

Kilham Village Hall AGM 17th February 2026

Chair's Report for period February 2025-January 2026

Summary of achievements

In August the **memorial Bench** for Jean Wilson was installed to the front of the hall and at the same time we used reserves to replace the wooden ramp to the rear fire exit, with a wider, much safer **concrete ramp**, addressing our second highest risk on our risk register.

The highest risk on our risk register was the old stage, both in terms of its safe erection, but also when stored away. It was also very heavy requiring a minimum of four people. In September a **new stage** was purchased from reserves, and the old stage recycled. The new stage is lightweight but robust, easy to handle and erect, and stores safely in the locked storeroom.

Nigel Rowlands was employed one day per month over summer to **maintain the grounds**, including clearing fallen leaves. Garden waste was then kindly taken to Driffild tip by Phil Gilmartin in his car. In January 2026, Nigel cleared a pathway in the snow to the hall and cleared the steps, gritting to maintain access during the worst of the January snow, but the bad weather resulted in many regular bookings being cancelled.

Grants

In July the East Riding of Yorkshire Council announced a new funding round under its "Do It for East Yorkshire" banner, and the remit matched one of our priority objectives of **upgrading the kitchen facilities**. Our application was strengthened by collaborating with Kilham Playing Fields Association who needed more capacity for three events they were planning over the winter months, and they also provided a case study as part of the post grant reporting requirements. The award of around £6,000 was notified in Autumn and we were able to have the new facilities installed in time for the KPFA events. The upgrade also addressed one of the risks identified on our risk assessment, with the boiler now moved to a safer location, it reduced the need to bring pre-warmed food from home, and the counter-top access has been blocked to avoid unexpected ingress, especially by small children, into the cooking area. Post award reporting will be completed by the end of January.

In September Northern Power announced a funding opportunity with a short deadline, but we were able to use much of the work already done for the previous, unsuccessful solar application, and in late December we were notified of our success, with around £14,500 granted to **install solar panels and storage batteries**. Work is scheduled to start in February. Huge thanks to Chris Jessop for his work on this grant.

Activities

The year started with a sketch show "From Here to Absurdity" which was held on 21st February, followed by the Spring Craft Fair on 12th April, and a Jazz night on 6th June, although the latter only had an audience of 27 which was disappointing. We had planned a series of 4 different adult learning courses over the summer, but with limited uptake, only the air fryer sessions went ahead, and on minimum numbers. Committee-organised activities resumed on 25th October with a Bad Apple Theatre production, and on 15th November the Christmas Craft Fair. These activities run by committee members are onerous to organise, and live performances are not well attended. Therefore, more support is needed, or the number of fundraising events

organised by committee members will have to be reduced. The Christmas craft fair is our most successful event for fund-raising and a special thank you to Carol Jessop, as overall event manager, and to volunteers in the kitchen team, for making it such a success.

Trustees and supporters

Nigel and Vanda Rowlands stepped down as Caretaker and H&S Officer respectively at the 2025 AGM, and we have yet to fill the Caretaker role. However, the H&S Officer responsibilities have been split into the Fire Officer role, now held by Tim Marshall, and the H&S Officer role held by Katie Tanner. Our grateful thanks to Tim and Katie for stepping forward. As indicated earlier, Nigel was engaged one day per month over the summer to maintain the garden areas, but we are very keen to appoint a new committee member as Caretaker, in addition to paid maintenance work where professionals are employed.

I take this opportunity to thank Glyn Wilson, who is stepping down this year following 4 years in the role of Minutes Secretary. This is a key role, and Glyn has been diligent and amazing at turning 90 minutes of discussion into a neat, clear and concise record. Thank you so much. The committee is therefore seeking a new Minutes Secretary as a matter of urgency.

We continue to rely heavily on the happy to help group and hope to expand this essential additional support network.

Plans 2026/2027

The kitchen upgrade will hopefully lead to an increase in bookings, and the new stage will enable live performances without the onerous addition of needing to construct and dismantle the old stage. The solar panels will help reduce energy costs, and I am satisfied that we have a safe, well maintained and fit for purpose village hall. It is one of the best, if not the best, in the East Riding, but I may be bias.

2027 will see the 800-year centenary of the Royal Charter for Kilham Village to hold a Fair on the green. I would like to think this remains on the agenda and there will be strong support for some form of recognition, which will no doubt involve the village hall.

The only remaining upgrade on our original wish-list is the toilet block. In addition, we have mentioned in recent grant applications that we would like to move away from fossil fuel completely and perhaps install an EV charging point. These are all subject to the availability and success of grants and will be for the next Chair to oversee with appropriate support.

Thank you

As notified to the committee in early January, I am standing down from the committee at the February 2026 AGM, after 4 years in the role of Chair. I am proud of what we have achieved as a team in those years and thank all committee members and happy to help group member for the part they played in that success. I remain happy to help where I can and wish the committee and this brilliant village hall every success for the future.

Jennifer A Gilmartin

Retiring Chair, Kilham Village Hall



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-25

To

31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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A1 Receipts

Revenue from Hire of Hall	12,721	0	0	12,721	10,212
Revenue from Lottery	1,730	0	0	1,730	1,708
Bank Interest	738	0	0	738	744
Other Income	161	0	0	161	152
Events	2,693	0	0	2,693	2,881
		0	0	0	0
Other Grants	0	18,081	0	18,081	20,033
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,043	18,081	0	36,124	35,731

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,043	18,081	-	36,124	35,731

A3 Payments

Expenditure Hall Utilities	3,710	-	-	3,710	3,744
Expenditure Hall Repairs & Maintenance	6,018	-	-	6,018	1,965
Expenditure Cleaning & Gardening	3,899	-	-	3,899	2,390
Misc Expenditure	2,044	-	-	2,044	1,262
Expenditure Insurance & Health & Safety	878	-	-	878	1,050
Events	763	-	-	763	917
Legal Fees	2,587	-	-	2,587	3,842
Grant funded works	3,327	3,625	-	6,952	19,976
Sub total	23,224	3,625	-	26,849	35,146

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	-
Total payments	23,224	3,625	-	26,849	35,146

Net of receipts/(payments)

	- 5,181	14,456	-	9,275	585
A5 Transfers between funds	32,382	- 32,382	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,090	32,382	-	37,472	36,887
Cash funds this year end	32,291	14,456	-	46,747	37,472

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	1,538	14,456	-
	Cash in Hand		-	-
	Deposit Account	30,753	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,291	14,456	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and Buildings known as Kilham Village Hall	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio Visual System	Unrestricted	-	-
	Adjustable Stage	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Grant for Solar and battery project received December - unspent as at year end.	Restricted	14,456	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent Financial Examiner's Report to the Members of Kilham Village Hall

This document represents a report on the accounts of Kilham Village Hall (Charity Reg. No.1207436) for the year ending 31st December 2025 following an in depth review of the accounts presented to me.

Responsibility of the Examiner

The members of Kilham Village Hall are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and are of an opinion that an independent examination will suffice.

As Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts and related documentation:
- State to the officers and members of the Association any matters that come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examination Statement

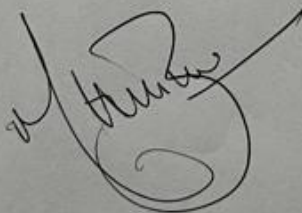
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as officers of the Association concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit however, as the accounts are less than £25,000, the examination meets the requirements of the relevant Acts and Regulations and would suffice.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and associated documents of Kilham Village Hall and can advise that no matter has come to my attention during the examination which would prevent me in stating that the accounts have been prepared in a proper legible financial manner.

Kind regards

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Dated

2nd FEBRUARY 2026