

Walton (Berkswich) Village Hall

Treasurers Report for accounts year ended 31st December 2025

The income from regular group hires in **2025** was **£16,147** compared to (2024 £15,371). The three major changes are the increase in hire by GKY dance, a reduction by the Church group and a contribution from the Nursery of £500 for the repairs to Green Gore Lane. Casual booking income decreased by £472 from 2024.

The change in the Bank of England base rate interest rate has decreased the income generated from the positive bank balance held with NatWest, by £1,022 from 2024.

Total income 2025 amounted to **£24,738** (2024 £25,256), a decrease of £518.

Overall expenditure in 2025 was lower by £1,805 than in 2024.

Utility and insurance costs increased by £768, reflecting the higher energy market costs and adjustments to the price cap.

The bank balance increased by £6,693 with £3,734 coming from interest and £388 from the surplus from the other activities in 2025 and timing differences.

The use of CCTV has helped us to monitor hall usage and address instances of misuse when necessary. This has been required on a few occasions.

We continue to be one of the most actively used Village Halls in our area, with a usage rate significantly higher than most others. Our hall remains a valued and essential resource for the local community.

We concluded 2025 with a surplus of **£4,122** (2024 £2,834).

Raj Bandha

20/2/2026

Walton Village Hall Management Committee Trustees Report for 2025

Walton Village Hall continues to operate with a satisfactory level of occupancy of both the Main Hall and Bromage Room. Over 30 groups are regular users during the Autumn and Winter months while weekends are busy with functions throughout the year. The Treasurer (Raj Bandha), Bookings Manager (Darren Francis) and Secretary (Philip Burns) have performed their duties with great skill and dedication. The Hallmaster internet-based booking system has proved to be a great advance in reducing effort and enabling regular and casual users to request bookings. Three Trustees assist Darren with its operation

Maintenance of the village hall tends to be ongoing throughout the year to keep the high standards our users are used to. Our cleaner, Sarah Anne-Louise Miller from Gleam Bunnies Domestic Cleaners, performs her duties each morning from Monday to Friday inclusive. In addition to her daily cleaning tasks, Sarah also undertakes the occasional polishing of the Main Hall floor and the shampooing of the Bromage Room carpet. As a result of her efforts, the rooms and facilities in the hall are maintained to a high level of cleanliness. A local professional furniture cleaner was employed to clean all 150 textile covered chairs to great effect.

Additional financial support for the previous year's re-surfacing of part of the private lane which leads to the Walton Village Hall was secured by the Treasurer from Bright Horizons Nursery, 12 of whose staff are permitted to use the car park during term times.

A major drive was initiated during the year to take action against drivers of vehicles who use the Hall car park illegally. This is a matter in which the police will not take any action as it is viewed as a civil issue. The law bans us from any action such as wheel clamping and so notices have been posted in a similar way to that used by supermarkets which make clear that when drivers use the car park, they are agreeing to the conditions. These state that an invoice will be issued to any driver who is not using the hall for an approved activity. This has been successful in stopping most illegal car parking but invoices have been sent to one particular offender.

The Walton Village Hall website has been a great success and enables event organisers to review the facilities and make bookings. The site also contains extensive instructions on how to use the facilities, Terms and Conditions, safety instructions and fire regulations. A maintenance contract with a local software company called DACCAA, enables quick and effective resolution of any problems.

The Trustees have suffered one loss by ill health during the year but a new Trustee has been recruited to maintain the same number. The Chairman continues to undertake the role of the Facilities Manager.

Jeremy Wheeler

Chairman of the Trustees of Walton Village Hall

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Accounts for period to December 2025

		Balance Sheet				Income & Expenditure				Notes	
		2025	2024			2025	2024			2025	2024
		£	£			£	£			£	£
Assets	Change			%	Income			%	Other Income -Interest received		
Buildings, Plant etc.	4,940	6,269	-21%	Regular Group Hire income	16,147	15,371	5%	SBC Polling Station income	500	1,000	-50%
Owed by Hires	505	355	42%	Casual Group Hire income - Main Hall	2,957	3,215	-8%	Other Income - Nursery Road Repairs	500	90	456%
Prepayments	162	156	4%	Casual Group Hire income - Bromage Room	-	214	-	French Classes Janet Mitchell	280	285	-2%
Bank Current Account	4,080	6,121	-33%	Other Income -Interest received	3,734	4,756	-21%	Walton Music Circle	-	-	-
Bank Business Reserve Account	16,938	11,797	44%	Other Income Car Park Rent Bright Horizons Nursery	1,900	1,700	12%	Pilates	460	470	-2%
Bank 35 Deposit Account	150,804	147,211	2%	Total Income	24,738	25,256	-2%	Phoenix Activities Club	4,730	4,400	8%
Petty Cash - LLoyds Bank account	(0)	1	-149%					Berkswich Bridge Club	400	370	8%
Total assets	177,428	171,909	3%	Expenditure				Church Group	2,285	2,920	-22%
Liabilities								Berkswich Parish Council	260	250	4%
Suppliers to be paid H.M. paid 2x	208	524	-60%	Website PR (Literature & Brochures)	247	247	0%	Little Robin Art	915	425	115%
Nursery paid 2x	1,501	2,849	-47%	Miscellaneous Purchases	-	89	-	Berkswich WI	110	120	-8%
Music Circle Donation	455	-	-	Water Rates	585	604	-3%	Flair Academy of Dance	580	470	23%
Other Creditors - Party deposits	2,500	1,300	92%	Refuses collection Brown Bin	-	604	-	NHS	1,478	2,040	-28%
Accruals	487	-	-	Premises Insurance	1,789	1,724	4%	GKY Dance	2,739	1,160	136%
Deferred income - Hall Hire	1,340	420	219%	Electricity	1,893	1,947	-3%	Reed Wellbeing	140	220	-36%
Liabilities	6,490	5,092	27%	Gas	2,363	1,602	48%	Stafford Folk Dance Club	430	420	2%
Net Assets	170,938	166,817	2%	Leaving Gifts	24	30	-20%	Chassside Flower Club	100	100	0%
REPRESENTED BY								National Trust	120	110	9%
Opening Capital	166,816	163,983	2%	Postage and Carriage	1	4	-77%	WMMD Bird Club	-	240	-
Add : Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,122	2,834	45%	Office Equipment and Stationery	66	-	-	Janet Meltonie Art Group	120	270	-56%
	170,938	166,817	2%	Sky Internet	626	431	45%	Personal Touch Tutoring Phillip Cooper	-	11	-
				Hallmaster Booking Software	185	185	0%	Wayleave	-	-	-
				Cleaning materials	1,151	525	119%	Regular Group Hire income	10,147	15,371	5%
				Repairs and Renewals	187	429	-56%				
				Cleaning Wages	6,502	6,703	-3%				
				Window Cleaner	175	32	447%				
				Premises Expenses	279	4,133	-93%				
				Grounds Maintenance	360	590	-39%				
				Fire Extinguishers and servicing	331	144	130%				
				Electrical Repairs and Renewals	1,481	642	131%				
				Plumbing Repairs and Renewals	380	408	-7%				
				Defibrillator	173	169	2%				
				Sundry Expenses	-	-	-				
				Legal Fees	35	54	-35%				
				Audit Fees	-	-	-				
				PPL PRS Music Royalty	455	403	13%				
				Depreciation Property	432	432	0%				
				Plant/Machinery Depreciation	510	510	0%				
				Furniture/Fitting Depreciation	386	386	0%				
				Total Expenditure	20,616	22,421	-8%				
				Surplus/(Deficit)	4,122	2,834	45%				

Auditor's statement

I can confirm these accounts are produced from the bank statements and other accounting records for the relevant accounting period and explanations given to me.

Mr K Sproston MBF

Auditor

Date 18/2/2026