

Dartington Village Hall Association- Trustees Report 1 November 2024- 31 October 2025

Introduction

The Dartington Village Hall Association is registered charity (charity number 1172861) with the following objective:-

‘A well maintained and fit for purpose village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Dartington without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for the use of meetings, lectures and classes or for other forms of recreation, business and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the objective of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants.’

The charity’s trustees are Heather Harvey, John Platt, Roger Robinson and Mary Popham.

The committee, which oversees the day to day management of hall, is chaired by Jeremy Holloway and the treasurer is Zoe Clough. The Trustees are very grateful to all the members of the management committee for their dedication, hard work and time, which they give voluntarily.

Use of Hall

In our centenary year the village hall showed that it’s right at the heart of Village life.

To celebrate it as a war memorial built in 1925 the Village Hall Committee put on two splendid centenary events, one in April and one in November. The National Lottery Heritage fund contributed significantly to these celebrations.

On 12th April we ran a coffee morning and afternoon tea when donations of cakes were also on sale. Entertainment was provided by Tom Unwin on piano with John Platt providing vocals! Tony Gee ran a puppetry workshop in the afternoon followed by a performance which was well attended.

Matt Harvey compered a concert of musical and spoken items in the evening. Contributors included Devonly Voices conducted by Vicky Hadland, guitar and mandolin duets with Roger and Steve, and Felix and Felix who spoke movingly

about the use of poppies for remembrance. The evening finished with Matt performing some of his entertaining verses!

Poppy Day was held on 15th November when committee members led a walk around the Centenary Trail of 12 places around the village, followed by refreshments back in the hall. The trail has proved a great success with the Parish Council letting us use a page on its website to link to the QR codes on each post.

The Hall underwent a much-needed spruce up this year with local craftsman Brent Ashley even going so far as to gild the sign and the ball at the top of the roof!

Local artist and Blacksmith Spencer Larcombe together with trustee John Platt designed and built a Centenary bench which will be an asset to the village for another hundred years! This was also part of the national lottery bid.

Bookings are phenomenal. The Hall is used every day and most nights all week. This has contributed significantly to our very healthy finances. The solar panels on the roof, paid for by a grant, are generating income and electricity for the hall and the national grid. The renown of the Hall has spread - a Film Crew used it as a setting for a feature film.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to several committee stalwarts. Jeremy Holloway stepped down as chair and from the committee. Pam Gorman and Peter Gutteridge resigned as trustees and as a committee members. Peggy Prout also stepped down from the committee. This means the committee is rather small and is in need of some new members. However, we do have a new trustee in Roger Robinson.

Finances and Reserves Policy

The finances of the hall remain strong due to consistently high demand for bookings.

The Trustees wish to see the reserves of the Dartington Village Hall Association maintained at a level equivalent to at least 6 months running costs.

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Financial Statements

31 October 2025

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General information

Registered number

The association became a registered charity under number 1172861, on 3 May 2017.

Trustees

Mr P Gutteridge
Mrs M Popham
Mr J Platt
Mrs H Harvey
Mrs P Gorman

Committee

J Holloway (Chair)
Z Clough (Treasurer)
V May (Secretary)
R Scholefield
P Goode
C Goode
P Prout
S Goldsworthy

Accountants

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Report of the Accountants

to the members of Dartington Village Hall Association

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records of the association and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.



TR Bowden
Golden Valley Solutions
Accountants
Buckfastleigh

5 November 2025

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Income and expenditure account, for the year ended 31 October

	2024	2025
	£	£
Income		
Hire of hall	17 746	15 495
Donations	-	140
Other income (jumble, parking etc)	2 445	632
National Heritage Grant (Centenary)	7 102	-
SHDC Solar Panels Grant	-	9 205
National Lottery Grant	-	4 261
Bank interest	159	480
	27 452	30 213
Expenditure		
Premises		
Water rates	506	680
Insurance	1 055	1 105
Light and heat	2 570	2 073
Repairs & maintenance	2 240	4 313
Stage Refurbishment	3 756	-
Electrics	1 415	-
Solar Panels	906	8 299
Centenary Bench	5 000	100
Centenary Trail	2 140	-
Centenary Day	-	2 024
Cleaning	2 434	3 053
	22 022	21 647
Administration		
Printing, postage and stationery	154	49
Advertising	-	-
Donations	50	-
Licences	21	-
Refreshments	23	-
	248	49
Financial and professional		
Accountancy	250	250
Other professional fees	773	1 834
Depreciation	1 850	1 850
	2 873	3 934
Excess of income over expenditure	2 309	4 583

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Balance sheet, at 31 October

	Note	2024 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	95 463	93 613
		<u>95 463</u>	<u>93 613</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		42 372	48 805
		<u>42 372</u>	<u>48 805</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year		250	250
		<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Net current assets		42 122	48 555
		<u>42 122</u>	<u>48 555</u>
Net assets		#####	#####
		<u>#####</u>	<u>#####</u>
Financed by			
Reserves	3	60 865	65 448
Capital grants applied		54 513	54 513
Capital grants unapplied		22 207	22 207
		<u>60 865</u>	<u>65 448</u>
		<u>#####</u>	<u>#####</u>

Z Clough
Treasurer
5 November 2025

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Notes to the financial statements, at 31 October 2025

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown in the balance sheet at cost, or realisable value, whichever is the lower. Fixtures and fittings are written off at 25% of the reducing balance.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are shown in the balance sheet at cost.

Debtors and creditors

Debtor and creditor balances are shown on an accrual basis in accordance with SSAP2.

Income

2. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Premises</i> £	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
Cost			
At 1 November 2024	91 929	12 132	#####
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 October 2025	<u>91 929</u>	<u>12 132</u>	<u>#####</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2024	-	8 597	8 597
Provided during year	-	1 850	1 850
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 October 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>10 447</u>	<u>10 447</u>
Net book value			
At 1 November 2024	<u>91 929</u>	<u>3 535</u>	<u>95 463</u>
At 31 October 2025	<u><u>95 743</u></u>	<u><u>1 685</u></u>	<u><u>93 613</u></u>

3. Reserves

	2024 £	2025 £
Balance brought forward	58 556	60 865
Excess of income over expenditure	2 309	4 583
Balance carried forward	<u><u>60 865</u></u>	<u><u>65 448</u></u>

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5 November 2025