

SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1184016

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-20

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR:(A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES; AND(B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION,WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: To provide and maintain a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Soberton, Hampshire and the surrounding area without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:(a) meetings, lectures and classes; and (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation,with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£18,188	£29,628	-	-
2024-12-31	£20,415	£20,149	-	-
2023-12-31	£15,538	£16,227	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,709	£12,889	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,054	£11,999	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,246	£17,095	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER MARTIN WOODACRE	Chair	2019-01-08
Adrian Hunt		2025-01-13
Ben James Bracken		2019-06-25
Christopher Mortimer		2019-06-25
Miriam Jane Salmon		2019-06-25
Rachel Claire Williams		2019-06-25
Robert John Stranks		2019-05-15
Susan Houlding		2019-05-15

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Chairman's Report Mar 2026

There have been a number of upgrades to the Hall. The WiFi router was upgraded to improve access across the Hall rooms. A Projector screen has been added to the Blakes room to facilitate Business and Group use.

The Hall flat roofs have been upgraded with waterproof membranes with a commercial guarantee and meets our Insurance Company conditions. This has been very expensive and was funded from our Reserves.

We still have high electricity costs, and to run the Hall as environmentally friendly and economically as possible, we have now progressed three quotes for Solar panels helped by advisers recommended by Suzanne White, the local Green Party councillor. This has finally resulted in a Solar Grant application to South Downs National Park with expert help on the details from the Parish Council Chairman. We await news.

We have regular hirers providing opportunities to the village including - Bridge, Pilates for recovering patients, Soberton Players twice yearly productions, Table Tennis, Pilates exercise, Folk Association of South Hants and a newly introduced Faith group.

On top of this we provide excellent facilities for Village weddings, Wakes and Parties for all ages. This last year alone included around twenty parties.

Thanks to all those who use the Hall and we're always open to new hirers. If you have any thoughts on hiring the Hall or how facilities could be improved to the benefit of the village please talk to any of the trustees.

We continue to operate as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which provides a legal and financial protection to the trustees. A reminder that the Village Hall trustees are all unpaid and I thank them all for helping to run the Hall in such a professional manner – Sue, Bob, Rachael, Chris, Ben and new trustee Adrian.

Our purpose is to provide an asset for village life and we feel that has continued but we're always interested in anyone wishing to join our team as a Trustee. Please contact any of the trustees to explore membership.

Pete Woodacre - SVH Chairman

Further information is available on our website: www.sobertonvillagehall.co.uk

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Financial Statement For Year Ending 31st December 2025

Year Ending December 2024		Year Ending December 2025
	Hall Revenue Account	
£16,203.00	Hiring Receipts	£14,656.60
£4,212.30	Other Income	£3,531.68
£20,415.30	TOTAL INCOME	£18,188.28
	Expenditure	
£20,149.16	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£29,628.30
£266.14	Surplus\Deficit for Year	-£11,440.02
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£47,266.15	SV Current Account	£34,804.50
£25,852.33	Lloyds High Interest Account	£26,783.01
£64.00	Cash in Hand	£154.77
<u>£73,182.48</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£61,742.28</u>

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SOBERTON VILLAGE HALL – LOOKING FORWARD

Last year was a very positive year for the Hall, becoming busier as the year progressed.

For those that may be new to Soberton and Newtown, Soberton Village Hall is run as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the objective that the hall is there for ‘the benefit of the village’. This means that it is available for local clubs, private events and for organisations that provide enjoyment/ education for the community.

Over the past year the Table Tennis Group, Bridge Club, Soberton Players, and pilates groups have successfully used the hall on a weekly basis. We have also had many hirers taking advantage of our facilities for weddings, parties, school events, social events, dance and music practice and lately, young children’s parties.

We have sadly lost the dance school, which closed at the end of last year. This has resulted in availability on a Tuesday (all day) for a new, regular booking. This is also a loss for the village as there are so few local activities for young people.

The CIO defines the objectives and structure of the Hall and provides legal and financial protection for the small committee of Trustees that manage the hall.

During the last year the committee has invested in a large drop-down fixed screen and projector for the use of hirers. Lighting has been improved in the main hall and the entrance has been decorated. We are also looking to future proof the hall and are investigating alternative energy sources to help with our increasing fuel bills.

We would be very interested in hearing from any residents who may wish to start up a new group or who are interested in learning more about becoming a Trustee.

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Year Ending December 2023		Year Ending December 2024
	Hall Revenue Account	
£14,432.50	Hiring Receipts	£16,203.00
£1,105.06	Other Income	£4,212.30
£15,537.56	Total Income	£20,415.30
£16,277.09	Total Expenditure	£20,149.16
-£739.53	Surplus\Deficit for Year (Hall Revenue Account Expenditure vs Total Income)	£266.14
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£47,791.34	SV Current Account	£47,266.15
£25,000.00	High Interest Account	£25,000.00
	Interest	£852.33
£125.00	Cash in Hand	£64.00
<u>£72,916.34</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£73,182.48</u>

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Year Ending December 2022		Year Ending December 2023
	Hall Revenue Account	
£16,181.75	Hiring Receipts	£14,432.50
£2,527.12	Other Income	£1,105.06
£18,708.87	Total Income	£15,537.56
£12,889.23	Total Expenditure	£16,277.09
£5,819.64	Surplus\Deficit for Year (Hall Revenue Account Expenditure vs Total Income)	-£739.53
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£73,373.87	SV Current Account	£47,791.34
£0.00	High Interest Account	£25,000.00
£282.00	Cash in Hand	£125.00
<u>£73,655.87</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£72,916.34</u>

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – April 2024

This report has been produced to update our hirers and villagers on how the Village Hall has fared in the previous year.

As we reported last year the committee felt it was important to re-establish bookings after the pandemic rather than hit them with increased costs due to the spiralling energy costs. We're please to say the hirers have, in the main, returned but it has resulted in a loss for the financial year but with energy costs reducing we now expect the Hall to return to a healthy position. Our Treasurer, Bob, regularly reviews our running costs.

Our purpose is to provide an asset for village life and we feel that has continued.

We have regular hirers providing opportunities to the village including - Bridge, Children's dance, Pilates for recovering patients, Soberton Players twice yearly productions, Table Tennis, Pilates exercise, Folk Association of South Hants and newly introduced Adult dance exercise classes.

On top of this we provide excellent facilities for Village weddings, Wakes and Parties for all ages. This last year alone included around twelve parties.

We have recently installed a large projector screen which we hope will be a useful facility, be it for Players, commercial presentations, weddings, Parish Council meetings and of course many of the village Societies.

Looking to run the Hall as greenly and economically as possible, we are working with Suzanne White, the local Green Party candidate, in reviewing our heat loss plus options for Solar panels, batteries and heat pumps, and including looking at any grants that may be available.

We continue to operate as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) with a set of trustees. A reminder that the Village Hall trustees are all unpaid and I thank them all for helping to run the Hall in such a professional manner – Sue, Bob, Katie, Rachael, Jane, David, Chris and Ben.

Thanks to all those who use the Hall and we're always open to new hirers. If you have any thoughts on how facilities could be improved to the benefit of the village please talk to any of the committee.

Pete Woodacre - SVH Chairman

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – July 2023

This report has been produced to update our hirers and villagers on how the Village Hall has fared in the previous year.

We're pleased to say that the Hall bookings have gradually returned after the black clouds of covid. With the electricity costs spiralling the Committee decided not to pass costs on to hirers who were trying to re-establish their bookings. Instead, the background heating hours and temperatures were tuned down a notch and the hall absorbed some of the additional costs. The new storage heaters installed previously have certainly aided the tuning.

Rachael Williams, as Health & Safety representative, has continued to evolve the guidance in our terms and conditions, to follow health guidance and ensure we keep up-to-date with regular fire and electric reviews by third parties.

Katie Flannagan as Booking Secretary has kept a customer focus and welcomed several new regular hall users.

Bob Stranks has kept the accounts in good financial shape keeping a watchful eye on the electricity costs and looking to maximise returns as rates rise.

We continue to operate as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) with a set of trustees. The small strip of land that extended the car park has now been updated by the Land Registry and leaves us in sound order.

The Village Hall website is kept updated by Ben Bracken. Jane Salmon keeps the stores in good order and David Salmon ensures the outside areas are well maintained. The hedges have sprung up but we can't cut until nesting birds are clear and our gardeners are monitoring. Sue Houlding as secretary, ensures our committee meetings run efficiently ,are minuted and actions followed up. Chris Mortimer is looking at options to install a projector screen.

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Year Ending December 2021		Year Ending December 2022
	Hall Revenue Account	
£10,246.00	Hiring Receipts	£16,181.75
£8,808.41	Other Income	£2,527.12
£19,054.41	Total Income	£18,708.87
£11,999.21	Total Expenditure	£12,889.23
£7,055.20	Surplus\Deficit for Year (Hall Revenue Account Expenditure vs Total Income)	£5,819.64
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£67,367.05	SV Current Account	£73,373.87
£262.18	SV Fund Current Account	£0.00
£207.00	Cash in Hand	£282.00
<u>£67,836.23</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£73,655.87</u>

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We have once again been affected by Covid-19 during the period but gradually the Hall users have returned if not quite at the level pre-pandemic.

Rachael Williams, as Health & Safety representative, has ensured the evolving Covid guidance is followed and necessary documentation maintained, such as the Halls risk assessment.

Katie Flannagan as Booking Secretary has kept customers aware of the hall status and Covid rules in place and diligently maintains bookings. We're pleased that weddings have started to return.

Bob Stranks has kept the accounts running smoothly and the Hall is in good financial shape. Bob is keeping a watchful eye on the rapidly rising electricity costs. We're hoping to absorb these but may need to reconsider as winter arrives.

We continue to operate as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) with a set of trustees. We have a small strip of land that extended the car park that has now been lodged with the Land Registry. Once complete it will leave us in sound order. We thank Gus Lewis for steering us through this.

The new storage heaters installed during the previous year, were finally used in anger last winter and are operating more efficiently than their predecessors. Thanks to Chris Mortimer for leading their commissioning. Broadband has also now been installed for use by hall hirers.

The Village Hall website is kept updated by Ben Bracken. Jane Salmon keeps the stores in good order and David Salmon ensures the outside areas are well maintained. We lost our regular gardener and are in the process of looking for a replacement. Sue Houlding as secretary, ensures meetings are efficiently run, minuted and actions followed up.

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Thanks to all those who use the Hall and we hope to see more going forward. If you have any thoughts on how facilities could be improved to the benefit of the village please talk to any of the committee.

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Financial Statement For Year Ending 31st December 2021

Year Ending December 2020		Year Ending December 2021
	Hall Revenue Account	
£6,720.00	Hiring Receipts	£10,246.00
£11,526.43	Other Income including WCC COVID Grants	£8,808.41
£18,246.43	Total Income	£19,054.41
£17,095.18	Total Expenditure	£11,999.21
£1,151.25	Surplus\Deficit for Year (Hall Revenue Account Expenditure vs Total Income)	£7,055.20
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£60,608.28	SV Current Account	£67,367.05
£67.18	SV Fund Current Account	£262.18
£105.57	Cash in Hand	£207.00
<u>£60,781.03</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£67,836.23</u>

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Year Ending December 2019		Year Ending December 2020
£18,689.95	Hall Revenue Account	
	Hiring Receipts	£6,720.00
	Other Income	
£107.00	Cash from Electricity Meter	£105.00
£502.50	Donations	£20.25
£381.25	Gift Aid and Income Tax Repayment	£50.00
£44.88	Giving Machine	£17.18
£187.70	Misc	£0.00
£1,850.00	Refundable Damage Deposits	£0.00
	WCC Grant	£11,334.00
£3,073.33	Total of Other Income	£11,526.43
£21,763.28	TOTAL INCOME	£18,246.43
	Expenditure	
£1,692.00	1st Klas Cleaning	£1,908.00
£651.46	Waste Collection	£482.82
£95.88	CIO & Land Registry	£907.88
£2,878.30	Electricity	£1,678.16
£902.00	Gardening	£1,022.00
£0.00	Heating Upgrade	£7,884.82
£5,419.37	Improvements - Kitchen	£0.00
£958.94	Insurance	£982.09
£461.22	Licences & Lease	£468.56
£760.58	Maintenance	£461.00
£383.19	Miscellaneous	£337.17
£990.00	Refunds	£550.00
£83.44	Water Supply	£107.96
£130.00	Window Cleaning	£200.00
	Covid Supplies	£104.72
£15,406.38	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£17,095.18
£6,356.90	Surplus\Deficit for Year (Hall Revenue Account Expenditure vs TOTAL Income)	£1,151.25
	Account Balances at 31 December	
£59,528.06	SV Current Account	£60,608.28
£101.72	SV Fund Current Account	£67.18
	Cash in Hand	£105.57
<u>£59,629.78</u>	Total of Funds	<u>£60,781.03</u>