

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green, Birmingham - Charity No. 1187634 Report of the Trustees for the Period 1st January – 31st December 2025

This is the sixth Annual Report of the Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity which was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2020.

Structure, Government and Management

The Parochial Church Council of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green (charity number 1133810) is the Managing Trustee of the Church of The Ascension Parish Hall Charity, Hall Green, Birmingham. The PCC manages and administers the Parish Hall Charity, making decisions about the activities of the Hall Charity in accordance with its constitution.

Objects and Activities

The object of the Charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2025, the Charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank for those in food poverty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acocks Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and include some organisations which are charities, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

Financial Review

Income from Hall Lettings was £46,838, approximately £2,000 less than the previous year. This is more than accounted for by the closure of the Playgroup in July 2024.

Expenditure remained much the same as the previous year resulting in a deficit of £2,093 for the year. As a result, the Charity is in deficit to the tune of £14,575. The deficit is underwritten by the General Funds of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Property Report

Church Hall and Coffee Lounge

The redecoration of the church office and the 1:1 room has been completed using funds donated in memory of David Chellingworth. They are now lighter and more attractive rooms. The updating of the kitchen area is still under consideration. The heating controls for the boiler had to be replaced at a cost of £285 + £57 VAT.

In March an urgent repair was carried out by ABRs Roofing (£2,200+VAT). Some ridge tiles and the “arts and crafts style” bonnet tiles were re-nailed and reset on two of the hip lines.

Chatterton Hall and 93b School Road

Minor repairs only have been carried out this year, and we are grateful to Richard Hyde and Behzad who have kindly given their time and expertise to undertake this work.

General

Patrol Alarms carried out their routine service of the intercom and door pad entry systems in October. Warmingtons Heating and Plumbing carried out Gas Safety inspections on all five boilers in November. Fire Safety inspections were carried out in October 2024 and April 2025. All fire extinguishers across the site were checked in December 2024.

The insurance for the church and halls has been renewed with Ecclesiastical Insurance (Parish Plus). The premium for 2024/5 was £6,653.74 including tax.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary, on behalf of Church of the Ascension PCC (Managing Trustee)

Approved at the Church of the Ascension PCC (Managing Trustee) meeting on 23.04.2026

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION PARISH HALL CHARITY, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM

Charity Number 1187634

Accounts For the period 1st January 2025 to 31 December 2025

2024	From	01 January 2025	01 January
2024	To	31 December 2025	31 December
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Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Recurring grants		£1,000	
Non-recurring one-off grants		£1,000	
	Total Donations and legacies	£2,000	
Other trading activities			
Church Hall			
lettings		£21,823	£13,672
Chatterton Hall & House Lettings		£18,880	£33,166
	Total Other trading activities	£40,702	£46,839
Other income			
Insurance claims		£989	
	Total Other income	£989	
Total Income and endowments		£43,691	£46,839
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Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Parish Administrator Salary & Pension		£10,033	£11,262
Hall Utilities - Gas		£10,868	£12,072
Hall Utilities - Electricity		£4,096	£4,790
Hall Utilities - Water		£923	£694
Church Hall Cleaning		£5,491	£4,336
Chatterton Hall & House Cleaning		£7,234	£7,827
Church Hall Repair & Maintenance		£4,277	£1,992
Church Hall Insurance		£1,740	£1,698
Chatterton Hall & House Insurance		£1,539	£1,502
Chatterton Hall Maintenance		£1,597	£2,759
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£47,797	£48,932
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Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£4,106)	(£2,094)
Brought forward balance		(£14,575)	(£13,410)
Transfers to/(from)		(£1,989)	£929
Total carried forward balance		(£20,670)	(£14,575)
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These accounts were independently examined as part of the examination of the Church of the Ascension (Managing Trustee) Accounts. The Independent Examiner's opinion is below:

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Carty FCA FCCA
Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Signed by:

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Dated:

28-04-2026