

# **Barley Mow Village Hall CIO**

Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity No. 1170685

## Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Barley Mow Village Hall CIO**

Reg'd Charity No: 1170685

Trustees:	Chair:	Mr Andrew Brown-Searle
	Secretary:	Mr Peter Angus
	Treasurer:	Mr Stanley French
		Mr Frederick Foster

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Independent  
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**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

**Objectives**

Objectives To further or benefit the residents of Barley Mow and the surrounding areas of Tyne & Wear and County Durham ("The area of Benefit"), without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise, the Trustees shall have power:

- To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre, and
- To maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Charity in furtherance of its objects.

**Achievements and Performance of Trust**

The financial year 2024-2025 has witnessed a number of changes in regard to power costs by changing our power suppliers and instigating an application for incorrect VAT and CCL charges made by previous suppliers. The building has now been converted to LED lighting in the major areas of the hall, common areas, and conference rooms which has contributed to further savings in regard to energy costs. We hope that our application for refunds of VAT and CCL will produce meaningful funds in the next financial year.

We have increased our staff team to include a part-time volunteer co-coordinator. This has proved to be a positive step in generating new volunteers and training. It has also allowed the office to be manned each week day ensuring the smooth running of the hall.

The Village Hall has maintained and improved upon our 'Warm Welcome' program, currently providing hot nutritious food and also creating a welcome/friendly atmosphere for up to 60 people once a week. This has enabled us to engage with more local people and offers a valuable resource to the wider community. We have become a leading provider of the 'Warm Welcome' initiative which is supported by Gateshead Council and local businesses by way of grants & food donations. Due to its success we have acquired further funding for the program's continuation in the next financial year.

We have been successful in making links with other community networks and now host a Citizens Advice drop-in, Credit Union, and Local Councillor's surgery. We also host a council run exercise class for older people.

This year has seen an increase in new user groups offering a variety of activities for people of various ages. In addition, our dedicated volunteers have organised a number of successful fundraising events which include; Toy & Sci-Fi fayre, Rock Night, Quiz Night and weekly Bingo Social.

**Aims**

With the ongoing dedication of its volunteers the Village hall will continue to strive to face the financial challenges of the current financial climate.

To ensure the continuation of the 'Warm Welcome' program through grant applications, food donations, and fundraising.

To increase the volunteer pool and provide necessary training.

To continue/improve in our role of striving to ensure the Village Hall remains a valuable resource for the local and wider community.

**Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

**Financial Review**

The financial position for the year shows net incoming funds of £119,931 and total outgoing resources of £101,387 with funds brought forward from last year of £74,729 the total funds carried forward are £93,273.

**Risk Management:**

The Trustees are examining the major risks, which the charity faces in relation to external factors, governance and management, internal operations and business. They are considering the likelihood and the impact of risks and are reviewing what systems should be in place to control and reduce those risks. The systems are being designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material loss or misstatement of loss.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately 6 months unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of Trustees

Print name:

Date:

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the  
trustees of

**Barley Mow Village Hall CIO**

On accounts for  
the year ended

**31 March 2025**

**Charity no 1170685**

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and  
examiner**

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.

It is my responsibility to

- 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**

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.

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date: 17 July 2025**

**Name:**

Mark Thompson MAAT

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts		2025	2025	2025	2024
	Notes .			£	£
Grants	4		27940	27940	37350
Members Rents		17344		17344	14979
Outside Room Hire		44991		44991	45963
Membership Fees		1285		1285	1422
Fundraising & Donations		15023		15023	
Business Donations		1270		1270	
Events		5518		5518	0
Other Trading Activities		5816		5816	23662
Bank Interest		745		745	648
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>91991</b>	<b>27940</b>	<b>119931</b>	<b>124024</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries	2	35197		35197	29985
Utilities		16329		16329	32122
Telephone & Internet		2769		2769	1501
Cleaning & Hygiene		765		765	615
Café Costs		3923		3923	1975
Maintenance & Repairs		16310		16310	27772
Insurance		2797		2797	2716
Licences & Fees		342		342	1526
Print, Post & Stationery		1213		1213	750
Bar Stock				0	222
Catering Items		145		145	248
Capital Items		2235		2235	610
Activities & Events		751	17832	18583	12946
Accountancy & Payroll		751		751	322
Volunteer Costs		29		29	48
Other Costs				0	84
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>83555</b>	<b>17832</b>	<b>101387</b>	<b>113442</b>
Surplus / deficit for the year		8436	10108	18544	10582
Net Movement in Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 April 2024		71997	2732	74729	64147
<b>Funds at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>80433</b>	<b>12840</b>	<b>93273</b>	<b>74729</b>

**Barley Mow Village Hall CIO**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	<b>8</b>	3557	4626
Current Account			802
Business Account			2
Coop Bank		10501	10881
CAF Current Account		12956	32720
CAF Savings Account		66111	25425
Petty Cash		148	273
<b>Total Cash Balances</b>		<b>93273</b>	<b>74729</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>93273</b>	<b>74729</b>
<b>Net Assets at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>93273</b>	<b>74729</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>	<b>5</b>		
Restricted Funds		12840	2732
Designated Funds		50000	36055
Unrestricted Funds		30433	35942
		<b>93273</b>	<b>74729</b>

Signed:

Position: Chair of the Board of Trustees

Print Name:

Date:

**Notes to the accounts. 2024-25**

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) and the Companies Act 2006

Fixed Assets are depreciated over a useful lifeline at the following rates:  
Office Furniture - 20% reducing balance

Total Salary Costs	£ 35,917
Average no of staff	2 Part-time.

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £375.

National Lottery (Warm Spaces & Vol Coordinator)	20000
Gateshead Council (Warm Spaces)	2390
Ward Councillors Fund	600
Household Support (Warm Spaces)	1050
Community Foundation (Photography)	3000
Freemasons (Defibrillator)	900
<b>Total Grants Received</b>	<b>27940</b>

Restricted Funds	April 24	Income	Expend	March '25
National Lottery (Warm Spaces & Vol Coordinator)	0	20000	12590	7410
Safer Streets (Storytime Project)	482	0		482
Gateshead Council (Warm Spaces)	2250	2390	1352	3288
Household Support (Warm Spaces)	0	1050	719	331
Community Foundation (Photography)		3000	1671	1329
Freemasons (Defibrillator)		900	900	0
Ward Councillors Fund	0	600	600	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2732</b>	<b>27940</b>	<b>17832</b>	<b>12840</b>

There were no significant transactions between the project and any related parties during the period. No payments have been made to Trustees.