

Loders Village Hall - Annual Report - Charity Number 205389
Year Ending 31 March 2025

The objectives of the Lodders Village Hall Charity as in the constitution are: *"To provide and maintain a village hall without distinction of political, religious or other opinion, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation."*

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to report that the Village Hall continues to be used by a wide range of clubs, organisations, members of the public and businesses for a variety of purposes. During 2024-25, there was a continued increase in hire for fund raising events, private parties and business activities. Also, the committee, with the understanding and cooperation of several of our regular hirers, was able help Lodders School in its time of need.

In response to the loss of use of a school classroom due to tornado damage, the Village Hall was made available for four afternoons a week for school activities. This affected several regular hirers who, without exception, helpfully agreed to rearrange their sessions to accommodate the change. This continued until the end of the summer term.

Overall, bookings remained at a healthy level. The income generated from bookings in the year was £16,784. Other income of £8,779 from interest, feed in tariff from the solar panels and donations resulted in a total income of £25,563.

Expenditure covered routine items, caretaking, repairs and maintenance, hall supplies, licences, insurance, internet, electricity, gas and water. In addition, a defibrillator was purchased and installed. The cost of all of these amounted to £14,317, resulting in a surplus of £11,246. Much of the surplus will help to fund maintenance and renewal works that will need to be carried out in 2025-26, and beyond.

Following a review of banking and accounting procedures, it was agreed to continue with the two CCLA accounts to take advantage of the good rates of interest and the email method of communication now offered and the 35-day notice NatWest Liquidity Manager.

A new treasurer was appointed in December 2024. The implementation of Hallmaster with a direct integration to FreeAgent began January 2025 and will help monthly invoice processes. The Hallmaster Booking package has considerably improved the processes and allows anyone to check the hall facilities and availability on-line.

The Village Hall is now almost 25 years old. The need to maintain and renew as necessary has been recognised and acted upon for a few years. Various replacement, renewal and improvement projects have been identified and these are reviewed, updated and prioritised at every committee meeting. Investigations in relation to electric vehicle charging have been put on hold and replacing the north boundary fence with a stock-proof hedge was considered not practical.

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With the agreement of the bequest donors, we have installed a defibrillator on the exterior wall of the hall in association with the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Sam Ellward-Smith provided the required electrical, anti-condensation heater supply to the cabinet.

It is a pleasant venue in very pleasant surroundings for residents of the Parish, the surrounding area and in also from much further afield. It is hoped that our many users can enjoy this facility for many years to come.

The Lodgers Village Hall Committee

25 June 2025

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Loders Village Hall - Profit & Loss: Accounting Year 2024/25

Accruals basis

	Year ended 31 March 2025		Year ended 31 March 2024
	Debit	Credit	Restated - accruals basis
	£	£	
Turnover		20,519	16,851
Donations		1,356	1,072
Hire		16,784	13,384
Feed in Tarriff		2,379	2,395
add Other Income		5,044	4,336
Interest Received		5,044	4,336
Gross Profit		25,563	21,188
less Administration Expenses	11,442		10,688
Replacement and renewal projects			338
Caretaker	1,729		1,560
Defibrillator costs	1,750		0
Office Costs	20		0
Repairs and Maintenance	1,506		4,867
Hall Supplies	536		170
Internet & Telephone	411		41
Cell Phone	40		368
Licenses and Permits	200		343
Miscellaneous	33		0
Advertising and Promotion	85		85
Accountancy Fees	29		0
Subscriptions	253		0
Insurance	1,022		937
Gas	1,363		1,130
Water	364		425
Electricity	342		424
Capital Projects - Blinds & Curtains Main Hall	1,659		0
Capital Project - Doors and Windows	100		0
less Tax-Disallowable Admin Expenses	2,875		0
Capital Projects - Car Park Upgrade	2,875		
Operating Profit		11,246	10,500

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Loders Village Hall - Balance Sheet

Accruals basis

	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank	126,699	117,461
Bank Account: NatWest Current Account	6,441	11,739
Bank Account: COIF Charity Account	40,251	35,634
Bank Account: Lodgers Village Hall - Liquidity Manager	22,445	12,526
Bank Account: COIF Capital Account	57,562	57,562
Trade debtors	835	747
Total current assets	127,534	118,208
Current liabilities		
Deferred income	630	2,550
Total current liabilities	630	2,550
Total net assets	126,904	115,658
Unrestricted Funds	69,342	58,096
Restricted Funds	57,562	57,562
Total Funds	126,904	115,658

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF

LODERS VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts of the Village Hall for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

As the Village Hall's Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Village 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 from you as members of the Management Committee 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.

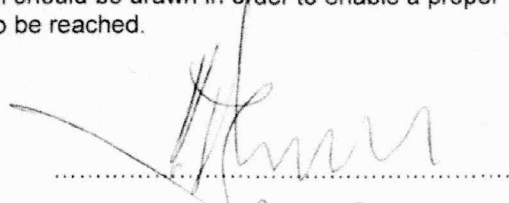
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 Charities Act;
and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.


A.J. AYLOTT

4 May 2025



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