

Clifford Village Hall Charity

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. Chair's Introduction

The past year has been a positive and productive one for Clifford Village Hall. As a charity dedicated to providing accessible, welcoming, and well-maintained community space, we are pleased to report steady usage, successful community events, and continued improvements to our facilities. Our mission remains to provide well equipped, suitable premises for the use of the people of Clifford and surrounding areas; to arrange facilities for local individuals, interest groups, sports and community organisations to meet and socialize; and to make available a clean, spacious environment at a fair and reasonable cost to all.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objectives of Clifford Village Hall are to:

- Provide a safe, functional, and inclusive space for community use.
- Support local groups, clubs, and organisations by offering affordable and flexible facilities.
- Promote community cohesion through events and activities that bring people together.

During 2025, the hall's activities included:

- Hosting regular weekly classes such as yoga, pilates, dance, and fitness sessions.
- Providing space for community groups including craft clubs, children's activities, senior social groups, and hobby groups.
- Supporting local charities and organisations by offering reduced-rate or free bookings for fundraising events.
- Hiring the hall for private functions such as birthday parties, celebrations, and meetings.

3. Achievements and Performance

We are proud to highlight the following achievements:

- Increased hall usage, with an average weekly occupancy rate of 76%, up from 68% the previous year.
- Upgraded facilities, including new stage curtains and emergency lighting.

- Successful community events, such as the annual beer festival, quiz, and open day/Outlook 50th birthday celebration.
- Positive user feedback, emphasising cleanliness, helpful communication, and the hall's value to village life.

4. Financial Review

The charity remains in a stable financial position.

Income:

- Hall hire fees
- Community fundraising events
- Donations from supporters

Expenditure:

- Utilities and insurance
- Maintenance and repairs
- Equipment upgrades and capital improvements
- Administrative costs

5. Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least six months of operating costs.

6. Structure, Governance, and Management

Clifford Village Hall is managed by a volunteer Board of Trustees responsible for governance, finance, operations, and safeguarding.

7. Risks and Future Plans

Key risks include rising utility costs, and maintaining volunteer capacity.

Plans for 2025:

- A new playground, designed, funded and delivered.
- Redesign and upgrade of the area at the front of the hall.
- Expanding community events.
- Looking into grants for energy-saving measures.
- Recruiting additional volunteers and trustees.

8. Acknowledgements

The trustees thank all volunteers, hall users, donors, and supporters.

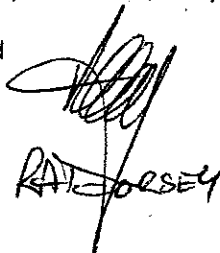
Clifford Village Hall Foundation Accounts 2024/25 - CIO no. 1186317

	Income			Expenditure	
	2025	2024		2025	2024
Balance in Hand 1st April	43221.62	35308.77			
Lettings	25544.93	28934.20	Caretaker	4524.00	5698.00
Supporters	6000.00	7575.46	Electricity	3682.63	4681.20
Donations	1000.00	1055.50	Gas	3894.63	5120.20
Insurance Refund	243.45	224.62	Water	828.70	1239.64
Bank Interest	588.08	243.28	Refuse Collection	834.23	861.59
			Rates	74.92	70.13
			Insurance	1417.35	1380.11
			Maintenance & Consumables	8768.87	7934.24
			Performing Rights	0.00	533.78
			Fire Protection	208.69	327.98
			Garden Maintenance	220.00	302.50
			Licences & Subscriptions	529.00	683.80
			Carpets & Curtains	3600.00	0.00
			WiFi	504.00	1288.26
				29086.97	30121.43
Sub-total	33377.86	38034.46	Balance 31st March	47511.60	43221.62
Total	76599.08	73343.23	Total	76598.57	73343.05
Balance in Hand 01.04			Balance in Hand 31.03		
Current Account	12969.66	25247.15	Current Account	16701.06	12969.66
Deposit Account	30191.21	9947.32	Deposit Account	30780.29	30191.21
Petty Cash	60.75	114.29	Petty Cash	30.25	60.75
Total	43221.62	35308.77	Total	47511.60	43221.62
			Surplus C/F	4289.98	

For insurance purposes the rebuilding value of the Village Hall is £1,165,088.00 as at June 2024

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R. J. FORSEY

Date

10 June 2025.

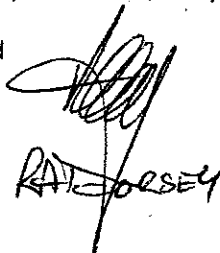
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