

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1182792

Details

Other names PRESTON VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-04-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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 PRESTON, KENT AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD ("AREA OF BENEFIT") 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: Hiring of village hall for clubs, local residents' events, local community events. Organising social community events to benefit local residents

Classification

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

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,466	£12,913	-	-
2024-03-31	£20,287	£25,366	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,647	£18,020	-	-
2022-04-01	£20,405	£11,536	-	-
2021-04-01	£7,823	£6,514	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Josephine Leicester	Chair	2024-11-07
Colin Cross		2024-11-07
Ione Cathrine Marsden		2025-12-11
Janet Jeffrie		2024-11-07
Janette Patricia Putnam		2025-12-11
Jill Matthews		2024-11-07
Karen Eva Wright		2024-11-07
Kathleen Beryl Marsden		2024-11-07
Monica Hodgetts		2024-11-07
Peter Smith		2024-11-07
Susan Marsden-Garrett		2024-11-07

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Preston Village Hall CIO
Annual Report November 2024 – November 2025

I want to start my report by thanking all of the Trustees for their support, goodwill and commitment. I would like to thank Karen Wright for her positivity and hard work as Treasurer in controlling the finances, seeking the best deals from our suppliers and in producing our audited accounts and Mandy Kemp who keeps the day to day account management so efficiently. I would like to thank Kath Marsden for her excellent management of the hall bookings and her role as key-holder, Mona Hodgetts who takes the minutes of our meetings and Colin Cross for his support as Vice Chair. I would also like to thank everyone who helps with keeping the hall functioning efficiently on a day-to-day basis.

Trustees and Management Committee

The current trustees are

Colin Cross was elected as Vice Chairman

Karen Wright has continued in the role of Treasurer.

Kath Marsden has continued to act as the keyholder and booking secretary for the hall.

Susan Marsden Garrett keeps the community informed of events through Facebook and other social media.

Mona Hodgetts currently acts as minutes secretary.

Josie Leicester

Janet Jeffrie

Peter Smith

Jan Cross

Jill Matthews

In the meeting following the last AGM, I was re-elected as Chair.

I have formally resigned as Chair, effective from after this AGM, A new Chair will be appointed at the next ordinary meeting following the AGM.

Mona Hodgetts wishes to step down as minutes secretary due to her new time-consuming role as grandmother. A new minutes secretary will be appointed at the next ordinary meeting following the AGM.

I have received no further resignations, so I propose that the current trustees continue in their roles. Can I ask for a seconder?

Election of new Trustees

Ione Marsden has expressed interest in becoming a trustee. I propose that she is duly elected. Can I ask for a seconder?.....

We would like to recruit more trustees from the wider “area of benefit” i.e. Stourmouth and the surrounding hamlets and more trustees representing users of the facilities. If anyone here today would like to become a trustee, please let us know at the end of this meeting. Please let me know of name your contact details and other information so I can register you as a trustee with the Charity Commissioners

Auditor

This year the accounts to 31 March 2025 were audited by Steve Booth at Rosemary Bookkeeping Ltd.

Aims and 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 Preston Kent and its neighbourhood ,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.

How we have achieved our objectives

Our main income comes from the hire of the hall. Residents can take part in yoga and chair yoga sessions on three different days, either morning or evening sessions are offered. Unfortunately the new Pilates class has folded. The Art Class has recently been transformed into a more social Arts & Crafts afternoon club on a Monday afternoon and uptake has been very good. We are pleased to see that Preston Tots, a weekly toddler playgroup is doing well and seems to attract parents from the parish and the wider community. The hall continues to be booked regularly by village clubs and societies. These include the Short Mat Bowls Club, the Table Tennis Club, with weekly slots. Monthly bookings are made by the Preston Parish Council, the Preston, Elmstone and Stourmouth Horticultural Society, a local band for a practice session and The Tuesday Club books occasionally. There are a pleasing number of weekend bookings for children's birthday parties.

Community Fund Raising Events

Although we have not been able to commit to large community events, we continue to raise funds to contribute towards the maintenance of the current hall and the project towards achieving a new village hall/ community centre. The monthly Big Breakfast is well supported and provides residents with an opportunity to meet up and chat. The team of Breakfast Beauties does a great job by cooking and serving the breakfasts and the event runs like a well-oiled machine. Regular events such as the Preston Christmas Craft Fair, the Spring and Autumn Walks with tea and cakes and the Bingo Evenings are popular providing useful income and are established as part of the village tradition. The Horticultural Society has taken over the running of the Annual Plant Sale.

It would be great if we could recruit volunteers, who would be prepared to organise community events or run small social activities in the hall, particularly in the afternoons. A recent suggestion has been an afternoon chess club for example.

This year saw the first Preston Summerfest event. This was an extremely successful event raising funds for various local charities. The hall was used fully at the weekend event, being transformed into a disco.

Other Fund Raising

We signed up to Dover District Council's Lotto last year. For every £1 ticket purchased on line, the hall receives 50p and a further 10p goes towards grants to deserving causes. The hall has received financial aid through this mechanism. To date we have raised £in excess of since we joined. Funds have also been awarded to some of the clubs and societies through grants from DDC.

Crystal Evans has organised a very successful Art Exhibitions in aid of charity with local artists displaying and selling their work. Crystal has donated significant sums to the Preston Village Hall from the commission raised.

Applications for smaller grants supporting community social amenities have been successful. Kent County Council awarded £1000 for a Community grant. We used the funds to provide 100 x £10 breakfast vouchers to residents. A grant from Dover District Council enabled the purchase of 3 airfryers which are available for use by people who hire the hall. We intend to follow this path in the coming year.

Maintenance

The outside drains have been regularly cleared to get rid of the puddle which appears every time it rains! Parts of the outside of the hall have been painted and smarten up the entrance. Other minor works have been undertaken but we are waiting to see what progress is made towards the new Village Hall development before committing to any significant expenditure.

The New Village Hall Project

Last year, The Preston Parish Council were in discussions which could have enabled the purchase of the Preston Garden Centre and Coppers restaurant, with a view to converting these premises as a new community centre. Unfortunately this fell through, and we are now awaiting the outcome of the 6 acres planning application, before we can plan any realistic new build plans.

Jill Matthews 11 December 2025

Preston with Elmstone Village Hall

Period From: 1st April 2024

To: 31st March 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	£
Income	
Hire Charges	8,862.77
Interest received	1,192.44
Other Income & Donations	4,784.92
Utility Refund	4,626.41
Gross Profit / -Loss	19,466.54
Expenditure	
Cleaning & Repairs	3,678.20
Equipment Purchases	1,589.19
Wages & Honorariums	420.30
Utilities	3,421.23
Insurance	1,254.84
PPL/PRS Music Licence	0.00
Legal & Professional fees	0.00
Fundraising Event Costs	2,254.63
Printing, Postage & Stationary	36.05
Telephone & internet	259.06
Total Expenditure	12,913.50
Total Profit (Loss)	6,553.04

I have prepared the above Income & Expenditure Account from the bank statements, and records provided by the treasurer.

Steve Booth
Rosemary Bookkeeping East Kent

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Annual Report March 23 – November 2024

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Trustees and Management Committee

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Janet Jeffrie

Peter Smith

Jan Cross

Jill Matthews

In the meeting following the last AGM, I was re-elected as Chair.

Following the last AGM, Diane Johnson resigned as a trustee. At this AGM, Pam Donaldson and Alwyn Pidgen have also resigned as trustees. Jan de Pledge, our cleaner for over ten years, has also handed in her resignation, effective from 22 November. I would like to propose that we acknowledge formally their support over the years.

I would like to welcome Janet Jeffrie and Peter Smith, both from Stourmouth, and Jan Cross who have since been co-opted to act as trustees.

Graham Heathfield audited our accounts for the last time in the year ending 31 March 2023. This year the accounts to 31 March 2024 were audited by Steve Booth.

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Community Fund Raising Events

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Other Fund Raising

We signed up to Dover District Council's Lotto last year. For every £1 ticket purchased on line, the hall receives 50p and a further 10p goes towards grants to deserving causes. The hall has received financial aid through this mechanism. To date we have raised £1370 since we joined. Funds have also been awarded to some of the clubs and societies through grants from DDC.

Crystal Evans has organised two very successful Art Exhibitions in aid of charity with local artists displaying and selling their work. Crystal has donated significant sums to the Preston Village Hall from the commission raised.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance has been undertaken by Ed Matthews. New LED lighting has been installed. A major leak in the old pre-school cupboard has been fixed and the flat roof recovered with rubber. The old changing room has been converted with shelving to house our stores for the monthly Big Breakfast event and the equipment for the Preston Tots group. The outside drains have been regularly cleared and Southern Water have been called out to deal with blockages to the sewer pipe. Boarding has been affixed to the stair case to the stage to prevent toddlers exploring the stage unsupervised and one of the doors entering the hall following accidental damage by FOPS. Other minor works have been undertaken but we are waiting to see what progress is made towards the new Village Hall development before committing to any significant expenditure.

The New Village Hall Project

The original planned development has been shelved. The Preston Parish Council are in discussions which may enable the purchase of the Preston Garden Centre and Coppers restaurant, with a view to converting these premises as a new community centre. As yet, the outcome is unknown. Applications for smaller grants supporting community social amenities may be successful and we intend to follow this path in the coming year.

We would like to recruit more trustees from the wider "area of benefit" i.e. Stourmouth and the surrounding hamlets and more trustees representing users of the facilities. Other residents of Preston and Elmstone, who would like to become a trustee should contact Mona in the first instance.

Jill Matthews 7 November 2024

Preston with Elmstone Village Hall

Period From: 1st April 2023
To: 31st March 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

£

Income

Hire Charges	7,801.44
Interest received	1,202.68
Other Income & Donations	10,133.39
Stourmouth Donation	1,149.45
Total Income	20,286.96

Expenditure

Cleaning & Repairs	6,677.33
Wages & Honorariums	416.57
Utilities	10,117.93
Insurance	1,139.71
PPL/PRS Music Licence	187.34
Legal & Professional fees	1,431.18
Fundraising Event Costs	4,916.90
Printing, Postage & Stationary	133.22
Telephone & internet	346.19
Total Expenditure	25,366.37

Total Surplus (Deficit) **-5,079.41**

Closing Bank Balances 31st March 2024

PVH Treasurers Account	2,555.33
PVH Renovation Account	67,107.52
PVH Recreation Account	609.83
PVH Benefactors Account	40,133.30

Total bank Balances C/fwd **110,405.98**

Cash in Hand c/fwd **50.00**

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Steve Booth

Rosemary Bookkeeping East Kent

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PRESTON WITH ELMSTONE VILLAGE HALL
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Village Hall Fund

	£	
Balance B/F - Lloyds	50516.92	
Cash in Hand B/F	27.04	
Interest Received	75.03	
Hire Charges	8652.00	
Stourmouth Donation	484.40	
Other Income & Donations	10511.25	
	<u>70266.64</u>	

	£
Cleaning & Repair Costs	1540.51
Wages and Honorariums	3300.00
Water and Light & F Heat	5568.08
Insurance	1037.80
PPL/PRS Music Licence	355.52
Legal Fees re Planning	750.00
Fundraising Event and other Sundry Expenses	5268.25
Trf to Renovation Fund	4832.00
Bank Balances C/F	47564.48
Cash in Hand C/F	50.00
	<u>70266.64</u>

Renovation Fund

Balance B/F - Lloyds	61446.31
Interest Received	122.14
Trf from Village Hall Fund	4832.00
	<u>66400.45</u>

Balance C/F	66400.45
	<u>66400.45</u>

Recreation Fund

Balance B/F - Lloyds	602.25
Interest Received	1.16
	<u>603.41</u>


Balance C/F	603.41
	<u>603.41</u>


SUMMARY

Total Balances B/F	112592.52
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	2025.82
	<u>114618.34</u>

Total Bank Balances C/F	114568.34
Cash in Hand C/F	50.00
	<u>114618.34</u>

I have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account and certify that it is in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer and explanations granted to me.


 G M Heathfield - Elgars
 Honorary Auditor


 K Wright
 Honorary Treasurer

5th September 2023

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

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Preston Village Hall CIO Annual Report November 2021 - March 2023

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Trustees and Management Committee

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Colin Cross was elected as Vice Chairman

Karen Wright has continued in the role of Treasurer.

Kath Marsden has continued to act as the keyholder and booking secretary for the hall.

Diane Johnson and **Pam Donaldson** continued to serve as trustees; they are the longest serving members of the Committee and have a wealth of experience on which we continue to draw.

Alwyn Pigeon

Susan Marsden Garrett keeps the community informed of events through Facebook and other social media.

Mona Hodgetts acts as secretary.

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afternoon and uptake has been very good. Unfortunately, the Tai Chi and Zumba classes did not restart following the pandemic closure. We were pleased to see that a new weekly toddler playgroup has started and seems to be attracting parents from the parish and the wider community. The hall is booked on most evenings by village clubs and societies. These include the Short Mat Bowls Club, the Table Tennis Club, with weekly slots, and dog training classes and a children's football club run weekly during the summer months. A local band practises in the hall regularly. Monthly bookings are by the Preston Parish Council, the Preston, Elmstone and Stourmouth Horticultural Society and The Tuesday Club books occasionally. The Cricket Club uses the facilities when there are home matches. The Remote-controlled Car Club continues to meet on alternate Sundays. There are a pleasing number of weekend bookings for children's birthday parties.

Community Fund Raising Events

We continue to raise funds to contribute towards the development of the new Village Hall. The monthly Big Breakfast is well supported and provides residents with an opportunity to meet up and chat. The team of Breakfast Beauties does a great job by cooking and serving the breakfasts and run like a well-oiled machine. Regular events such as the Preston Christmas Craft Fair, the Annual Plant Sale, the Spring and Autumn Walks with tea and cakes and the Bingo Evenings are popular providing useful income and are established as part of the village tradition.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee weekend by inviting residents to have a picnic on the Recreation Ground. This was also an opportunity to take a village photograph which is displayed in the hall. A Village Hog Roast is planned for the Bank Holiday following the Coronation of King Charles.

Over the time covered by this report, we have organised several larger scale events which have each raised in excess of £1000. These include the September Hog Roast, The Race Night and more recently, the Live Music with a curry supper event. These events have been well attended. My thanks go to the volunteers who work so hard to make them so successful.

Other Fund Raising

We signed up to Dover District Council's Lotto last year. For every £1 ticket purchased on line, the hall receives 50p and a further 10p goes towards grants to deserving causes. The hall has received financial aid through this mechanism.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance has been undertaken by Ed Matthews. A new UPVC window was fitted to replace a rotted out wooden frame. Other minor works have been undertaken but we are waiting to see what progress is made towards the new Village Hall development before committing to any significant expenditure.

The New Village Hall Project

At present, the project has been mothballed. As stated in last year's report, we are looking for circa £2,000,000 to complete the development. The Preston Parish Council are in discussions which may raise sufficient funds to undertake the project. As yet, the outcome is unknown. Applications for smaller grants supporting community social amenities may be successful and we intend to follow this path in the coming year.

We would like to recruit more trustees from the wider "area of benefit" i.e. Stourmouth and the surrounding hamlets and more trustees representing users of the facilities. Other residents of Preston and Elmstone, who would like to become a trustee should contact Mona in the first instance.

Jill Matthews 16 March 2023

**PRESTON WITH ELMSTONE VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

Village Hall Fund

	£
Bank Balance B/F - Lloyds	57849.42
Cash in Hand B/F	27.04
Interest Received	3.89
Hire charges	6951.66
DDC Grant Income	10667.00
Stourmouth Donation	471.76
Other income & Donations	2786.54
Trf from Recreation Fund	85.00
	<u>78842.31</u>

	£
Cleaning & Repair Costs	2141.80
Wages and Honorarium	2362.40
Water, Light, Heat	3247.92
Insurance	986.54
PPL/PRS Music Licence	134.11
Fundraising Event and Other	
Sundry Expenses	2663.08
Trf to Recreation Fund	175.00
Trf to Renovation Fund	16587.50
Balances C/F - Lloyds	50516.92
Cash in Hand Balance	27.04
	<u>78842.31</u>

Renovation Fund

Balance B/F - Lloyds	45304.15
Interest Received	5.17
Trf From Village Hall Fund	16587.50
	<u>61896.82</u>

Sundry Expenses	28.26
Trf to Recreation Fund	422.25
Balance C/F - Lloyds	61446.31
	<u>61896.82</u>

Recreation Fund

Balance B/F - Lloyds	90.00
Trf from Village Hall Fund	175.00
Trf from Renovation Fund	422.25
	<u>687.25</u>

Trf to Village Hall Fund	85.00
Balance C/F - Lloyds	602.25
	<u>687.25</u>

SUMMARY

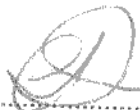
Total Balances B/F	103270.61
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	9321.91
	<u>112592.52</u>

Total Bank Balances C/F	112565.48
Cash in Hand C/F	27.04
	<u>112592.52</u>

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G M Heathfield - Elgars

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Elgars
Honorary Auditor



K Wright
Honorary Treasurer

30th September 2022

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Preston Village Hall CIO

Annual Report April 2020 – October 2021

Objects

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Preston Village Hall CIO was set up in April 2019 as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The aims and objects of the new organisation continue as before but the purpose has been to limit the financial liability of the trustees. This was important to achieve if the charity is to proceed with its plans to build a new village hall to meet the needs of our community. The current hall is no longer fit for purpose, and the facilities it provides do not meet the basic legislated requirements for basic health and safety and access for all. Title to the land and building has been transferred to the CIO.

Trustees and Management Committee

Jill Matthews was re-elected as Chairman of the Trustees.

Trevor Allison was elected as Vice-Chairman. Trevor has since left the village in December 2020 and resigned from his role.

Karen Wright has continued in the role of Treasurer.

Kath Marsden has continued to act as the keyholder and booking secretary for the hall.

Diane Johnson and **Pam Donaldson** continue to serve as trustees; they are the longest serving members of the Committee and have a wealth of experience on which we continue to draw.

Colin Cross and **Alwyn Pigeon** joined the committee as trustees in the previous year.

Susan Marsden Garrett was co-opted onto the Committee in December and replaces Trevor.

Mona Hodgetts acts as secretary. **Jen Cross** helps us with management of the website.

Air Marshal Christopher Nickols CB CBE DL agreed to become the Patron to the Preston Village Hall CIO last year.

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How we have achieved our objectives

This has been a difficult year for the charity to meet its objectives. The hall was closed effectively from the end of March 2020 until June 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Special signage was purchased relating to social distancing, wearing masks, COVID hygiene etc and displayed. Hand sanitisers were purchased and installed by doors. The upholstered chairs were put away and the plastic chairs are now used. The curtains were removed from the pavilion windows and have been cleaned. A one way system has been introduced so the main entrance is now through the pavilion door and the exit is via the toilets and lobby. A battery -operated fogger was purchased, but this has not been very successful as the nozzle blocks very easily.

ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) has produced guidance on how to make village halls as safe as possible. Additional conditions of hire have been drawn up and are given to hirers. As the restrictions started to lift in the summer of 2020, the trustees hoped to be able to reopen the hall in September 2020. It was agreed to suggest a maximum of 20 people at any time and to monitor the situation closely. However, the Trustees reconsidered the opening for health and safety reasons and the hall was then closed until May 2021. The charity followed the Government's Roadmap out of COVID 19 Lockdown with first the controlled exercise classes returning.

Hire of the Hall

Since the re-opening of the hall, bookings for using the hall's facilities have increased and the hall is used every weekday for at least one activity and weekends are often booked for children's parties and other social events. Regular commercial users include several yoga classes, a tai chi class, a children's dance lesson and a fortnightly model racing car club from outside the village. Village Clubs and Societies include bookings by the indoor short mat bowls club is back to one night a week; there are currently no league matches,. The table tennis club meets every every Friday. Monthly meetings are held by the Parish Council, the WI, and the Gardeners' Club.

Social fund-raising events for the hall have included a successful Bingo evening with a bangers and beans supper, the monthly Saturday coffee morning has been reconfigured as a BIG Breakfast and is proving to be very popular and provides a welcome opportunity for villagers to meet and chat in a convivial atmosphere. The annual plant sale was successful.

This year we are holding the Christmas Fair on a Friday afternoon and early evening to try an attract more custom and to create a traditional community atmosphere. We hope to hold outdoor stalls and games to attract a wider audience. Indoors will be a variety of craft stalls. So far there has been quite a lot of interest, particularly for the indoor stalls. Stall holders will also be asked to donate a raffle prize.

Hire of the Recreation Ground.

The recreation ground is managed by the village hall on behalf of the Parish Council. There is a contractual arrangement between the Parish Council and KCC relating to the mowing. More recently, the Parish Council have taken over the payment of invoices from the contractors, who manage the maintenance of the field. Payments received which relate to the hire of the pitches, will be passed to the Parish Council to contribute towards the maintenance of the field.

The Trustees agreed that, while the clubs were establishing themselves, an initial flat fee for hiring the ground of £30 per match would be charged. The toilets and hall facilities would be charged at the normal hourly rate. These charges would be reviewed regularly.

The Preston & Elmstone Cricket Club was re-established over the summer of 2020. With financial support from the parish council, the wicket has been reseeded and is regularly maintained to a high standard by G& W Groundcare and by the volunteer greenkeeper, Dave Putnam. Metered water is provided through the village hall. Preston Village Hall have enabled the cricket club to keep some of their equipment in the shed at the back of the hall in the enclosed former pre-school area. Some large equipment is stored on the field (the roller and two sight screens.). The cricket club were able to host 2 home matches in the 2021 season. Their other matches were cancelled due to bad weather. They are also hiring the hall so that they can provide toilet facilities and catering services for spectators.

The Half Moon and Seven Stars sponsors a football team who were interested in hiring the football pitch for their home games. The parish council funded the replacement of the goals with new rounded frames and with new nets. The football club has held (?) home games.

Another Junior Football Club started to use the ground in April 2021. This operates like an after-school club and brings its own equipment.

HMRC

We have registered with HMRC as a charity eligible for “Gift Aid”. This will enable us to benefit from a further 25%, equivalent to the basic rate of tax, on any donations from donors who pay income tax. We must ensure that all donors are aware of this and ask them to complete a standard form of authorisation.

Grants

Government grants relating to loss of income due to COVID Lockdown and Re-opening of the hall were applied for and received via Dover District Council.

A grant of £354.46 was received from Dover District Council this year to purchase an industrial dishwasher (total cost £1241) which has proved to be a great time saver at the catering events.

The projector and screen purchased last year has proved to be useful for visiting speakers and the embryo film club was beginning to prove popular before lockdown.

Donations

In July, Ellie Matthews raised over £3000 for the charity by taking part and completing a Cross Channel Swim in a team of 5 swimmers.

In October 2020, we received a substantial donation of £38,513.82 from The Oak Foundation which has been ring-fenced in a Benefactors’ Account earning a small amount of interest.

Fund raising

We signed up to Dover District Council’s Lotto in October. For every £1 purchased, the hall will receive 50p and a further 10p will go to a deserving cause. The flyer has been circulated throughout the Grange via Whatsapp and an announcement has been posted onto the Village Society’s Facebook page. In the first month (three weeks to be precise), there have been 3 x 3rd prize winners and a receipt of £24 to the charity.

Maintenance

Heavy rain continues to cause problems within the hall, particularly where the pavilion joins onto the main building. The principle leaks have been sorted by renewing the guttering along the roofline but there are still some issues. The ongoing problem with the car-park puddle (or perhaps better described as a lake) continues to occur with heavy rain, but eventually drains over time. Ed and Charles regularly clear out the pipes with the rods.

The external lights have been replaced with more modern PIR lamps and these are proving effective. The security system around the hall has been updated with new cameras. Motion only sensors record movement around the hall which is stored for approximately a month.

The New Village Hall Project

At the moment, the project has been put on hold. Since Brexit and partially due to the COVID pandemic, the cost of materials has risen significantly. A recent quantity surveyor estimates puts the building costs in the region of £1,452,000 for the proposed Phase 1 (484m²), a further £516,000 for the changing rooms (as Phase 2). Phase 1 and the ground works for Phase 2 done together are estimated at £1,529,000. These figures do not include professional fees or works to the car park. Effectively, we are looking for £2,000,000. It is unlikely in the current climate that the Big Lottery will support substantial capital projects. Applications for several smaller grants supporting community social amenities may be more successful and we intend to follow this path in the coming year.

Jill Matthews 13 October 2021

**PRESTON WITH ELMSTONE VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

<u>Village Hall Fund</u>	£		£
Balance B/F - Lloyds	4438.94	Cleaning & Repair Costs	1428.56
Cash in Hand B/F	27.04	Wages and Honorariums	748.00
Interest Received	1.52	Water and Light & Heat	1967.29
Hire Charges	601.83	Insurance	888.18
DDC Grant Income	21148.18	Security Camera Costs	320.00
Oak Foundation Donation	38500.00	New Dishwasher	1241.70
Other Income & Donations	2877.75	Fundraising Event and Other	
		Sundry Expenses	196.00
		Trf to Renovation Fund	2839.08
		Trf to Recreation Fund	89.99
		Balance C/F – Lloyds	*57849.42
		Cash in Hand C/F	27.04
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	<u>67595.26</u>		<u>67595.26</u>

<u>Renovation Fund</u>			
Balance B/F – Lloyds	42013.98	Website Renewal Fee	19.34
Interest Received	11.08	Balance C/F – Lloyds	45304.15
Stourmouth Donation	459.35		
Trf from Village Hall Fund	2839.08		
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	<u>45323.49</u>		<u>45323.49</u>

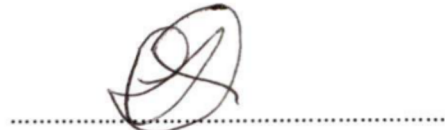
<u>Recreation Fund</u>			
Balance B/F – Lloyds	.01	Balance C/F – Lloyds	90.00
Trf from Village Hall Fund	89.99		
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	<u>90.00</u>		<u>90.00</u>

<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Total Balances B/F	46479.97	Total Bank Balances C/F	103243.57
Excess of Income over		Cash in Hand C/F	27.04
Expenditure for the Year	56790.64		
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	<u>103270.61</u>		<u>103270.61</u>

I have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account and certify that it is in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer and explanations granted to me.


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G M Heathfield - Elgars
Honorary Auditor


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K Wright
Honorary Treasurer

25th June 2021

*Included in the Village Hall Fund account is a ring-fenced amount of £432.01 held on behalf of the Cricket Club