

Hale Village Hall (New Forest) Registered Charity Number 1175048
Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31st 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.

Trustees as at 31st December 2024

Jacqui Hartas – Chair

Mark Nobes – Secretary and Health and Safety

Marjaana Batterbury – Hall Manager

Gary Adams – Treasurer

Sue Adams – User Group (Brownies)

Debbie Vine – Village

Gary Kyle – User Group (Parish Council)

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 31st 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.

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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 & Improvements	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
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS :	93,071	49,543	25,338	TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS :	70,505	30,212	17,953

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

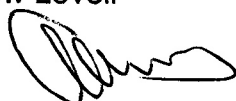
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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