchases	£974.77	£1,457.48
Purchases	£663.06	£640.57
Insurance	£1,846.95	£1,818.32
Testing	£286.41	£597.81
Licenses	£265.19	£445.19
Sundry	£0.00	£0.00
Booking Fees	£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Expenditure	£29,343.89	£30,485.65
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the period	£14,099.30	£2,110.84
Bank balances at open on 1st Sept 2024 (23)	£35,737.36	£33,626.52
Bank balances at close on 31st August 2025 (24)	£49,836.66	£35,737.36
Comprising:		
Lloyds Bank PLC	£22,179.26	£8,662.95
Nationwide Bank	£27,657.40	£27,074.41
TOTAL	£49,836.66	£35,737.36

Prepared by:

Stephen Hebditch

Stephen Hebditch, Honorary Treasurer

Approved by:

John Lovett
6/10/2025

John Lovett, Independent Examiner

Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees of Bidborough Village Hall - CIO

Registered Charity number 1166337 (BVH-CIO)

I report on the attached accounts of the Bidborough Village Hall - CIO for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:

As charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of The Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 6/10/2025

John Lovett FCA ATII, Independent Examiner