

**West Peckham Village Hall
Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

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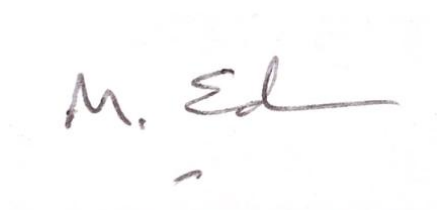
Charity Number: 1190977

**2025
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

Trustees during the period ending 31 December 2025

Matthew Edwards (Chair)
Peter Johnson
Caroline Pearce
Liz Reading
Susan Simpson
John Taylor (Treasurer)
Jo Pembroke
Ron Wright (Bookings Clerk)

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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Matthew Edwards (Chair)

2025 saw the hall continue the financial trend set in 2023 and 2024, once again producing a surplus (£5,405 up from £3,023 in 2024) due to a combination of increased hirer income (£11,406, up from £11,085 in 2024), another generous donation from the fete (£1,766) and a reduction in total expenditure (£8,457, down from £10,242 in 2024).

As in previous years, most of the hirer income came from regular hires (£10,504 up from £9,224 in 2024). These included dog training, art classes, yoga and pilates classes, band practice, law exams, and meetings of the parish council, the West Peckham WI and the West Kent Spiritist Group. Alongside this, the hall continued to be used for important village events such as the Arts and Crafts fair, the village's Christmas drinks party, and government elections when it serves as a polling station. Other income declined from 2024, due to a reduction in casual hire and use as a polling station, there only being one election.

Total expenditure for the year fell significantly to £8,457, down from £10,242 in 2024. This was mainly due to a reduction in ongoing expenditure from £9,132 to £7,654, driven principally by a fall in electricity costs (£1,816 down from £2,239) and lower maintenance and repairs cost (£666 down from £1,493). Capital and Major Improvements spend was again limited in 2025, down from £1,110 in 2024 to £803 in 2025. A project was carried out to improve storage available for hirers by installing new shelving and removing unused items. This was only achievable thanks to the hard work of the trustees who helped to fill the skip and install the new shelving. The website has also been enhanced, with an online diary available for hirers to check availability and an online booking form.

The increase in income and the lower levels expenditure mean that there is a surplus carried forward of £16,654, in addition to an increased reserve for major expenditure of £20,000 (£10,000 at the end of 2024). The hall remains in a sound financial position, able to make further improvements and to deal with capital and major improvement expenditure when this is needed. To confirm the scale of this requirement a review was done of the last 8 years which showed that between 2018 and 2022 expenditure on capital and major improvements averaged £6,200 per year as opposed to the £1,270 in the last 3 years.

2026 will be my last year as chair, and I would like to conclude by offering thanks to my fellow trustees for their continuing support, and to thank in particular two departing trustees, Susan Simpson and Caroline Pearce. Susan has made a major contribution to the

smooth and efficient operation of the hall notably through careful negotiation and management of utility bills, supervision of the weekly cleaning, installation of air conditioning and help with many other improvement projects. Caroline has provided both her legal and gardening expertise, putting the hall on much firmer legal foundation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2020 and much improving the external appearance of the hall.

Matthew Edwards
Chair

WEST PECKHAM VILLAGE HALL Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
(Registered Charity no. 1190977)

Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		2025	2024
		£	£
INCOME			
Caro Kennettt	Art Club	1,152	1,008 *
Victoria Wainwright	Art Class	581	0
Felicity Crouch/Milligan	Pilates	636	648
Sam Petter	Yoga	624	723
Lee Burt	Funk Jazz	606	0
Louise Ince	Canine Performers	2,022	1,538
Sue Julian	Dog Training	453	488
Sue Gaines	Dog Training	378	378
Gordon Hardwick	West Kent Big Band	372	696
Colin Wheeler	Hilden Brass	332	396
TS Spiritualist Group	West Kent Spiritist Group	2,204	2,146
Stephen Thomas Law	Law Exams	256	471
Syrah Martin	The Dog Squad	318	348
West Peckham Parish Council		60	84
West Peckham WI		510	300 *
Regular Hires		10,504	9,224
T&MBC Elections		330	660
Arts and Crafts Fair	one (2024 two) events	224	476
Casual		348	725 *
TOTAL HALL HIRE		11,406	11,085
Fete		1,766	1,400
Village Christmas Drinks		50	50
TOTAL DONATIONS/GRANTS		1,816	1,450
Interest		640	730
TOTAL INCOME		13,862	13,265
Ongoing expenditure		7,654	9,132
Capital and Major Improvements		803	1,110
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,457	10,242
Surplus / (Deficit)		5,405	3,023

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	2025	2024
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Electricity	1,816	2,239
Insurance	981	897
Cleaning (inside and windows)	2,631	2,864 *
Rates	See Note 2	145
Fire Equipment Maintenance and Repair	238	262
Air Con Equipment Maintenance and Repair	0	236
Music Licence (PRS Royalties)	122	160 *
Water	293	236
Maintenance and Repairs (£866 less Hill deposit £200 withheld)	666	1,493
Outside Maintenance and Repairs	412	295
Gardening	0	63
Sundry including Hygiene costs	148	241
	7,654	9,132
CAPITAL AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS		
Replace Guttering		990
New outside tap		120
New Storage Cupboards	803	0
	803	1,110

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Land and Building	See Note 3	120
Current Assets		
Cash	61	61
Bank	33,433	28,472
Debtors	2,898	2,724
Prepayments	442	255
	<u>36,835</u>	<u>31,512</u>
Current Liabilities		
Advance Receipts	-85	0
Creditors and Accruals	-306	-473
	<u>-391</u>	<u>-473</u>
	<u>36,564</u>	<u>31,159</u>
Opening surplus	21,159	18,135
(Deficit) / Surplus	5,405	3,023
	<u>26,564</u>	<u>21,159</u>
less Transfer to to Reserve for Major Expenditure	-10,000	0
Accumulated Surplus Carried Forward	<u>16,564</u>	<u>21,159</u>
Reserve for Major Expenditure	<u>20,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>36,564</u>	<u>31,159</u>

Approved

Chairman
Treasurer

M. Edwards
J Taylor

date
3 Feb 2026
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(M Edwards)
(J Taylor)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- Note 1** Basis of Accounting: These accounts are prepared using the receipts and payments method adjusted for yearend debtors and creditors
- Note 2** Following on from the Covid 19 outbreak commencing in 2020, the Government has continued to provide the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sectors with support by providing 40% relief on Business Rates affecting 2025 (75% relief in 2024).
- Note 3** Land and Building: The Village Hall building and associated land was transferred on 1 January 2021 into the West Peckham Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation at nil consideration. The land and building are included in these accounts at the nominal cost, being the Land Registry transfer fee paid.
- Note 4** 2024 Income and Expense allocations corrected as marked by *