

# HALE VILLAGE HALL NEW FOREST

England & Wales · Charity number 1175048

## Details

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Other names	HALE VILLAGE HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-10-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A VILLAGE HALL AND TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF HALE AND THE LOCAL AREA OF HAMPSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** To maintain and manage a village hall for the long term benefit of all inhabitants of Hale and surrounding areas, without discrimination. To promote the village hall for social inclusion, welfare and education purposes as a community hub for all.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Hampshire
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£79,165	£74,068	-	-
2024-12-31	£46,134	£43,516	-	-
2023-12-31	£29,721	£30,212	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,338	£17,953	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,651	£25,013	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JACQUELINE EDNA HARTAS</b>	Chair	2017-10-09
DAVID ANTHONY KENISTON		2017-10-09
DAVID MUSSELL		2018-01-16
DEBBIE VINE		2017-10-09
Eric Greenall		2025-08-29
GARY JOHN ADAMS		2017-10-09
Gary Kyle		2023-05-31
Ian Coffin		2026-02-07
James Henry Coulter Stewart		2019-03-26
Julia Nobes		2024-11-12
MARJAANA BATTERBURY		2017-10-09
MARK STEPHEN NOBES		2017-10-09
SUE ADAMS		2017-10-09
Sarah Louise Pook		2021-07-13

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# Accounts

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**Hale Village Hall (New Forest) Registered Charity Number 1175048**  
**Annual Report for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Summary**

Once again, we are pleased to report that Hale Village Hall had another good year with plenty of use by the local community and it remains well funded. Our own events continue to be well attended and now include table tennis, film club, pop-up events and our weekly café and library. The Events Committee organised a Christmas Disco, a second Christmas-Wreath Making afternoon followed by a Pop-Up Event to decorate the hall, all were well attended. A very successful live music event was held in March 2025. For 2026, the Events Committee are planning a talk on commoning in the autumn and a curry and quiz evening in September.

During 2025 we made further improvements to the hall which included complete refurbishment of the changing room and showers and adding 27 solar voltaic panels on the roof. The solar installation was completed in February 2026 with the upgrade from a single to a 3 phase electrical supply and the addition of storage batteries and 3 phase inverter. Over the summer all lighting in the village hall was upgraded to LED with most switches changed to movement sensors. In 2025 planning permission and £30,000 grant funding were secured to enable a small extension for a new accessible WC. The former WC will be converted to a storage area for the kitchen.

During the year we received grants and pledges from New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Veolia Environmental Trust, the National Lottery, Garfield Weston Foundation and Bernard Sunley Foundation and we are grateful to all of these organisations for their contributions to the ongoing improvements of this vital village amenity. Hale Parish Council has included Hale Village Hall as the emergency hub for the village in its resilience plan.

We ended the year with reserves in the bank that exceed the Trustees' Policy on reserves when taking into account the risks and issues around the operation of the hall but, as some of these reserves are committed for future projects, we feel the level of funding for the ongoing operation of the hall is appropriate. In the current economic climate the Trustees have taken the decision to make a small increase to hire rates for next year.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the Village Hall and its Trustees as set out in the Deed of Trust remain unchanged.

**Trustees as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

Jacqui Hartas – Chair

Julia Nobes – Treasurer

Debbie Vine – Secretary

Marjaana Batterbury – Hall Manager

Mark Nobes – Health and Safety

David Keniston – Marketing and Communications

Sarah Pook – Safeguarding

Gary Kyle – User Group (Parish Council)  
Richard Barlow – User Group (Cricket Club)  
David Mussell – User Group (Horticultural Society)  
Sue Adams – Village  
Gary Adams - Village  
James Stewart – Village  
Eric Greenall – Village

### **Policy Documents**

We have policy documents covering all of the key areas of the Hall's functions, including finance, Health and Safety, bookings, maintenance and safeguarding. We are grateful to Action Hampshire and the Association with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) for the advice and guidance they provided in these matters.

### **Financial Situation**

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 is shown below but in summary:

- Our income excluding grants and donations was £35.3k which is £3.5k higher than the previous year.
- Total income was boosted by the grants mentioned above totalling £51.1k.
- We also received donations in the year of £298 including those through use of Give As You Live.
- Overall taking the grants and donations into consideration there is an in-year surplus of income over expenditures of £10.7k.
- The Trustees have a detailed Reserves Policy which is reviewed and updated annually. The current level of required reserves is £77.2k against actual held reserves of £110.2k but some of the surplus includes amounts committed to projects in the following year including £21.8k of grants received in advance.
- There are no significant liabilities to disclose.
- Parish Magazine income and expenditure is managed by a Sub committee of the Hall but any Magazine surpluses or deficits are ring-fenced from other Hall activities.

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### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Grants Received	51,106	36,652	Grant Funded Assets & Improvements	43,556	45,149
Donations	298	28,445	Self Funded Assets & Equipment	8,735	8,306
Regular User Hires	16,072	18,385	Repairs & Servicing	888	1,989
Non-regular Hires	3,350	381	Building Maintenance	301	1,043
Hall Managed Activities	7,589	7,753	Cleaning & Supplies	4,590	3,559
Corporate Hires	262	566	Electricity & Gas	5,381	1,486
Other Income	509	505	Water and Sewage	358	301
Interest	2,745	384	Broadband & Web Site	690	397
Magazine	4,785	3,860	Hall Managed Activities	2,892	3,727
			Insurance	1,090	1,169
			Licences	1,992	1,718
			Sundry Expenses	502	1,660
			Gardens & Trees	746	-
			Magazine	4,336	4,535
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,715</b>	<b>96,931</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>76,059</b>	<b>75,040</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>10,655</b>	<b>21,891</b>			

#### Notes

Hale & Woodgreen Community & Parish Magazine income and expenditure is now included within the Hall Accounts. The net deficit of £675 was not included in the 2024 Accounts however, the values for 2024 have been included above for comparison.

#### Issues


There are no significant issues, complaints or disputes to report.

#### Appreciation

- The Trustees give their time and effort free of charge or benefit and in turn are grateful to all who support the Hall in terms of hiring the Hall, providing support to the Hall, attending events, running events and sessions, and donations received.
- Thanks are also given to those organisations who have generously given the Hall grants and donations. We are also very grateful to the supporters of the 100 Club.
- Thanks are also given to our examiner of the accounts who generously carries out this task free of charge.
- Additional thanks to all of those who have helped in the garden and to our table tennis, film club, café/library and magazine volunteers.



J Hartas  
Chair



J Nobes  
Treasurer

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hale Village Hall (New Forest)  
Registered Charity Number 1175048**

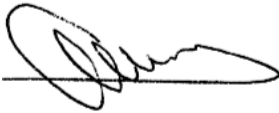
I am reporting on the accounts of Hale Village Hall for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as set out in the statements provided.

The accounts for 2025 have been prepared by the Treasurer to Hale Village Hall and submitted to myself with the supporting documentation and records relating to these accounts.

The accounting statements have been prepared on a cash basis with no adjustments made for prepayments or accrued expenditure. I have undertaken a review of the accounting records provided and a comparison of the accounting statements presented with those records.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that there is any material misrepresentation in the accounting statements, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The quality of the supporting documentation continues to be very good.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lovell', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Lovell  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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# Accounts

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**Hale Village Hall (New Forest) Registered Charity Number 1175048**  
**Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Summary**

Once again, we are pleased to report that Hale Village Hall had another good year with plenty of use by the local community and it remains well funded. Our own events of table tennis and film club continued to run as normal while the newer venture of pop-up evenings has proved to be very popular and we will continue to bring new themes to these in the future. The café and library continue and attendance for these afternoons is slowly growing. The Events Committee organised a Barn Dance, plus a Christmas Wreath Making event followed by a Pop-Up Event to decorate the hall and both events were thoroughly enjoyed. The Events Committee have already planned their next event for March 2025.

During the year we made further improvements to the hall which included thermally insulating the roof, adding acoustic panels which have made a significant improvement to the hall acoustics, and the addition of a new toilet downstairs in line with the increased usage of this area and the garden. We have also made more minor improvements and enhancements to the facilities including LED lighting, outdoor lighting for the garden patio area and outdoor furniture to name a few.

During the year we received grants from New Forest District Council, the Lottery, West Solent Solar, ACRE and Bernard Sunley and we are grateful to all these organisations for their contributions to the ongoing improvements of this vital village social hub.

We ended the year with reserves in the bank that exceed the Trustees' Policy on reserves when taking into account the risks and issues around the operation of the hall but as some of these reserves are committed for future projects we feel the level of funding for the ongoing operation of the Hall is appropriate. In the current economic climate the Trustees have taken the decision not to alter the hire rates for next year.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the Village Hall and its Trustees as set out in the Deed of Trust remain unchanged.

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Richard Barlow – User Group (Cricket Club)

David Keniston – Village

James Stewart - Village

David Mussell – User Group (Horticultural Society)

Sarah Pook – Village

## Policy Documents

We have policy documents covering all of the key areas of the Hall's functions, including finance, Health and Safety, bookings, maintenance and safeguarding. We are grateful to Action Hampshire and the Association of Communities in Rural England (ACRE) for the advice and guidance they provided in these matters.

## Financial Situation

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 is shown below but in summary;

- Our income excluding grants and donations was £27.9K which is virtually identical the prior year.
- Total income was boosted by the grants as mentioned above totalling £36.7K.
- We also received donations in the year including £3K from the Transition Group plus a legacy donation of £25K.
- Overall taking the grants and donations into consideration there is an in-year surplus of income over expenditures of £22.3K.
- The Trustees have a detailed Reserves Policy which is reviewed and updated annually. The current level of required reserves is £73.7K against actual held reserves of £96.0K but some of the surplus includes amounts committed to projects in the following year.
- There are no significant liabilities to disclose.
- Parish Magazine income and expenditure is held by the Hall but the magazine operates as a separate entity and the funds are reported separately from the Hall's operational funds.

### HALE VILLAGE HALL NEW FOREST - Charity no. 1175048

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

RECEIPTS	2024	2023	2022	PAYMENTS	2024	2023	2022
Regular User Hires	18,385	17,879	14,327	Self Funded Assets & Equipment	8,306	1,810	1,729
Non-regular Hires	381	933	1,703	Grant Funded Assets & Improvement	45,149	-	-
Hall Managed Activities	7,753	7,389	4,667	Repairs & Servicing	1,989	10,947	2,151
Corporate Hires	566	863	535	Building Maintenance	1,043	167	395
Donations	28,445	1,755	54	Cleaning & Supplies	3,559	3,521	3,278
Grants Received	36,652	19,822	2,667	Electricity & Gas	1,486	5,951	4,916
Other Income	890	903	732	Water and Sewage	301	268	197
	-	-	652	Broadband & Web Site	397	726	543
	-	-	-	Hall Managed Activities	3,727	3,564	1,709
	-	-	-	Events	-	-	-
	-	-	-	Insurance	1,169	1,316	1,250
	-	-	-	Licences	1,718	754	637
	-	-	-	Sundry Expenses	1,660	250	439
	-	-	-	Arboreal Expenses	-	936	707
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS :</b>	<b>93,071</b>	<b>49,543</b>	<b>25,338</b>	<b>TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS :</b>	<b>70,505</b>	<b>30,212</b>	<b>17,953</b>

## Issues

There are no significant issues, complaints or disputes to report.

## Appreciation

- The Trustees give their time and effort free of charge or benefit and in turn are grateful to all who support the Hall in terms of hiring the Hall, providing support to the Hall, attending events, running events and sessions, and donations received.
- Thanks are also given to those organisations who have generously given the Hall grants and donations.
- We are also very grateful to the supporters of the 100 Club.
- Thanks are also given to our examiner of the accounts who generously carries out this task free of charge.
- Additional thanks this year to Jane Pearce and David Keniston for their continued hard work on the garden and to our café and library volunteers.

The Register of Assets is shown below in Appendix 1



J Hartas  
Chair, Hale Village Hall (New Forest)



G Adams  
Treasurer

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hale Village Hall**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hale Village Hall (the Hall) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Hall you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Hall's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

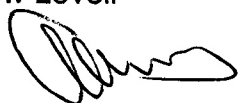
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Hall as required by s.130 of the 2011 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, in my opinion, should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Andrew Lovell

Signature:



Date:

19 June 2025

## **Appendix 1**

### **Hale Village Hall New Forest - Asset Register January 2022**

2015 - 2 x fridge-freezers, 1 x microwave oven, kettle and two hot water urns  
2015 - 9 x oven trays  
Cutlery and crockery and wine glasses for 100 people, 40 x champagne flutes, 10 water jugs  
Downstairs – cutlery, crockery and glasses for 20 people, 2 x cafetieres  
2013 – 16 tablecloths and 2022 - 16 x tablecloths  
2016 Audio sound system, projector, hearing loop, DVD player and 2 x remote controllers  
2016 2 x hand-held microphones and 2 x lapel microphones  
Portable lighting and spotlights  
2017 - Portable stage, 2 stage trolleys, steps and skirt  
2008 - 3 x locking metal cabinets and 1 x locking wooden cupboard  
2 x lockable home storage boxes for Treasurer and Hall Manager  
3 x cash boxes  
2019 - 4 x wooden book cases  
2016 - 4 x table tennis tables, nets, bats and balls  
1 x step ladder and 1 x kick step  
2014 - 90 upholstered chairs and 6 x chair trolleys  
2019 - 10 upholstered chairs downstairs + 10 folding chairs  
2016 - 9 square tables, 8 x long tables,  
2024 - 9 small go-pak tables  
2014 - 10 pairs of curtains, 2 wall clocks, 5 pictures and plaques, 4 internal notice boards  
2015 - 6 dustbins and 2 bicycle racks  
2023 - 1 outdoor storage unit  
2 x vacuum cleaners  
3 x changing room benches  
2016 - 1 hand bell  
4 x pedal bins, 3 x dustpan/brushes, 3 x yard brooms, 3 x soft brooms, 4 x mops and buckets  
2024 - Wall mounted TV and remote.  
6 x concrete patio pots  
4 x external flood/spot lights  
9 x fire extinguishers (4 x foam, 3 x CO2, 2 x water) and 1 x fire blanket  
1 internet router, 1 Hive hub and 1 telephone  
2015 - 50% share of dishwasher, gas cooker, combi-oven, water boiler and hot cupboard

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Summary**

We are pleased to report that the Village Hall had another good year with plenty of use, further improvements and remains well funded. Our own events of table tennis and film club continued to run as normal and while memberships still remain a little lower than pre-Covid these are well attended and enjoyed. The café and library continue to run and attendance for these afternoons is slowly growing. In 2023 we formed an Events Committee to organise ad hoc events in the village hall and we ran two events in celebration of the Coronation, one music evening and one picnic event but sadly the latter was not well attended.

During the year we replaced the ageing boiler with a new, more efficient unit and with our plans to insulate the hall in the near future we hope to reduce the energy costs of running the hall which have grown dramatically. We have also introduced an online booking and billing system which has streamlined bookings and invoicing.

During the year we received a grant from The National Lottery which we have used to fund the replacement boiler and also a grant from National Grid which we are using to provide additional female toilet facilities for the Cricket Club and other users for which the Trustees sincerely thank both the National Lottery and National Grid. A grant towards the electronic locking system was also received from County Councillor Edward Heron.

We ended the year with reserves in the bank that fall slightly short of the Trustees' Policy on reserves when taking into account the risks and issues around the operation of the hall but we feel that this shortfall can be rectified during the next year. In the current economic climate the Trustees have taken the decision not to alter the hire rates for next year.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the Village Hall and its Trustees as set out in the Deed of Trust remain unchanged.

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Jacqui Hartas – Chair

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Marjaana Batterbury – Hall Manager

Gary Adams – Treasurer

Sue Adams – Village (Co-opted)

Debbie Vine – Village

Gary Kyle – User Group (Parish Council) – joined 31/05/23

Richard Barlow – User Group (Cricket Club)

David Keniston – Village

James Stewart - Village

David Mussell – User Group (Horticultural Society)

Sarah Pook – Village

During the year Ian Gemmell resigned from the Trustees

## Policy Documents

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## Financial Situation

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December is shown below but in summary;

- Our income excluding grants was £29.7K, up by 30% from £22.7K in the prior year.
- Total income was boosted by the grants from the National Lottery (£9,500) and National Grid (£10,000) and the County Councillor Grant (£322).
- Overall taking the grants into consideration there is an in-year surplus of income over expenditures of £19.3K but Trustees have commitments and plans that will utilise this surplus in 2024.
- The Trustees have a detailed Reserves Policy which is reviewed and updated annually. The current level of required reserves is £68.1K against actual held reserves of £63.5K after commitments.
- There are no significant liabilities to disclose.
- Parish Magazine income and expenditure is held by the Hall but the magazine operates as a separate entity and the funds are reported separately from the Hall's operational funds.

### HALE VILLAGE HALL NEW FOREST - Charity no. 1175048

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022	2021	PAYMENTS	2023	2022	2021
Regular User Hires	17,879	14,327	9,731	Self Funded Assets & Equipment	1,810	1,729	10,276
Non-regular Hires	933	1,703	857	Grant Funded Assets & Improvement	-	-	-
Hall Managed Activities	7,389	4,667	2,252	Repairs & Servicing	10,947	2,151	2,156
Corporate Hires	863	535	434	Building Maintenance	167	395	2,628
Donations	1,755	54	64	Cleaning & Supplies	3,521	3,279	2,696
Grants Received	19,822	2,667	17,303	Electricity & Gas	5,951	4,916	3,592
Other Income	903	732	1,011	Water and Sewage	268	197	165
	-	652	-	Broadband & Web Site	726	543	551
	-	-	-	Hall Managed Activities	3,564	1,709	741
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS :</b>	<b>49,543</b>	<b>25,338</b>	<b>31,851</b>	Events	-	-	-
				Insurance	1,316	1,250	1,191
Magazine Income	4,007.53	4,021.03	5,258.00	Licences	754	637	419
				Sundry Expenses	250	439	597
				Arboreal Expenses	936	707	
				<b>TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS :</b>	<b>30,212</b>	<b>17,953</b>	<b>25,013</b>
				Magazine Payments		846.95	

## Issues

- There are no significant issues, complaints or disputes to report.

## Appreciation

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G Adams  
Treasurer

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### **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 Hall as required by s.130 of the 2011 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, in my opinion, should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Julia Nobes, FCA

Signature: 

Date: 13 May 2024

## **Appendix 1**

### **Hale Village Hall New Forest**

Asset Register May 2024

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Portable stage, 2 stage trolleys, steps and skirt  
3 x locking metal cabinets and 1 x locking wooden cupboard  
2 x lockable home storage boxes for Treasurer and Hall Manager  
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4 x wooden book cases  
4 x table tennis tables, nets, bats and balls  
1 x step ladder and 1 x kick step  
90 upholstered chairs + 10 downstairs, 10 folding chairs and 5 x chair trolleys  
15 square tables and 8 x long tables  
10 pairs of curtains, 2 wall clocks, 5 pictures and plaques, 4 internal notice boards  
6 dustbins and 2 bicycle racks  
1 outdoor storage unit  
2 x vacuum cleaners  
3 x changing room benches  
1 hand bell  
4 x pedal bins, 3 x dustpan/brushes, 3 x yard brooms, 3 x soft brooms, 4 x mops and buckets  
Wall mounted TV and remote.  
6 x concrete patio pots  
4 x external flood/spot lights  
9 x fire extinguishers (4 x foam, 3 x CO2, 2 x water) and 1 x fire blanket  
1 internet router, 1 Hive hub and 1 telephone  
50% share of dishwasher, gas cooker, combi-oven, water boiler and hot cupboard

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# Accounts

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## **Hale Village Hall (New Forest) Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

### **Summary**

We are pleased to report that after the disruptions of the previous two years the Hall was back in full operation for 2022. Most of our regular hirers returned and private hires were also at a high level. Our own events of table tennis and film club ran as normal and while memberships remain a little lower than pre-Covid these are still well attended and enjoyed. The café and library continue to run and attendance for these afternoons is slowly growing. We also ran a successful New Year's Eve party with a lot of positive feedback, plus some indications of where we can improve such events.

During the year we continued improvements to the storage areas in the downstairs areas, we completed the planting of the garden area and have purchased an outdoor table and seating from a carpenter within Hale. We have also had to fund repairs to the boiler together with a tree survey and unfortunately both of these will lead to additional expenditure in the near future. Like every other organisation we are facing increased costs on all fronts and especially so on our utilities and this has led us to a position of increasing our hire rates for the next year. We ended the year with reserves in the bank that fall slightly short of the Trustees' Policy on reserves when taking into account the risks and issues around the operation of the hall but we feel that this shortfall can be rectified during the next year. We are however considering running a limited number of village events to raise additional funds in the next year. At the start of the year the Hall was in receipt of a Government Funded Covid start-up grant.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Village Hall and its Trustees as set out in the Deed of Trust remain unchanged.

### **Trustees as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Jacqui Hartas – Chair

Mark Nobes – Secretary and Health and Safety

Marjaana Batterbury – Hall Manager

Gary Adams – Treasurer

Sue Adams – Village and Brownies

Debbie Vine – User Group (Social Committee)

Ian Gemmell – User Group (Parish Council) – joined 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Richard Barlow – User Group (Cricket Club)

David Keniston – Village

James Stewart - Village

David Mussell – User Group (Horticultural Society)

Sarah Pook – Village – joined 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Policy Documents

We have policy documents covering all of the key areas of the Hall's functions, including finance, Health and Safety, bookings, maintenance and safeguarding. Throughout the past year we have fulfilled Government requirements to produce and publish Covid-19 Risk Assessments for the Village Hall when open for use, alongside specific guidance for our users. We are grateful to Action Hampshire and the Association of Communities in Rural England (ACRE) for the advice and guidance they provided in these matters.

## Financial Situation

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December is shown below but in summary;

- Our income excluding grants was £22.7K, up by 58% from £14.3K in the prior year.
- Total income was boosted by the Covid Start Up Grant of £2.7K received.
- Overall taking the grant into consideration there is an in-year surplus of income over expenditures of £7.4K.
- The Trustees have a detailed Reserves Policy which is reviewed and updated annually. The current level of required reserves is £65.0K against actual held reserves of £54.1K.
- There are no significant liabilities to disclose.
- At 31st December 2022 the sum of £60 was held on behalf of the 100 Club; this sum was transferred to the 100 Club account in the new financial year. There are no other significant liabilities to disclose.
- Parish Magazine income and expenditure is held by the Hall but the magazine operates as a separate entity and the funds are reported separately from the Hall's operational funds.

### HALE VILLAGE HALL NEW FOREST - Charity no. 1175048

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	2020	PAYMENTS	2022	2021	2020
Regular User Hires	14,327	9,731	11,534	Self Funded Assets & Equipment	1,774	10,276	253
Non-regular Hires	1,693	857	715	Grant Funded Assets & Improvements	-	-	-
Hall Managed Activities	4,677	2,252	1,338	Repairs & Servicing	2,151	2,156	2,314
Corporate Hires	535	434	216	Building Maintenance	395	2,628	681
Donations	54	64	50	Cleaning & Supplies	3,286	2,696	1,985
Grants Received	2,667	17,303	10,000	Electricity & Gas	4,916	3,592	2,579
Other Income	732	1,011	704	Water and Sewage	197	165	184
HVH Social Events	652	-	-	Broadband & Web Site	543	551	382
	-	-	-	Hall Managed Activities	1,709	741	480
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS :</b>	<b>25,338</b>	<b>31,651</b>	<b>24,557</b>	Events	-	-	-
				Insurance	1,250	1,191	1,326
Magazine Income	4,021.03	5,258.00		Licences	637	419	637
				Sundry Expenses	388	597	734
				Arboreal Expenses	707		
				<b>TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS :</b>	<b>17,953</b>	<b>25,013</b>	<b>11,556</b>
				Magazine Payments	4,093.31	846.95	

## Issues

- There are no significant issues, complaints or disputes to report.

## Appreciation

- The Trustees give their time and effort free of charge or benefit and in turn are grateful to all who support the Hall in terms of hiring the Hall, providing support to the Hall, attending events, running events and sessions, and donations received.
- Thanks are also given to those organisations who have generously given the Hall grants:
  - New Forest District Council
- We are also very grateful to the supporters of the 100 Club.
- Thanks are also given to our examiner of the accounts who generously carries out this task free of charge.
- Additional thanks this year to Jane Pearce and David Keniston for their hard work on the garden.

**The Register of Assets is shown below in Appendix 1**



J Hartas  
Chair, Hale Village Hall (New Forest)



G Adams  
Treasurer

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Hale Village Hall**

I report on the accounts of Hale Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under s.144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under s.144 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.152(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Charity Commission's Directions. 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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by s.130 of the 2011 Act; and
2. the accounts do not accord with those records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention, in my opinion, should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Julia Nobes, FCA

Signature: 

Date: 19th April 2023

## Appendix 1

### Hale Village Hall New Forest - Asset Register January 2023

2 x fridge-freezers, 1 x microwave oven, kettle and two hot water urns  
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Cutlery and crockery and wine glasses for 100 people, 40 x champagne flutes, 10 water jugs  
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Audio sound system, projector, hearing loop, DVD player and 2 x remote controllers  
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4 x table tennis tables, nets, bats and balls  
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90 upholstered chairs + 10 downstairs, 10 folding chairs and 5 x chair trolleys  
15 square tables, 8 x long tables, 1 x conference tables  
10 pairs of curtains, 2 wall clocks, 5 pictures and plaques, 4 internal notice boards  
6 dustbins and 2 bicycle racks  
1 outdoor storage unit  
2 x vacuum cleaners  
3 x changing room benches  
1 hand bell  
4 x pedal bins, 3 x dustpan/brushes, 3 x yard brooms, 3 x soft brooms, 4 x mops and buckets  
Wall mounted TV and remote.  
6 x concrete patio pots  
4 x external flood/spot lights  
9 x fire extinguishers (4 x foam, 3 x CO2, 2 x water) and 1 x fire blanket  
1 internet router, 1 Hive hub and 1 telephone  
50% share of dishwasher, gas cooker, combi-oven, water boiler and hot cupboard

**HALE VILLAGE HALL NEW FOREST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175048

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# Accounts

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## **Hale Village Hall (New Forest) Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

### **Summary**

2021 was another disruptive year for the hall with closure running from the beginning of January to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and upon reopening activity levels remained lower than pre-Covid. Financially, while the income from hires was down the hall received a government backed grant for support during the covid closure period.

Despite the disruption the trustees have continued to work to improve the hall with the largest project being the landscaping of the garden, refencing and building of a pathway to the garden and downstairs areas. The hall was repainted during the year and the moss on the roof removed, however this has revealed further problems with the roof tiles which will have to be addressed in the short term.

A weekly café has been opened in the downstairs area but with the ongoing covid concerns attendance has been variable. The downstairs area also now houses the lending library.

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John Mangan was removed from the Charity Commission register of Trustees on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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#### Financial Situation

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December is shown below but in summary;

- Operational Income was £14.3K which is down by around 30% on the last pre-Covid period.
- Income was boosted by the Covid Support Grant of £17.3K received.
- Many of the costs are fixed so scope to reduce costs is small but actions taken did achieve savings of c16% against pre-Covid period operational costs.
- We completed the landscaping of the garden at a cost of £9.7K.
- Overall taking the grant and the costs of the garden into account there is an in-year surplus of income over expenditures of £6.6K.
- However, for the first time in a number of years our operational income was less than the operating costs of the hall.
- The Trustees have a detailed Reserves Policy which is reviewed and updated annually. The current level of required reserves is £48.5K against actual held reserves of £46.7K.
- There are no significant liabilities to disclose.
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Hall Managed Activities	2,262	1,338	6,006	Repairs & Servicing	2,156	2,314	875
Corporate Hires	434	216	558	Building Maintenance	2,628	681	1,688
Donations	64	50	361	Cleaning & Supplies	2,697	1,985	3,314
Grants Received	17,303	10,000	27,500	Electricity & Gas	3,592	2,579	3,319
Other Income	1,001	704	1,805	Water and Sewage	165	184	201
				Broadband & Web Site	551	382	595
				Hall Managed Activities	741	480	2,102
				Events	-	-	-
				Insurance	1,191	1,326	1,323
				Licences	419	637	841
				Sundry Expenses	597	734	1,621
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR HALL :</b>	<b>31,651</b>	<b>24,557</b>	<b>51,233</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR HALL :</b>	<b>25,013</b>	<b>11,556</b>	<b>65,874</b>
Magazine Income	5,258.00			Magazine Payments	586.95		

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Date: *21.4.22*.....

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