

TALATON PARISH HALL

Registered Charity No. 203652

Russet House, Talaton, Exeter, EX5 2RL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Talaton Parish Hall
Charity number	203652
Principal address	Russet House, Talaton, Exeter, EX5 2RL
Financial year	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025
Charity Commission registration	Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Trustees during the year ended 31st August 2025:

Name	Role
Simon Spencer	Chair
Alan Franklin	Secretary
Simon Jones	Treasurer
Kat Blockley	Trustee
Tanya Jones	Trustee
Gordon Pring	Trustee
Tony Hoar	Trustee
Kat Blockley	Trustee

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Talaton Parish Hall is a registered charity governed by its constitution. The charity is an unincorporated association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the charity in accordance with the governing document. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body as required during the year. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document, the most recent accounts, and relevant Charity Commission guidance. Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Commission's guidance on the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees.

Organisational Structure

The charity is managed by its trustees who meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the management and operation of the hall. Day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Chair and other officers as appropriate.

Risk Management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied those systems and procedures are in place to manage those risks. Key risks identified include building maintenance, fire safety, public liability, and financial sustainability. These are managed through regular inspection, appropriate insurance cover, and prudent financial management.

3. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The principal object of Talaton Parish Hall is to provide and maintain a village hall for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Talaton and the surrounding area, for leisure, recreational, social, educational, and other charitable purposes.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The hall is available to all members of the local community regardless of age, background, or ability, providing an accessible and affordable community facility.

Activities During the Year

During the year the hall has been used for a range of community activities including parish council meetings, community events, private hire, classes, charity fun events. The trustees are satisfied that these activities deliver direct benefit to the local community in line with the charity's objectives.

4. Achievements and Performance

Key Achievements

- The hall continued to provide a valued community facility for the inhabitants of Talaton and surrounding areas throughout the year.

- A lottery grant of £10,450 and a £450 Talaton Parish Council grant was successfully secured during the year to support the installation of an Audio-Visual System with surround sound during the next financial year.
- Other achievements were the improvement projects as per detailed in the financial review expenditure below.

Challenges

There were no significant challenges

5. Financial Review

Overview

Total income for the year ended 31 August 2025 was £26,490.98. This exceeds the £25,000 threshold requiring independent examination for the first time in the charity's history. The trustees note that this is due to the exceptional receipt of a lottery grant of £10,900 and that total income is expected to return to below the threshold in future years.

Income

- Unrestricted income (hall hire, fundraising, donations, etc.): £15,590.98
- Restricted income - lottery grant: £10,900.00
- Total income: £26,490.98

Expenditure

Day to day maintenance and utility bills/rates/licences were the main regular spends along with the following projects: -

- Complete Hall Internal Repainting
- Hall Floor Refurbishment
- Window Repairs
- Kitchen improvements, Cupboards and Blinds
- Replacement of all Curtains

Reserves Policy

This is contained in the Financial Controls Policy. The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet ongoing operating costs, plus a contingency for any urgent/emergency repairs in order to ensure the continued operation of the hall in the event of unexpected expenditure or a shortfall in income. The trustees are satisfied that the current level of reserves is adequate.

Going Concern

The trustees have considered the charity's financial position and are satisfied that it remains a going concern. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue operating.

Investment Policy

The charity holds its reserve funds in interest-bearing bank accounts. The trustees consider this to be appropriate given the size and nature of the charity.

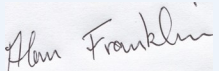
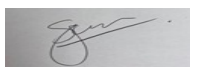
6. Plans for Future Periods

The Audio-Visual system is expected to be installed before the end of 2025 to use up the lottery grant as intended.

The trustees will continue to seek to maximise the use of the hall and to maintain it in good repair for the benefit of the local community. Total income is expected to remain below the £25,000 independent examination threshold in the coming year.

7. Trustees' Declaration

The trustees confirm that this Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance, and gives a true and fair view of the activities and financial position of Talaton Parish Hall for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Name	Role	Signature & Date
Simon Spencer	Chair	29/06/2026 
Alan Franklin	Secretary	29/06/2026 
Simon Jones	Treasurer	29/06/2026 

TALATON PARISH HALL

Registered Charity No. 203652

CHARITY ANNUAL RETURN

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Section A — Charity Details

Question	Answer / Information
Charity name	Talaton Parish Hall
Charity registration number	203652
Financial year start date	1 September 2024
Financial year end date	31 August 2025
Correspondence address	Russet House, Talaton, Exeter, EX5 2RL
Charity type / classification	Community / village hall (charitable purposes: community participation, recreation)
Areas of operation	Talaton and surrounding parishes, Devon
Website (if any)	https://www.talatonparishhall.org.uk/community/talaton-parish-hall-20652/home/

Section B — Trustees

Trustees who served during the year ended 31 August 2025:

Full Name	Role	Appointed	Resigned (if applicable)
Simon Spencer	Chair	Unavailable	
Alan Franklin	Secretary	6 th April 2021	
Simon Jones	Treasurer	24 th May 2024	
Kat Blockley	Trustee	15 th Nov 2022	
Tanya Jones	Bookings Secretary	26 th Oct 2022	
Gordon Pring	Trustee	12 th Jan 2022	
Tony Hoar	Trustee	1 st Sept 2016	

Section C — Financial Information

Financial Question	Figure / Answer
Total gross income	£26,490.98
Total expenditure	£15,572
Income from government / public bodies (lottery grant)	£10,450 (National Lottery — restricted fund £ 450 Talaton Parish Council - restricted fund
Income from donations and legacies	£ 520
Income from charitable activities (hall hire, lettings)	£ 3,987
Income from other trading activities	£ 7,952
Income from investments	£ 895
Funds at start of year (1 September 2024)	£24,720.79
Funds at end of year (31 August 2025)	£35,639.86
Does the charity hold permanent endowment?	No
Does the charity own or use land / property?	Yes the Hall and surrounding land under a lost land conveyance
Are accounts independently examined or audited?	Independently examined (income £26,490.98 — over £25,000 threshold)
Name of independent examiner	Mrs Jennifer Capon
Examiner's relevant qualification / experience	Retired Civil Servant, Experience in managing of large budgets.

Section D — Activities and Public Benefit

Question	Answer
What does your charity do?	Talaton Parish Hall provides and maintains a village hall for the benefit of inhabitants of Talaton and surrounding areas, for leisure, recreational, social, educational and charitable purposes.
Who does the charity help?	Maintains and runs the Parish Hall for the community, providing facilities for village organisations, e.g., Produce Association, Art and Pantomime Groups. Hosts a variety of fundraising events and provides a venue for exercise classes and private parties, wakes etc. The Hall is the designated control centre for the

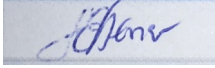
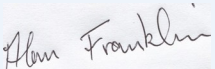
	village Emergency Plan and stores property belonging to the village associations.
How does the charity help them?	By providing an accessible and affordable community facility for meetings, events, classes and private hire.
Any activities outside England and Wales?	No
Does the charity work with any other organisations?	No
Does the charity employ any staff?	No
Number of volunteers	20

Section E — Serious Incidents and Declarations

Question	Answer
Were there any serious incidents during the year?	No
Any fraud, theft or significant financial irregularity?	No
Any safeguarding concerns?	No
Any legal proceedings involving the charity?	Yes – The Hall Issued a CCJ against Mr Andrew Baker T/A Illumina Painting Maintenance or Baker & Sons for the return of a £300 deposit that was taken but the work never progressed.

Trustees' Sign-off

We confirm that the information in this preparation document is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge, and that the Annual Return will be submitted to the Charity Commission on behalf of Talaton Parish Hall.

Name	Role	Signature & Date
Simon Spencer	Chair	29/06/2026 
Alan Franklin	Secretary	29/06/2026 
Simon Jones	Treasurer	29/06/2026 

TALATON PARISH HALL

Registered Charity

Independent Examination of Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of Talaton Parish Hall ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's principal objective is to maintain and operate Talaton Parish Hall for the benefit of the local community, providing a facility for recreational, social, educational, and charitable activities.

Significant Activities During the Year

The hall continued to serve the local community throughout the year. A significant development during the year was the receipt of a lottery grant of £10,450 which is reflected in the total income for the period. This grant income is not expected to recur, and total income is expected to return to below the £25,000 threshold in future years.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £26,490.98, which exceeds the £25,000 threshold requiring independent examination. This threshold has not previously been exceeded and is not anticipated to be exceeded in future years unless further grant funding is awarded. Trustees have reviewed the financial position and are satisfied that the charity holds adequate reserves to meet its obligations. The Reserves Policy is contained within the Financial Controls Policy

2. Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Hall hire and lettings	£ 3,978	
Fundraising and events	£ 7,952	
Donations and grants (excl. lottery)	£ 970	
Lottery grant income		£10,450.00
Other income	£ 2,246	
Investments	£ 895	
TOTAL INCOME	£26,491	(inc. £10,450 grant)

Expenditure	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Utilities (Oil, electricity, water)	£ 2,867	
Repairs and maintenance	£ 2,573	
Projects	£ 8,906	
Administration and other costs	£ 1,226	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 15,572	

Net movement in funds for the year	£ 10,919.07
Funds brought forward (1 September 2024)	£ 24,720.79
Funds carried forward (31 August 2025)	£ 35,639.86

3. Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2025

Assets and Liabilities	£
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand (C/A, Reserve A/C, Savings Bond and Cash)	£35,282.06
Other debtors / prepayments	£ 357.80
Current Liabilities	
Creditors and accruals	(Nil)
NET ASSETS	£34,639
Represented by:	
Unrestricted funds	£24,739.86
Restricted funds (Lottery grant and Parish Council Grant)	£10,900
TOTAL FUNDS	£35,639.86

4. Notes to the Accounts

4.1 Accounting Policies

- These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance.
- The accounts cover the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- The charity is not registered for VAT.

4.2 Lottery Grant Income

During the year the charity received a lottery grant of £10,450 (restricted fund), and a parish council grant of £450 – Total £10,900. This grant has been recognised in full in the year of receipt. The purpose and conditions attached to this grant are as follows:

The grant is to be spent in 2025/26 for the installation of an Audio-Visual System with Projector, Blue Ray and Surround Sound and this was the condition of both awards. The trustees confirm that this grant is exceptional and non-recurring. The charity's income is not expected to exceed the £25,000 independent examination threshold in future years unless further grants are awarded.

4.3 Independent Examination Requirement

Because total income exceeded £25,000 for the first time, an independent examination of the accounts is required under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. The charity has appointed an independent examiner to carry out this examination.

4.4 Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and accounts, ensuring they give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end.

5. Independent Examiner's Report

To the trustees of Talaton Parish Hall

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed under Section 145(1) of the 2011 Act because the gross income exceeded £25,000.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

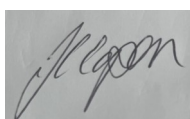
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

The examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 from the trustees 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



22nd June 2026

Date

Signature of Independent Examiner

Mrs Jennifer Capon

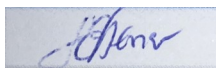
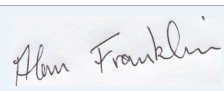
Retired Civil Servant, Experience in
managing of large budgets.

Relevant professional qualification / experience

3 Woodman's Orchard, Talaton, Exeter EX5 2SE

6. Trustees' Declaration

We, the undersigned trustees of Talaton Parish Hall, confirm that the accounts set out on the preceding pages, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Accounts, represent a true and accurate record of the receipts and payments of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, and are approved by the trustees.

Trustee Name (printed)	Role	Signature
Simon Spencer	Chair	
Alan Franklin	Secretary	
Simon Jones	Treasurer	

Date of approval by trustees: 23rd June 2026