

ASTON-BY-STONE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' REPORT

Charity No: 1183768

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2025

Reserves Policy

2025 will see an increase in reserves to £31,973.86. Reserves are required to meet the normal running costs of the Village Hall for one year (approximately £15,000) as well as any unexpected maintenance costs. In addition reserves will be used to fund future improvements to facilities.

Hire Fees

Hire fee's for 25/26 will remain at £14 for regular hirers and £20 for casual hirers with a minimum 3 hour hire requirement for casual hires.

Profit & Loss Accounts

Thank you to Jenny Johnston (AVH Treasurer and Trustee) for preparing and presenting our profit & loss accounts.

Independent Examiner

Thank you to Neil Owen for examination and preparation of a report on the accounts.

Report from the Chair (ES)

Aston-by-Stone Village Hall has had a great year!

We have established a stable committee of volunteers who have a comprehensive understanding of our hall's unique operational circumstances. Focussing on establishing systems, really familiarising ourselves with what needs to be done when offering a public space for hire and actively maintaining our Village Hall has allowed us to streamline our committee activity. We are grateful to Jennifer who has joined us as a Charity Secretary. It really is a team effort, together we have successfully kept our hall running and well maintained for another year.

The majority of our funds to maintain the hall come directly from hiring to groups, organisations and people hosting family celebrations. Our hall is busy, we have many regular hirers, it is not unusual to have 5 groups use the hall in one day and generally the hall will be in use for almost every day of any month. We have a range of activities offered and it's really great that our hall is such a well-used community space. Our finances are stable and we have sufficient money in our reserve to cover emergencies, actively maintain and keep our hall to a high standard.

We've held a couple of coffee morning fundraising events this year with one celebrating Village Halls Week and all the work that volunteers do. Our village hall community came together with local residents to enjoy coffee and cake. Before Christmas we held a successful wreath making workshop. On the occasions when we put on events, they raise valuable funds and they are really enjoyable! 😊

This year has been our best yet for representation from groups. From attending committee meetings, supporting casual hirer check in and outs, putting out the bins and contributing to fundraising, our regular user groups are actively contributing to our Village Hall community.

A successful National Lottery community fund bid has provided £15,950.00 to improve our courtyard area. This bid has enabled us to replace uneven paving slabs with a level tarmac surface, to install a secure perimeter fence and fit an access gate between the courtyard and the rear car park. Also included were funds to incorporate raised beds and planting, along with some new seating to make the area a pleasant and useable space. We will need to consider how the courtyard might be used and made accessible to hirers, we will re-visit our hiring agreement so that expectations about its use are clear and think carefully about how groups might be involved in taking care of the area in the longer term. This will be our 2025 priority and we will plan a grand opening of the Aston Village Hall Courtyard area when the area is looking its best.

I'd like to thank the committee for all their commitment and hard work, they really do go above and beyond to keep our hall open and running smoothly. We also have a small and committed group of people who actively support running the hall by facilitating casual check ins, supporting events and helping us to maintain our fabulous building. Our defibrillator guardians do monthly checks and make sure the defibrillator is in good working order, a kind donation has provided us with a piano for users to play and enjoy. We have a team of people actively contributing, doing their bit to look after our Village Hall and their efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you all!

Emma Snowden, Chair of AVH Management Committee and Trustee

24th March 2025

CLIENT	Commercial / Non-Commercial	Yr End 2025		Yr End 2024		Yr End 2023	
		Paid Out	Receipts	Paid Out	Receipts	Paid Out	Receipts
Art Group	Non-Commercial		£ 1,446.00		£ 1,263.00		£ 1,260.00
Bowling	Non-Commercial		£ 1,018.00		£ 992.00		£ 936.00
Aston Scout Group	Non-Commercial		£ 2,307.25		£ 2,137.00		£ 2,306.00
Brownies	Non-Commercial		£ 772.00		£ 710.00		£ 612.00
Toddlers	Commercial		£ 962.00		£ 890.00		£ 1,080.00
Guides	Non-Commercial		£ 604.50		£ 592.50		£ 486.00
Rainbows	Non-Commercial		£ 468.00		£ 421.00		£ 518.00
Yoga - Lara	Commercial		£ 935.00		£ 1,013.00		£ 1,004.00
USA - Shakespeare	Non-Commercial		£ 1,120.00		£ 990.00		£ 1,872.00
USA - Canasta	Non-Commercial		£ 1,122.00		£ 1,016.00		
Velocettes	Non-Commercial		£ 1,130.00		£ 904.00		£ 944.00
WI Group	Non-Commercial		£ 525.50		£ 459.00		£ 450.00
Tai Chi	Commercial		£ 561.00		£ 531.00		£ 540.00
Table Tennis	Non-Commercial		£ 463.00		£ 433.00		£ 408.00
Exercise	Non-Commercial		£ 939.00		£ 1,099.00		
Recorders	Non-Commercial		£ 159.80		£ 165.00		£ 954.00
Chanteuse	Non-Commercial		£ 944.00		£ 230.50		£ 54.00
Jane Austen	Non-Commercial		£ 218.00		£ 195.50		£ 72.00
Sing & Sign - Sarah	Commercial		£ -		£ 231.00		£ 627.00
Tiny Toes Ballet	Commercial		£ -		£ -		£ 276.00
Yoga - Donna	Commercial		£ 126.00		£ 270.00		
Sing & Sign - Ruth	Commercial		£ 331.50		£ 58.50		
Pilates - Aby	Commercial		£ 532.00		£ 13.00		
St Saviours Church	Non-Commercial		£ 63.00		£ 97.50		
Hall Hire	Non-Commercial		£ 5,963.50		£ 5,150.25		£ 3,469.00
Rebates			£ -		£ 2.75		
Casual Hirer Deposits**			£ 6,400.00		£ 5,191.00		£ 3,238.00
INCOME			£ 22,111.05		£ 18,758.50		£ 17,868.00
Donations*			£ -		£ 241.80		£ 606.37
Fundraising			£ 754.00				
Grants			£ 15,950.00		£ 500.00		£ 3,200.00
Elections Hire			£ 608.00		£ 288.00		
Miscellaneous**			£ 429.71		£ 556.54		
TOTAL INCOME			£ 39,852.76		£ 20,344.84		£ 21,674.37
Expenses							
Water		£ 589.02		£ 152.54		£ 121.39	
Gas		£ 2,546.69		£ 1,863.45		£ 1,773.01	
Electric		£ 1,502.00		£ 1,610.00		£ 1,184.00	
Insurance		£ 911.22		£ 853.71		£ 825.14	
Solicitors Fees		£ -		£ -		£ 1,002.40	
Admin/Office Supplies/Post				£ 55.27		£ 129.47	
Hallbooking.com Fee		£ 120.00		£ 120.00		£ 120.00	
Licences (PPL & PRS)		£ 457.06		£ 351.34		£ 271.20	
Maintenance / Equipment		£ 4,887.56		£ 7,355.20		£ 6,118.04	
Cleaning		£ 3,439.48		£ 3,080.75		£ 3,568.21	
Lottery Bid Spend		£ 17,820.00		£ 558.30			
Other Professional Services		£ 307.39					
Misc		£ 666.62		£ 484.94		£ 220.91	
Casual Deposits Refunded ***		£ 5,979.50		£ 5,282.00		£ 2,937.00	
Transfer into Savings (HEBS)		£ -		£ 20,485.79			
TOTAL EXPENSES		£ 33,247.04		£ 16,485.50		£ 15,333.77	
LOSS/PROFIT		£ 6,605.72		£ 3,859.34		£ 6,340.60	

CCLA Charity Account			£ -	£ 477.88
Hanley Building Society		£ 31,973.86	£ 31,041.76	£ 10,157.00
Closing Bank Balance	Natwest		£ -	£ 17,492.17
	Lloyds	£ 14,337.56	£ 7,311.34	£ 6,598.38

Note

* Donations: General - (from village coffee mornings/afternoon tea)

** Miscellaneous - Closure of the CCLA Accounts (£485.79) & Closure of the Natwest Accounts (£70.75)

*** Deposits: From casual hirers are damage deposits that are refunded to the hirer following their hire period and satisfactory return of the hall
Therefore not included in the overall income and expenditure



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Aston-by-Stone Village Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31/01/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1183768

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or

* the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/08/2025

Name:

Neil Owen

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.