

HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE HALL CIO. CHARITY No. 1183214
Trustees Annual Report to the Charity Commission – 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Principal Activities.

- Building on previous years and following the values set out in our new mission statement, the trustees have driven many successful improvements over the last year. As a result the Village Hall continues to strengthen and flourish.
- Bookings continue to trend inline with previous years and the online booking system is now well-established with 1250 website hits this financial year.
- A full Health & Safety and Risk assessment review was conducted for existing policies and procedures. Any gaps identified where policies or procedures were remediated.
- This last year the committee have sought to improve the carpark which was achieved by applying lined parking spaces and the removal of hedging which created the addition of two extra spaces.
- The committee continues to listen to the feedback of the hirers and as such we improved the external lighting around the property with hard wired PIR lighting. This improves the hirers experience, the halls security but more importantly in the event of an evacuation in the dark the lighting will automatically illuminate.
- Inline with our policy we provided free bookings to three organised charitable events.
- Making full use of the halls equipment the committee has introduced a monthly cinema night with licensed screenings of recent films. The community has embraced these evenings with an average of 40 people in attendance. A small entrance fee of £3pp is collected to cover the cost of the licence with no goal to profit from the evening other than to drive a collective community spirit.
- InPost lockers were installed to the side of the property providing a vital postal service to the local community and provides the Village Hall with a regular income of £1200 per annum.
- External improvements have been made with the purchase of a picnic bench, also an external electrical power source has been fitted allowing Vendors to connect.
- The Treasurer successfully applied for a grant of £7500 towards Solar Panel and battery installation with work commencing in 2025 to drive a green and sustainable future.
- Our committee strives to reduce the halls carbon footprint having installed a remotely operated Nest heating system which has seen the Gas consumption reduce significantly.
- A regular problem of taps being left on was addressed by replacing all taps within the property with self-stopping taps therefore reducing the water wastage and reducing the risk of flooding.
- We installed a grid system of Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors all connected by Bluetooth.
- Two quiz nights were organised and held by the committee which saw £800 raised with 50% each to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Nightingale house. The second quiz raised £582 for village hall improvements.

Governance/Trustees

- Mike Neilson, Peter Lewis, Mel Allport and Dorothy Hill all decided that it was the right time for them to resign from the committee having put decades of service into the stewardship of the village hall. All left knowing the foundations they left were strong for the next generation of Trustees to build upon. Incoming trustees include Sarah Gibbons and Nicola Smith.

Financial.

The Financial Statement is attached showing a healthy profit of £2084.04 and a deposit account totalling £30500.

The Finance sub-committee continues to make and implement faster decisions maintaining rentals at affordable levels.

In summary.

The CIO continues to fulfill its obligations, within the governmental document, by the provision of the Hall for the use of the residents of Higher Kinnerton and surrounding districts. All Trustees are aware of the activities taking place at the Hall, in relation to the benefits provided to the public and are guided by advice on this provided by the Charity Commission.

Signed:-



P. Elson (Chairman)

Date:-

HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
BOOKINGS	17364.5	ELECTRICITY Zone 2	480
		GAS	2416.79
DONATIONS	805	BROADBAND	988.8
quiz night		BOOKING SYSTEM	120
GRANTS*	9500	CLEANING SERVICES	2838
		CONSUMABLES	1780
INTEREST	278.69	ELECTRICITY Zone 1	1836.4
from saving acc		CINEMA	1375.92
CINEMA	1292	FIRE CHECKS / ALARMS	398.15
		INSURANCE	1204.41
	29240.19	LEGAL SERVICES	75
		T.V.LICENCE	169.5
		WASTE SERVICES	647.4
*Grants from		WATER	509
HKCC	2000	WINDOW CLEANER	264
Welsh Gov	7500	RATES	450
		DONATIONS*	800
		GROUND MAINTENANCE	696.58
		HEATING SERVICES	3538.4
		LIGHTING	1211
		SOLAR PROJECT (deposit)	5356.8
IN	29240.19		27156.15
OUT	27156.15	*Donations to	
		Hospice of the Good Shepherd	400
BALANCE	2084.04	Nightingale House	400

HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE HALL SAVINGS ACCOUNT 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

BALANCE 30500

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BALANCE 27762.47

Signed Trustee 1
TreasurerSigned Trustee 2
Internal Check

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Higher Kinnerton Village Hall

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 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 should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Andrew Hopwood

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5 Hunters Croft, Higher Kinnerton, Chester, CH4 9PD

Date: 24/1/26

Higher Kinnerton Village Hall

Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Higher Kinnerton Village Hall
Charity Registration Number	1183214
Company Number (CIO)	CE017363
Principal Address	Village Hall, Bennetts Lane, Higher Kinnerton, CH4 9AR
Charity Trustees	Jason Francis Mortimer Paul Elson Nicola Smith Leona Walker Sarah Gibbons Joshua Anthony Swash Dillon O'Brien Derek Andrew Liddle Michael John Collins Gareth Jones David Michael Williams MBE

Objectives and Activities

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Higher Kinnerton and surrounding districts without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

- Meetings, lectures and classes, and:
- Other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, the above activities furthering the charity's purpose in this area.

Achievements and Performance

The charity runs a community facility in the centre of Higher Kinnerton. It is open for hire to the general public throughout the area.

The hall has regular all year-round bookings including Line Dancing, Toddler Groups, Yoga & Zumba Classes & Taekwon-Do Class. We also hold the local bowls league in the hall and a walking group.

The hall is well used for parties, disco's & fundraising events such as quizzes and cinema club.

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Financial Review

Reserves

Reserves are held in a bank current account and bank deposit account. Reserves must, as a minimum, cover wind up costs. The remainder is held for the costs of maintenance of the hall.

Review of Financial Position

The principal source of funding is rental income from hiring out the hall and the car park.

During the year maintenance work has continued where necessary, the main expense in the prior year being the replacement of the boiler and solar panels installation.

The charity has a good level of reserves at the year end and they have been increased in the year due to the surplus income from bookings.

Structure, Governance and Management

The CIO – Foundation was registered on 1 May 2019.

Overall management of the charity is provided by a committee of elected Trustees.

Approved on behalf of the board of Trustees by



Jason Francis Mortimer

Date: 24/1/26

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CURRENT BALANCE	194			
SAVINGS BALANCE	30500	30694		
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CURRENT BALANCE	1648			
SAVINGS BALANCE	27762	29410		

Signed Trustee 1
Treasurer

Signed Trustee 2
Internal Check