



Haworth Village Hall Ltd  
**Report 2024-2025**

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**Trustees Report 2024-2025**

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Haworth Village Hall Ltd Registered Charity  
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Butt Lane, Haworth, BD22 8QJ

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**Directors & Trustees:**

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Financial Position - Balance Sheet 2024 - 2025

Haworth Village Hall  
As of March 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Called up share capital not paid	
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Bar Equipment	818.28
Fixtures and Fittings Cost	1,535.94
<b>Total for Tangible assets</b>	<b>£2,354.22</b>
Non-current Assets	
<b>Total for Fixed Asset</b>	<b>£2,354.22</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	
Business Bank Account	1,980.65
Petty Cash	54.05
Savings	61,511.21
<b>Total for Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£63,545.91</b>
Debtors	
Current Assets	
Uncategorised Asset	56.98
Undeposited Funds	2,000.00
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>£2,056.98</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£65,602.89</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Credit Cards	
Current Liabilities	
Corporation Tax Liability	-1,274.62
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-£1,274.62</b>
<b>Total for Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>-£1,274.62</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£66,877.51</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£69,231.73</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	
Provision for liabilities and charges	
Accruals and deferred income	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£69,231.73</b>
Capital and Reserves	
Called up share capital	
Retained Earnings	4,788.28
Net Income	59,026.88
Opening Balance Equity	5,416.57
<b>Total for Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>£69,231.73</b>





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