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Barton Bendish Village Hall is located on Church Road in Barton Bendish and is a registered charity No 1204202

Trustees who have served at any time from 1 April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Elected	Timothy Will Robin Christopher Anothany Mary	Webster Chapman Simon Parsons Blanchfield Simon	Chairperson
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Bankers

Lloyds Bank	A/C No.	39665568
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Chairperson

Timothy Webster
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**BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for year ending 31 March 2025

Aim and Purposes

Barton Bendish is a very small rural Norfolk village with few amenities. The village hall provides a venue for social, cultural and fund-raising events within the village. The purpose of the Trust is to maintain the hall in a sound, warm and welcoming condition to allow these activities for the benefit of parishioners.

Obectives and Activities

The aim of the Village Hall Trustees remains to maintain the hall in such a condition that it attracts people to hire it for their events and to enjoy using it. To that end the walls have been re-painted this year to keep them looking fresh and the floor has been stripped and resealed: thanks are due to all those volunteers who gave their time to this endeavour but especially to the Secretary for his efforts with the floor.
For FY2025/26 we must strive to maintain this level of use, spreading our range to incorporate a pop-up pub, a venue for live theatre as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival and even to act as a wedding reception venue.

Trustees and Trust Deed

This has been a successful year for the Village Hall as we continue to strive to provide our village with a vibrant centre for community activities. Financial we remain in robust health and a £5000 grant from the Love Norfolk Fund 2024 has allowed us to financially support established staples of village life: the weekly community hub; the monthly pop-up café; and the film club. All have been able to use the village hall without having to pay a fee for hire and also to have some of their costs defrayed. In addition, it has been possible to support the establishment of a new gardening discussion club.

External bookings have remained healthy. In total there have been 345 events staged on 262 days over the last 12 months. This level of activity has provided the financial wherewithal to invest to improve our facilities: a new stretch tent was purchased for summer use thus greatly increasing capacity at both Open Gardens and Arts & Craft events. In addition, new gazebos have been purchased; new lockable kitchen cupboards installed to provide much-needed extra storage; and new electric hand driers installed in the toilets so that paper towels are no longer needed.

We were successful in obtaining an £8000 grant via Go Green West Norfolk to part-fund the installation of solar panels. We now have an 18 panel array with an associated battery storage system. These, we hope, will greatly reduce our energy costs while at the same time enhancing our already strong green credentials.

Over the course of the year we have met with representatives of three other local village halls (Beachamwell, Harpley and Syderstone) to offer them our support and, where applicable, the benefit of our past experience in renovating a hall. We trust we have been able to be helpful to them.

All this has been achieved in our first year functioning as a Charitable Incorporated Organization. For this I would like to thank our hardworking trustees: Chris Parsons, Robin Simon and Will Chapman. Our fifth trustee, Anthony Blanchfield, resigned during the year as he moved to Scotland and I am grateful for Mary Simon, already our Bookings Secretary, for stepping so resolutely into the breach thus created.

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year were £26,467.98. Total payments for the year were £29,628.44 The net result for the year of payments over receipts resulted in a loss of £3160.46. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 March totalled £9536.15. of which £1137.08 are in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least the annual expenditure. This is equivalent to circa £5000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £8399.07 held on unrestricted funds at the year end exceeds this target.

The Trustees met five times during the year.

Approved by the Trustees on

14 November 2025

Chairperson - Timothy Webster

and signed on their behalf by

Tim Webster

BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	2024-25 £ Total	2023-24 £ Total
Total receipts for the year	17,589.48	8,878.50	26,467.98	13701.51
Total payments for the year	-24188.89	-5439.55	-29628.44	-10349.63
Transfer between funds				
Next receipts	-6599.41	3438.95	-3160.46	3351.88
Cash, bank and similar fund brought forward	11,119.98	1,576.63	12,696.61	9344.73
Cash, bank and similar fund carried forward	4,520.57	5,015.58	9,536.15	9344.73

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on.....
and signed on its behalf by:

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BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL
RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	£	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Hiring Income				
	8,270.37	3,878.50	12,148.87	7,630.93
	8,270.37	3,878.50	12,148.87	7,630.93
Activities for Generating Funds				
Bonfire BBH			-	250.00
Theatre			-	260.51
Arts and Craft with PCC	1,063.64		1,063.64	751.50
Pop up Pub			-	1,840.69
	1,063.64	-	1,063.64	3,102.70
Donations				
Donations from West Norfolk Wins	154.00		154.00	312.00
Syderstone Village Hall	50.00		50.00	
	204.00	-	204.00	312.00
Funding/ Norfolk community fund		5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
Green Grant West Norfolk	8,000.00		8,000.00	
	8,000.00	5,000.00	13,000.00	2,000.00
				2,000.00
Investment Income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts				
EDD Credit		-	-	60.09
Insurance payment for window Zurich			-	
Drink stock sales	51.47		51.47	
Cutchie payment for replacmnt noticeboard			-	
Robin for Cash			-	500.00
Refund from Chris Parson			-	95.59
cash found in hall			-	0.20
	51.47	-	51.47	655.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	17,589.48	8,878.50	26,467.98	13,701.51

BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL
PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	£	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Village Hall Running Expenses				
Electricity	1,848.00	-	1,848.00	1,550.00
Insurance	309.97	-	309.97	308.89
Water	427.69	-	427.69	348.97
BT	418.12	-	418.12	507.03
Licences	196.57	-	196.57	154.80
Minor repairs	-	-	-	-
Cleaning materials	-	-	-	1,867.39
Kitchen equipment/consumables	-	-	-	651.12
G M Dickerson Window Cleaner	270.00	-	270.00	300.00
S Cockerill Cleaner	372.00	-	372.00	160.00
Alltime alarm	72.00	-	72.00	189.70
Chris Parson Expenses (consumables & materials)	1,580.76	-	1,580.76	-
WCKLWN Waste collection and bins	640.64	-	640.64	609.20
Beeston Brewery Ltd	-	-	-	677.81
Pop up pub (not incuding Beeston Brewery)	-	-	-	1,072.96
Mary Simon Expenses	57.19	-	57.19	-
Robin cash	-	-	-	500.00
Linda Webster expenses	34.95	-	34.95	-
Miscellaneous	113.69	-	113.69	104.80
	6,341.58	-	6,341.58	9,002.67
Loans Repayed				
	-	-	-	-
Cost of Generating Funds				
Various	-	-	-	-
Building costs and Misc				
MJB Building contractor	653.28	-	653.28	-
Colin Dawson replace window	-	-	-	-
F W Hendry Electriton	1,531.30	-	1,531.30	584.87
Pitbitz Limited	4,672.73	-	4,672.73	-
J Gooch (Solar Panels)	10,990.00	-	10,990.00	-
CP expenses	-	-	-	-
	17,847.31	-	17,847.31	584.87
Costs and expensices for Hot Hub				
Hall Hire	-	3,878.50	3,878.50	407.50
Tea at Farmhouse	-	239.40	239.40	-
Andrew Stephen	-	500.12	500.12	354.59
Film Club expenses	-	447.60	447.60	-
other expenses	-	373.93	373.93	-
	-	5,439.55	5,439.55	762.09
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	24,188.89	5,439.55	29,628.44	10,349.63

BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	£	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
MONETARY ASSETS				
Barton Bendish Village Hall	8,067.72	1,137.08	9,204.80	12,527.57
Cash in Hand	331.35	-	331.35	169.04
	8,399.07	1,137.08	9,536.15	12,696.61

NOTE

1. The financial statements have been prepared using the Receipts & Payments basis.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barton Bendish Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with these 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.

M R Skells

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Date 21-11-25