

**Ellingham Village Hall
(Registered Charity No: 1193462)**

**Financial Statements for the year ended
31 October 2025**

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Trustees Annual Report:

For the Year ended 31 October 2024:

Trustees:

G I MacLeod

Miss E Duncan

Dr C J Stevenson

Miss J M Dobson

Mrs G Duncan

R McKibbin

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Independent Examiner:

Julie Hartley, BA (hons), IPFA, CILCA, Cottars Barn, Ellingham Glebe, Ellingham
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Governance & Management:

The charity is a charitable incorporated organization (no. CE024862) registered with
charity 1193462

Aims & Objectives:

For the purposes of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of
Ellingham in the county of Northumberland without distinction of political, religious or
other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms
of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions
of life for said inhabitants.

Summary of Main Activities & Achievements for the Year:

We are blessed with a beautiful village hall built only 3 years ago and, yet, we find
we have outgrown the present facilities and are looking to expand. Our original
design for the new hall in 2019 included a room at the rear of the hall but because of
increased costs following the Covid pandemic we had to make cuts and reductions
to the design by omitting the room at the rear. We are delighted with the success of
the new hall and the range of activities and support from the community. We would
like to build on this success to enhance the hall facilities with backstage space room
for performers and space for essential equipment. Already we have had funding from
the Catherine Cookson Trust and grants pledged from Bernard Sunley Foundation,
and Rothley and Lord Crewe Trusts. At current prices an extension to the hall will
cost about £50,000. So far, we have raised almost £30,000 so this next year our
challenge is to raise the rest of the funding and commence building.

Community Activities

The purpose of the village hall has always been to be a place for the community where it safe and warm and enables social engagement. This is successfully promoted through our website and social media and newsletters. In December we had one of our most successful events with a Christmas Fair. Not only because it's a good fundraiser but because of the number of volunteers who came to help and take shifts on the stalls and many local people sitting having refreshments whilst they contemplated what to buy. Likewise, in the run up to Christmas, there have been two wreath making workshops. Leading up to Easter a Felt Egg workshop was run by one of our parishioners. And a Portrait Workshop was held in conjunction with Highlights, the Rural Touring Scheme. We were delighted to see the success of a theatre group hold a Penguins event for under 7-year-olds in an inflatable igloo and the wonderful interaction of the children. This was another Highlights supported event. For the management at the village hall, it was a success to be able to provide an activity for the younger section of our community.

Health & Welfare and social activities

Our regular activities continue to provide opportunities for health and welfare for our local population. The regular coffee mornings has been found to be most successful when held on Saturday mornings. These are our core community get together embellished with quality home baked cakes.

We incorporated our AGM for the Village Hall committee at the end of the coffee morning in February and asked attendees to review the 2024 events and responses.

Healthy activities include at least two yoga sessions a week, a Table Tennis club, Tai Chi, Knit 'n Stitch, an Art Club, regular monthly quizzes and sessions of Karate. One of our oldest residents has collected over two thousand photographs of the local area and recorded peoples' memories, some of whom had been born before 1900, and made a three-part presentation on the local history. These were very well received and brought in people who had connections with the community in the past. The Ballinger Trust generously supported the Knit 'n Stitch and the Art Club with a small grant.

In the summer the Village Barbecue was held and with a patio extension earlier in the year and outside seating purchased with part-funding from Ellingham Community Trust it was a well-attended and enjoyable event. We were also able to implement our new mobile bar to sell alcohol and other drinks having been granted a licence for selling alcohol on the premises. We were able to hold a sing-a-long to the Sound of Music evening because we have both a Motion Picture Licence (MPLC) and a Music Licence. In August our second Rummage Sale was held. A long queue had formed at the door half-an-hour before opening time. It was hugely successful for, not only clearing out cupboards and attics, but raising cash for the village hall development.

The Ellingham Leek Club is an important hall user who inspire people to grow, make and bake. Many are rewarded with prizes at the annual show and supported by

It was good to have Meta Dance book a week for rehearsing and provide a performance at the end of their week. We continue to welcome Northumberland Education Department hold School Improvement sessions in the hall. We have also had functions by parents for their children organised at the hall for birthdays and a Christening.

This year the hall has continued to be used by the local community for health and welfare activities and social events. This year there has been an upsurge in craft workshops and private parties especially birthday parties for young children.

The Ellingham Village Hall Trust have a 5-year Business Plan which sets out targets to improve the facilities including an extension to the hall to support performers and provide more storage, a redecoration of the hall, procurement of outside furniture and a new notice board.

- **Hallmark 1:** Focuses on the management and administration of the hall or building.

- We are all set to pursue accreditation for a Hallmark 2.

Date: 3/14/2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ellingham Village Hall for the year ended 31 October 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ellingham Village Hall (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the trustees of the charity, 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 30 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Mrs Julie Hartley, BA (hons), IPFA, CILCA

Date: 31/3/26

Receipts & Payments Account

Period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

2024		
£	Receipts	Note
14,133	Grants & Donations	1
7,286	Hire of Hall & Furniture	
10,086	Fundraising & Events	2
900	Warm Hub	
473	Bank Interest	
32,878	Total Receipts	
	Expenditure	
14,962	Loan Repayments	3
4,171	Landscaping & Maintenance	
511	Licences	
848	Electricity	
765	Insurance	
876	Equipment	
4,043	Cost of Fundraising & Events	4
1,200	Accountant	
11	Banking Fees	
90	Misc (including New Building)	
27,477	Total Expenditure	
5,401	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	
10,158		

£	Balance Brought Forward 1 November 2024:	29,538
	In Year Surplus for 2024-25	10,158
	Balance Carried Forward 31 October 2025	39,696

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

2024	Current Assets			2025
£				£
29,537	Cash at Bank 31 October			39,696
	Long Term Assets			
125,000	Funding Committed Ellingham Trust (9 years remaining)	6		112,500
	Fixed Assets			
427,234	Leasehold & Property	5		418,689
49,091	Fixtures & Fittings	5		44,182
601,325	Long Term & Fixed Assets			575,371
	Liabilities			
128,410	Loan Outstanding	6		117,147
472,915	Restricted Fund (Fixed & Long Term Assets - Liabilities)	7		458,224

Signed on Behalf of Trustees:

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Notes to the Accounts:

1. Grants & Donations: £19,173:

These include:
 Ellingham Community Trust: £12,500
 Catherine Cookson Trust: £ 5,000

2. Fundraising & Events: £12,564

These include:
 Wreath Making:
 Coffee Mornings & Quizes: £2,800
 BBQ: £1,250
 Rummage Sale & Xmas Fair: £2,500
 Local History Slide Shows: £765

3. Loan Repayments:

Loan from Lady Gadsden's Children's Settlement for £150k + interest at 2.88% per annum (total of £179,538.83) over a 12 year period. Three payments have been made and 9 years remain. The balance outstanding is £117,147.

4. Cost of Fundraising: £3,061

This includes:
 Wreath Making: £1,008
 BBQ: £750
 Other costs:

5. Fixed Assets:

Leasehold & Building has been depreciated at 2% per annum
 Fixtures & Fittings have been depreciated at 10% per annum

6. Loan Outstanding:

The Lady Gadsden's loan made in 2021, see note 3. There are currently 9 years remaining of the 12 year term with payments at £14,961.57 per annum. The Ellingham Trust has committed funding of £12,500 per annum for 12 years (£150,000) and this has been brought into the accounts as a long term asset, to offset the long term liability of the loan.

7. Restricted Funds:

The Charity has no restricted funds as such, other than the fixed assets, which act as surety for the outstanding loan. As such, restricted funds comprise Fixed Assets value after depreciation minus the loan outstanding.