

# THE CHITTLEHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1200197

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-08-26

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A VILLAGE HALL AND TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF CHITTLEHAMPTON WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** The charity operates a village hall on behalf of the local community and is available to be used by members of the community, aged 18 years or over, for all days of the week between 7am and 11.00pmThe village hall is primarily used for local community events, activities, meetings and social gatherings. It is also also available for private hire by members of the local community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation

## Geography

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- Devon

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£445,682	£490,518	-	-
2024-04-30	£55,462	£33,356	-	-
2023-04-30	£10,383	£12,181	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Louise Woodhouse		2025-09-04
Charlotte Elizabeth Grimshire		2022-08-26
James John Willcox		2022-08-26
MARTIN JOHN IVES		2022-08-26
Pauline Brewer		2026-05-14
Sarah Tierney		2024-10-31
Sue Mizon		2024-10-31

**THE CHITTLEHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

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# Accounts

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**Chittlehampton Village Hall**  
**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**  
**From 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025**  
**Charity name: Chittlehampton Village Hall**  
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## **1. Objectives and Activities**

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Our vision is to

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2. promote community diversity, equality and inclusion and foster a sense of belonging and community spirit among residents
3. provide a first class well-equipped venue that takes advantage of the adjacent playing field, to encourage active, healthier lifestyles for all ages by offering facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, fitness classes for all ages, toddlers development, and encourage participation in community life, arts and culture
4. promote and organise social and fund-raising events for the benefit of the charity and support events that create a strong sense of community pride and identity by providing access to a wide range of interests

Chittlehampton village hall is a traditional village hall used by the community for social gatherings, functions, activities, meetings, private parties and fund-raising events including the Annual Village Show & Fete, Christmas Fare and Parish Council Play Area Jumble Sales. The community has a long-standing vested interest in the hall owing to its history and its proven significance to our rural village life.

The charity manages the village hall's affairs to provide a safe and secure environment for community social, cultural and recreational activities for the 800+ residents of this rurally isolated village in North Devon. It engages with, and communicates to, all sections of the community to promote events and activities that meet their needs to attract diversity and inclusiveness of use.

## **2. Achievements and Performance**

The village hall is a crucial meeting point for the community. In spite of social changes over its 70+ years existence and the hall's deteriorated condition, it remained a focal point that is crucial for a community struggling to make ends meet and which sometimes needs moral support, compassion and a local place to go for affordable entertainment and a range of activities. The regular and long-running monthly Bingo and weekly Whist Drives have been

the mainstay of community and fund-raising activities since the village hall charity was originally established, and they remain so.

Starting in June 2024 the hall has undergone a drastic renovation project and reopened in phased approach in December 2024 for Bingo and Whist and to open for all events in February 2025, once the heating was installed.

Since then the bookings and footfall have gone from strength to strength. The newly renovated hall is warm and bright. This has been noted and appreciated by all the users that knew what it was like before.

The regular events such as bingo, whist, yoga, lunch club, craft club, historical society have reestablished. New groups have formed such as Euchre card night and Djembe drumming. Event nights such as Ceilidh and Quiz nights are also running again. Events by external groups has also become a healthy contribution to our bookings.

### **3. Renovation Project**

The end May 2024 saw the hall closed and cleared of all internal equipment. Under a JCT contract Culmex Construction Ltd carried out the planned renovation of removing the asbestos roof, replacement with a Kingsan Quadcore roof, insulation of the outside walls and cladding with cedar, installing new windows and door throughout and the rebuilding of a small extension that housed the ladies toilets.

The end of August ended this stage of the project and the refitting of the interior including new ceiling in the main hall, Air Source Heat Pump, fire system, new electrics and lighting, fit out of ladies toilet, painting and floor renovation was managed by our own trustees. Local tradesman and volunteers carried out these projects.

### **4. Financial Review**

The increased value of fixed assets shows the outcome of an independent revaluation of the village hall post-renovation. It reflects the renovation work to the hall building and its internal facilities at YE25, and removal of the out-dated and unsuitable equipment in the old school kitchen.

The YE25 statements show a healthy income from grants that were approved prior to the reporting period and continued gift-aided donations. Income from fundraising was down on the previous year due to the 8 month closure of the hall for renovation work.

The declared loss of income (£53,417) was primarily due to the cost of renovation work (£479,528) carried out over the reporting period and a JCT contractual retention (£8,581) compared with the total income received (£445,682) over the same period. Overall solvency was maintained by the total current assets carried forward from YE24 (£74,270).

The business reserve account at the end of the period stood at £31,150

The trustees have very strong financial and anti-fraud & anti-corruption policies in place to protect and secure the monies raised and will continue to do so into the future. As part of this, the trustees have not received any remuneration during this period.

**Chittlehampton Village Hall**

**CIO No. 1200197**

**Financial Statements.**

For the year 1st May 2024 - 30th April 2025


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**Chittlehampton Village Hall CIO No. 1200197**

**Balance Sheet at 30th April 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b><u>Fixed Assets.</u></b>		
Village Hall	£375,000	£150,000
Kitchen Equipment	£ 820	£ 2,555
Furniture	£ 590	£ 640
Marquees & Gazebos	£ 520	£ 550
Defibrillator	£ 700	£ 800
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Total Fixed Assets	£377,630	£154,545
 <b><u>Current Assets.</u></b>		
Debtors	-	-
Bank Current A/C	£ 3,011	£ 3,401
" Reserve A/C	£ 26,055	£ 70,425
Petty Cash	£ 368	£ 444
VAT Liability	£ 1,716	£ -
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Total Current Assets	£ 31,150	£ 74,270
 <b><u>Current Liabilities.</u></b>		
Creditors & Accruals (Retention + VAT)	£ 10,297	£ -
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Total Current Liabilities	£ 10,297	£
 Total Net Assets.	 <b><u>£398,483</u></b>	 <b><u>£228,815</u></b>
 <b><u>Represented By.</u></b>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	£ 228,815	£206,709
+ Revaluation Costs	£ 223,085	
Loss for Year	£ (53,417)	£ 22,106
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Accumulated Fund c/fwd	<b><u>£ 398,483</u></b>	<b><u>£228,815</u></b>

**Signed**

**Chairman**.....

**Date:** 17/10/2025

**Secretary**.....

**Date:** 21/10/2025

**Chittlehampton Village Hall CIO No. 1200197**  
**Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending 30th April 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024.</u>
<b><u>Income.</u></b>		
Bank Interest	£ 1,435	£ 769
Gift Aid & Interest	£ 3,155	£ 4,445
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	£ 4,590	£ 5,214
<b><u>Grants &amp; Donations</u></b>		
Grants	£ 416,770	£ 13,000
Donations	£ 13,407	£ 21,447
Defibrilator (Donation)	£ -	£ -
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	£ 430,177	£ 34,447
<b><u>Fundraising:</u></b>		
Fete	£ 1,775	£ 1,511
Social Events	£ 746	£ 3,852
Whist Drives	£ 3,388	£ 4,649
Bingo	£ 3,690	£ 4,072
Lunch Club	£ 98	£ 420
Lettings/Rent	£ 702	£ 1,297
Historical Society	£ 72	£ -
Craft Club	£ 30	£ -
North Devon Lottery	£ 408	£ -
Books	£ 6	£ -
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	£ 10,915	£ 15,801
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>£ 445,682</u></b>	<b><u>£ 55,462</u></b>
<b><u>Less Expenditure.</u></b>		
Advertising	£ 67	£ -
Miscellaneous Exps	£	£ 50
Rent	£ 285	-
Water Rates	£ 1,719	£ 1,429
Electricity	£ 1,133	£ 1,837
Cleaning (inc Materials)	£ 1,195	£ 1,229
Premises Expenses	£ 1,907	£ 2,261
Insurance	£ 3,886	£ 816
Printing/Postage	£ 8	£ 2
Legal Fees	£ 601	£ 2,642
Subscription Costs	£ 50	£ 50
Village Hall Renovations	£479,528	£ 23,040
Training Costs	£ 139	£ -
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£490,518</u></b>	<b><u>£ 33,356</u></b>

Less Retention Held

£ 8,581

Loss of Income over Expenditure      £ (53,417)

Signed

Chairman.....*Z.C. Nuhli*.....

Date:-*17/10/2025*.....

Secretary.....*K. Rees*.....

Date:-*21/10/2025*.....

## 5. Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was initially setup in February 1980 as an unincorporated association with a constitution (Trust Deed) signed by the then existing village hall committee members. It continued to operate until the AGM in May 2022 when it was agreed to change the management structure of the charity to a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** to provide a legally up-to-date structure and the management disciplines needed to attract the significant level of funding needed to fully renovate and refurbish the hall.

The new CIO charity was registered on 26th August 2022 with a new charity number (1200197) and a new Constitution based on the ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) model for village halls which is approved by the Charity Commission for use by village halls in England. The CIO's constitution describes the organisation's governance and membership structures. The model adopted is a Foundation CIO whereby the voting members and charity trustees are one and the same (known as 'closed' membership).

The transfer of the charity's assets, namely the village hall building and car park, to the CIO was completed by the Land Registry on 31st August 2023. The charity now has the constitutional disciplines of a CIO with high standards of governance, as confirmed by its Hallmark quality assurance status achieved in October 2023.

Full Trustee meetings are held monthly with additional meetings when necessary.

All policies, procedures and statutory risk assessments are available to view under Booking Info on the Village Hall website – [www.chittlehamptonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chittlehamptonvillagehall.co.uk)

## 6. Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chittlehampton Village Hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200197
Charity's principal address	c/o Cobble Cottage The Square Chittlehampton Devon EX37 9QW

## 7. Trustees Names and Office (if any)

Zoe Nicklin Chairman

Martin Ives Treasurer

Sarah Tierney Secretary

Jimmy Willcox

Charlotte Grimshire

Sue Mizon

Louise Woodhouse

## 8. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *M J Ives*

Full name(s) Martin John Ives

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of the Chittlehampton Village Hall ("the Hall") on the accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 set out on pages 1 and 2.

The Hall's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Hall's trustees consider that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hall and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities 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.

Signed  ..... Date 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 .....

Name: A C B Browne

Qualification: FCA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

Address: South Cobbaton Farm, Chittlehampton, Umberleigh, Devon EX37 9RZ

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# Accounts

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The charity installed a new website and achieved Hallmark certification in September 2023 for its strong management disciplines and events such as Ceilidh dances, big breakfast, skittles evenings, hobby horse racing, lunch club, historical society, quiz evenings, craft club and a live concert featuring local artists have encouraged social trust, cohesion and sense of belonging.

Affordable events such as the annual Garden Show and Fete, Christmas and Easter Fairs and monthly lunch club help address the 'cost of living crisis' and attract up to 300 people.

Activities such as Ceilidh dances, yoga sessions, and skittles evenings have positive impacts on the physical and mental health of the community, bringing people together including newcomers.

### **3. Renovation Project**

In February 2023, the charity initiated a major renovation project to plan, architect, design and fund significant external and internal renovations to its building and a considerable amount of time and effort was invested by the trustees during this financial period.

The project successfully undertook RIBA Stage 3 and 4 activities during this period with a Design and Access Statement published in May 2023 followed by a house to house survey to gain community feedback followed by an initial bat survey and a structural survey in August 2023. Planning approval was achieved in September 2023 and building regulations approval was confirmed in April 2024.

Tenders were invited in February 2024 for Stage 5 construction of the first section of work to replace the asbestos roof, insulate and clad the walls and to install multi-glazed windows and doors. A formal tendering process was followed to decide a preferred supplier. Formal discussions to confirm the project priorities, scope, timings and budget for the first section of work took place in April 2024 and a Letter of Intent signed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to authorise the preferred supplier to start preliminary works for a site handover and construction work to begin on 3rd June 2024.

Fund-raising activities, donations and grants from the community raised over £28K towards the project and a grant of £264.5K was awarded by the Community Ownership Fund followed by £75K from the Platinum Jubilee Fund, £15K from the Bernard Sunley Foundation and £7K from smaller trusts/foundations.

### **4. Financial Review**

Although grants were confirmed prior to YE24, the monies were not received until after YE24 so do not show in the YE24 financial statements. Each grant had its own terms and condition that had to be met before the release of the funds. The COF, for example, required £62.5K of match funding to be confirmed before releasing the money. However, the YE24 statements shows a healthy income from community donations and some smaller foundations/trust.

The business reserve account at the end of the period stood at £74,270 of which £50K had been designated by the trustees in previous years for investment in the hall building.

The trustees have very strong financial and safeguarding policies in place to protect and secure the monies raised and will continue to do so into the future. As part of this, the trustees have not received any remuneration during this period.

**Chittlehampton Village Hall**

**CIO No. 1200197**

**Financial Statements.**

For the year 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - 30th April 2024

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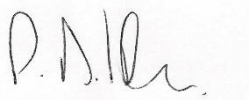
**Chittlehampton Village Hall CIO No. 1200197**

**Balance Sheet at 30th April 2024**

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>Fixed Assets.</u></b>		
Village Hall	£150,000	£150,000
Kitchen Equipment	£ 2,555	£ 2,555
Furniture	£ 640	£ 640
Marquees & Gazebos	£ 550	£ 550
Defibrillator	£ 800	£ 800
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Total Fixed Assets	£154,545	£154,545
 <b><u>Current Assets.</u></b>		
Debtors	-	-
Bank Current A/C	£ 3,401	£ 1,264
" Reserve A/C	£ 70,425	£ 50,300
Petty Cash	£ 444	£ 600
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Total Current Assets	£ 74,270	£ 52,164
 <b><u>Current Liabilities.</u></b>		
Creditors & Accruals	£ -	£ -
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Total Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -
 Total Net Assets.	 <b><u>£ 228,815</u></b>	 <b><u>£206,709</u></b>
 <b><u>Represented By.</u></b>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	£ 206,709	£208,507
Profit for Year	£ 22,106	£ (1,798)
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Accumulated Fund c/fwd	<b><u>£ 228,815</u></b>	<b><u>£206,709</u></b>

**Signed**

**Chairman**



**Date:-** 01/08/2024

**Secretary**



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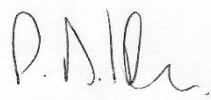
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	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Bank Interest	£ 769	£ 243
Gift Aid & Interest	£ 4,445	
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	£ 5,214	£ 243
<b><u>Grants &amp; Donations</u></b>		
Grants	£ 13,000	£ 160
Donations	£ 21,447	£ 324
Defibrillator (Donation)	£ -	£ 800
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	£34,447	£ 1,284
<b><u>Fundraising:</u></b>		
Fete	£ 1,511	£ (179)
Social Events	£ 3,852	£ 1,783
Whist Drives	£ 4,649	£ 2,692
Bingo	£ 4,072	£ 2,892
Lunch Club	£ 420	£ 467
Lettings/Rent	£ 1,297	£ 1,201
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	£15,801	£ 8,856
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Total Income	<b><u>£ 55,462</u></b>	<b><u>£ 10,383</u></b>
<b><u>Less Expenditure.</u></b>		
Miscellaneous Exps	£ 50	£ -
Water Rates	£ 1,429	£ 645
Electricity	£ 1,837	£ 827
Cleaning (inc Materials)	£ 1,229	£ 1,000
Premises Expenses	£ 2,261	£ 1,325
Insurance	£ 816	£ 1,194
Printing/Postage	£ 2	£ 47
Legal Fees	£ 2,642	£ 3,370
Subscription Costs	£ 50	£ 14
Village Hall Renovations	£ 23,040	£ 3,759
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Total Expenditure	<b><u>£ 33,356</u></b>	<b><u>£ 12,181</u></b>
<b><u>Profit of Income over Expenditure      £ 22,106</u></b>		

**Signed**

**Chairman**



**Date:-** 01/08/2024

**Secretary**



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## 5. Structure, Governance and Management

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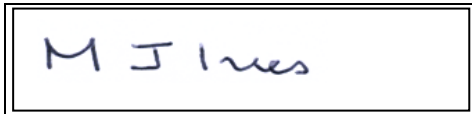
## 7. Trustees Names and Office (if any)

Peter Bradshaw      Chairman  
 Martin Ives          Treasurer  
 Keith Routledge      Secretary  
 Zoe Nicklin  
 Jimmy Willcox  
 Sally Broughton  
 Charlotte Grimshire  
 John Adde  
 Julie Adde  
 Tony Dellow

## 8. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martin John Ives	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	

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Signed  .....

Date 21st July 2024 .....

Name: A C B Browne

Qualification: FCA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

Address: South Cobbaton Farm, Chittlehampton, Umberleigh, Devon EX37 9RZ

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# Accounts

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# **Chittlehampton Village Hall Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 27<sup>th</sup>. August 2022 To 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Charity name: Chittlehampton Village Hall**

**Charity registration number: 1200197**

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

To manage and administer the affairs of Chittlehampton Village Hall to provide a safe and secure environment as a centre for community social, cultural and recreational activities and to foster community well-being, social trust, cohesion and a sense of belonging among all residents.

Our vision is to

1. provide a welcoming and vibrant community hub for community events that stimulates community engagement and lively social interaction for the well-being of the community and alleviates problems with physical and mental health issues caused by rural isolation and loneliness
2. promote community diversity, equality and inclusion and foster a sense of belonging and community spirit among residents
3. provide a first class well-equipped venue that takes advantage of the adjacent playing field, to encourage active, healthier lifestyles for all ages by offering facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, fitness classes for all ages, toddlers development, and encourage participation in community life, arts and culture
4. promote and organise social and fund-raising events for the benefit of the charity and support events that create a strong sense of community pride and identity by providing access to a wide range of interests

Chittlehampton village hall is a traditional village hall used by the community for social gatherings, functions, activities, meetings, private parties and fund-raising events including the Annual Village Show & Fete and Christmas and Easter Fairs. The community has a long-standing vested interest in the hall owing to its history and its proven significance to our rural village life.

The charity manages the village hall's affairs to provide a safe and secure environment for community social, cultural and recreational activities for the 800+ residents of this rurally isolated village in North Devon. It engages with, and communicates to, all sections of the community to promote events and activities that meet their needs to attract diversity and inclusiveness of use.

## **2. Achievements and Performance**

The village hall is a crucial meeting point for the community. In spite of social changes over its 70+ years existence and the hall's increasingly deteriorating condition, it remains a focal point that is crucial for a community struggling to make ends meet and which sometimes

needs moral support, compassion and a local place to go for affordable entertainment and a range of activities.

Since the restructuring of the charity to a CIO and strong management disciplines, its contribution to the well-being of the community, particularly the disadvantaged, has been notable. The introduction of new events, attracting 20-80 people, such as Ceilidh dances, big breakfast, skittles evenings, hobby horse racing, lunch club, historical society, quiz evenings and craft club all of which encourage social trust, cohesion and sense of belonging. Major events like the annual Garden Show and Fete, Christmas and Easter Fairs and national celebratory events, attract 100-300 people. It is also a vital asset for other village associations, clubs and charities for their own activities and interests.

The Trustees have consciously promoted events that encourage social interaction over fund-raising. The monthly lunch club is an example where all food is donated and a lunch of hot soup, salad, bread/butter, a range of puddings and tea/coffee are on offer for only £3.

The annual Garden Show and Fete brings together local volunteers to set up and organise. For a small entry charge of £1 (children free) villagers can be entertained, show their dogs and spend the afternoon looking at what is on display and socialising with others.

Activities such as Ceilidh dances, yoga sessions, and skittles evenings already have positive impacts on the physical and mental health of the community, bringing people together including newcomers.

The charity has initiated a major project to plan, architect, design and fund significant external and internal renovations to its building. The timeframe of the renovation work is outlooked for 2024

### **3. Financial Review**

You will see from the following accounts over the eight month period that Chittlehampton Village Hall has been a CIO that it showed a loss of £1,798 this due to a large amount to the cost of the legal advice in setting up the new charity and the transfer of the assets from the old charity No. 201734. Also during this period we incurred the initial architects fees in the design of the major renovation project that is now moving swiftly forwards.

The reserve account at the end of the period stood at £50,300 which are funds the committee have built up over a period of time for the renovation project to the building fabric.

Things are looking very bright for the future with a very full diary of fundraising events including the weekly whist drives and monthly bingo which bring in a very good return.

The trustees have very strong financial and safeguarding policies in place to protect and secure the monies raised and will continue to do so in the future as part of this they have not received any remuneration during this period and will not receive any in the near future.

# **Chittlehampton Village Hall**

**CIO No. 1200197**

## **Financial Statements.**

For the year 27th August 2022 - 30th April 2023

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## Chittlehampton Village Hall CIO No. 1200197

### Balance Sheet at 30th April 2023

	<u>2023</u>	
<u>Fixed Assets.</u>		
Village Hall	£150,000	£-----
Kitchen Equipment	£ 2,555	£-----
Furniture	£ 640	£-----
Marquees & Gazebos	£ 550	£-----
Defibrillator	£ 800	£-----
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Total Fixed Assets	£154,545	£-----
<u>Current Assets.</u>		
Debtors	-	-
Bank Current A/C	£ 1,264	£
" Reserve A/C	£ 50,300	£
Petty Cash	£ 600	£
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Total Current Assets	£ 52,164	£
<u>Current Liabilities.</u>		
Creditors & Accruals	£ -	£ -
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Total Current Liabilities	£ -	£
Total Net Assets.	£ 206,709	£
<u>Represented By.</u>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	£ 208,507	£
Loss for Year	£ (1,798)	£
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Accumulated Fund c/fwd	£ 206,709	£

**Chittlehampton Village Hall CIO No. 1200197**

**Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ending 30th April 2023**

	<b><u>2023.</u></b>	
<b><u>Income.</u></b>		
Bank Interest	£ 243	£
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	£ 243	£
<b><u>Grants</u></b>		
North Devon Council	£ 160	£
Donation	£ 324	£
Defibrillator (Donation)	£ 800	
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	£ 1,284	£
Fundraising:		
Fete	£ (179)	£ -
Social Events	£ 1,783	
Whist Drives	£ 2,692	£
Bingo	£ 2,892	
Lunch Club	£ 467	
Lettings/Rent	£ 1,201	£
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	£ 8,856	£
Total Income	<b><u>£ 10,383</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Less Expenditure.</u></b>		
Advertising	£	£
Water Rates	£ 645	£
Electricity	£ 827	£
Cleaning (inc Materials)	£ 1,000	£
Premises Expenses	£ 1,325	£
Insurance	£ 1,194	£
Printing/Postage	£ 47	£ -
Legal Fees	£ 3,370	£ -
Training Costs	£ 14	
Village Hall Renovations	£ 3,759	
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Total Expenditure	<b><u>£12,181</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Loss of Income over Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£ (1,798)</u></b>	

**4. Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity was initially setup in February 1980 as a unincorporated association with a constitution (Trust Deed) signed by the then existing village hall committee members. It continued to operate successfully, as such, until the AGM in May 2022 when it was agreed to change the management structure of the charity to a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** to provide a legally up-to-date structure and the management disciplines needed to attract the significant level of funding that will be needed to fully renovate and refurbish the hall.

The new CIO charity was registered on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 with a new charity number (1200197) and a new Constitution based on the ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) model for village halls which is approved by the Charity Commission and used widely by village halls in England. The CIO's constitution describes the organisation's governance and membership structures. The model adopted is a Foundation CIO whereby the voting members and charity trustees are one and the same (known as 'closed' membership).

The transfer of the charity's assets, namely the village hall building and car park, to the CIO was completed by the Land Registry on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The charity now has the constitutional disciplines of a CIO with high standards of governance, as confirmed by its recent Hallmark quality assurance status.

All policies, procedures and statutory risk assessments are available to view under Booking Info on the Village Hall website.

## 5. Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chittlehampton Village Hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200197
Charity's principal address	c/o Cobble Cotttage The Square Chittlehampton Devon EX37 9QW

## 6. Trustees Names and Office (if any)



Peter Bradshaw      Chairman  
Martin Ives          Treasurer  
Keith Routledge     Secretary  
Zoe Nicklin  
Jimmy Willcox  
Sally Broughton  
Charlotte Grimshire  
John Adde  
Julie Adde  
Tony Dellow

## 7. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Peter Derek Bradshaw	Martin John Ives
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chairman	Treasurer
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Date 8<sup>th</sup>. March 2024