

**Ringmer Village Hall Charity No 207885**  
Trustees Report for 2023

To be discussed at the Management Meeting following the AGM before submission to the Charity Commission.

The Trustees express their thanks for the work of the Treasurer in keeping them informed of the Charity's financial position and recommendations for action.

The Trustees express their thanks to Sharon Rose for ensuring the halls are cleaned to a high standard and Bren Bonner for her administration of the bookings.

Hire of the facilities remained stable, throughout the year with new activities and groups gauging interest for the longer term e.g. Kurling.

The village hall provided a focal point for the coronation of King Charles III, celebrated by viewing the service whilst enjoying coffee and tea. In the afternoon the halls were taken over for an indoor carnival for school children and parents. The day finished in the evening with a barn dance. New and existing members of the community were invited to the Ringmer Hub, an event where local groups can exhibit and encourage persons to join in with their activities.

The refurbished kitchens were put to good use with the Community Chef running several cookery courses with the support of grants from Lewes District Council. These have been followed by volunteer run courses also support through Lewes District Council. The Hall was home to a new Ringmer Eco Extravaganza led by members of St Mary's Eco Church. Visitors were able to find out more about renewable energy, locally sourced products and take part in clothing "swish". Ringmer WIs platinum jubilee gift to the village in celebration of the Queens jubilee and the coronation of King Charels III, was a tapestry depicting life in Ringmer, it now hangs in the Alan West room for all to admire.

Routine maintenance followed the agreed 10-year plan plus the addition of replacement main entrance doors jointly funded from reserves and Ringmer Parish Council. The doors are powered opening and therefore make for easy access for all persons.

Investigation was made for the options for maintenance of key areas included recommendations for the replacement of external woodwork, the Alan West room acoustics, and the improvement to the insulation of the flat roofs.

The Village Library has maintained a service throughout 2023 with an increased number of members, book delivery has continued to those unable to get to the library. Grants from Lewes District Council enabled extra sessions under the Warm Spaces scheme, this was also supplemented by extra session of cool spaces during hot periods. These were also funded by Lewes District Council.

It is a credit to Trustee Liz Owen and the other volunteers who have continued to expand the services offered in the library. The library welcomes users to enjoy a hot drink, and also hosts a popular monthly hearing aid maintenance session, run by East Sussex Hearing. The library is in a very strong position for continued growth and support to the community in the coming years.

The village hall is run entirely by volunteers who would welcome others to support the heart of the community.

The Charity despite the reduced income and significant increase in energy cost, is financially sound and needs to look to the future to be sure that it delivers what is required to an ever-increasing population.

Alan West  
Chair Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee  
April 2024



# **RINGMER VILLAGE HALL**

*(Registered Charity number 207885)*

## **AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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Presented to the Annual General Meeting of  
Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Ringmer Village Hall

Charity Number: 207885

Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

I have completed the examination of the accounts and supporting papers for Ringmer Village Hall for 2023

The Treasurer has highlighted all the relevant financial details and has identified the significant items of receipts and payments for the year in his comprehensive report.

The Accumulated Fund details the current asset and bank balances as at 31 December 2023 and the valuations are included in the Balance Sheet.

The books and records continue to be well kept and the explanations I required in support of the accounts were provided fully by the Treasurer Mr. M. Whitlock.

All the vouchers and records provided to me were checked and, as a result, I consider that the accounts properly reflect the operations of the Village Hall.



Dave Firman  
27/02/2024



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Village Hall at Ringmer in the Parish of East Sussex

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

207885

Set out on pages

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 statement**

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 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Name:

D. A. Firman

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

C.I.P.F.A

(if any):

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Address:

26 Springett Avenue

Ringmer

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

## **RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(Registered Charity number 207885) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Treasurer's Annual Report.**

#### **Highlights of 2023**

- 2023 saw Ringmer Village Hall further improved with further new external doors which are electronically operated and give **all** users access to both levels of our Village Hall. Toilet facilities were also installed on our upper level. Grants were received from Ringmer Parish Council and Garfield Westons enabling these modifications (a total of £15000)  
Grant Totals = **£15000**  
Total Costs = **£20085**
- Unfortunately, we have lost some user groups, the Flower Club being a noticeable group. They have very generously donated just shy of £1000 to the Village Hall funds.
- The library received a further warm room grant from Lewes District Council and was again opened for an extra 3 hours each week during the winter months. The library has also enabled six learn to cook sessions the Village Hall kitchen, these being run by some of the library volunteers.

**Examiners Report** - This is the examiners' summary of the results for the year with a signed statement.

**Finance Report** – This report shows the normal activities for operating the Hall. It shows balances brought forward from 2022 and total income & expenditure for the year 2023.

- Our total cash balance at year end 2023 being **£135,185.59**.

**Balance Sheet** – Records the Accumulated Fund of the Village Hall Management Committee.

- Current funds held on account in the bank(s) totaling **£135,185.59**.
- The freehold value of the Village Hall is **£375,000**. No change for 2023.
- Current value of furniture and fixings revalued end 2023 from **£16021.48 to £14357.21** (Less 10% cost of existing assets. Values of under £20 no longer recorded).
- Total assets = **£524,542.80**

**Income and Expenditure Report** – This is in the form of receipts and payments account and details the types of income and expenditure incurred and their amounts.

- *The major source of income is from:*
- Lettings **£45701.08** (allowing for refunds and deposit refunds)
- Funding Grants **£15000**
- Library Income (including warm space grant) **£5510.47**.
- *The major items of expenditure are for:*
- Caretaking **£8538.94** not inc. PAYE or Payroll
- Electricity **£9480.57**
- Repairs and Maintenance **£29080.52**
- Last year's figures are shown for comparison.
- Surplus of **£3095.78**

**Trading Budget** – This page shows how the Village Hall's trading fared against the budget.

**Assets** – Shows a list of assets not including the building.

- I have shown a further 10% depreciation (from purchase price figures) for the year 2023.
- **NOTE:** In accordance with good accounting practices, I have now not included our library books as assets. They are now shown for accounting purposes as NIL value at year end.

## Appreciation

- I would once again like to thank Alan West our chairman for many hours of hard work. Without his dedication we would not have the great facilities that Ringmer Village Hall continues to offer. Once again, he has worked very hard this year overseeing and managing all the alteration works. I know he intends to stand down from his role as a chairman at this AGM. 40 plus years of outstanding and dedicated involvement with our Village Hall is a remarkable achievement. I am so glad he has decided to stay on as a trustee. The community of Ringmer has reaped the benefit and will continue to do so, largely due to the work and time Alan has given to our Village Hall. Thank you, is not enough, Alan.
- Sharon Rose, our caretaker, has worked extremely hard to keep the hall clean and safe for users.
- Bren Bonner who has continued to manage and juggle the bookings and the many changes throughout the year.
- Many thanks go to Liz Owen, a trustee of RVHMC and all her volunteers. The library continues to be well stocked and used. Over 1000 members. Without Liz I doubt we would have such a great community library. *Five years on, still going strong.*
- Many thanks also to Ringmer Baptist Church, who are contributing to the rent for the library space, as well as running a food bank and providing a wonderful Christmas lunch for the community.

## Explanation of Funds

Accounts are kept on a computer system using Paxton charity bookkeeping software.

I have set up distinct funds for RVHMC as follows:

- **The General fund** for everyday village hall income and expenditure. Managed through our charity account with Barclays Bank.
- **Library fund.** A separate fund for the Village Library so that the donations and fundraising which is specifically for the library can be accounted for and only used for the library expenditure.
- **Foodbank Fund.** For Ringmer Foodbank use only.
- **RVHMC financial policy** states we should hold £25000 in reserves away from our day-to-day running costs. I will be asking the trustees to further increase the reserves over the coming years. A large part of our premises is flat roofed, and it is estimated that to replace it all in one hit would be £75,000+.

Martin Whitlock

Hon. Treasurer

Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee – Dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

# RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## FINANCE REPORT YEAR END 2023

### RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AGM 15th April 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT as at 31-Dec-23

#### CASH / BANK Transactions

Balances Brought Forward--	Current Acc.	67,396.78	
	CCLA a/c	13,780.07	
	Barclays Saver Acc	49,248.69	
	Total B/F	<u>130,425.54</u>	
	Income all accounts	<u>71,005.71</u>	
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>201,431.25</b>	
Less	Expenditure (Excl Depreciation)	<u>66,245.66</u>	Note: Letting Refunds £2613
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>135,185.59</u></u>	
<b>Balances;</b>	Current A/C	50,329.21	Inc. Library and Foodbank
	CCLA A/C	35,138.83	
	Barclays saver	49,717.55	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>135,185.59</u></u>	

Martin Whitlock  
**Hon. Treasurer**  
 Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee



# **RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AGM 15th April 2024**

## **Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2023**

2022	ACCUMULATED FUND	2023
£		£
504,004.83	Balance bfwd	521,447.02
2,243.00	Additional Fixtures/Fittings	-
15,199.19	Surplus	3,095.78
<u>521,447.02</u>	Total	<u>524,542.80</u>
375,000.00	Freehold Property	375,000.00
16,021.48	Furniture and fixings	14,357.21
	<u>Current Assets Financial</u>	
67,396.78	Current A/C	50,329.21
49,248.69	Barclays Savings	49,717.55
13,780.07	CCLA Acc.	35,138.83
<u>521,447.02</u>	TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>524,542.80</u>

# RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

INCOME v EXPENDITURE 2022 v 2023

## RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AGM 15th April 2024

### INCOME and EXPENDITURE REPORT to 31-Dec-23

Year 2022		Year 2023	NOTES
£	INCOME		
44,311.14	Lettings	45,701.08	Allows for £2613.00 in refunds/deposits
12,176.12	Donations	570.36	
30.00	Meters	60.00	Elec Sub Stn
168.02	Interest	1,827.62	
340.00	Storage	500.00	
475.71	Fundraising	239.30	Xmas Cards + Utility Aid
17,302.66	Library	5,510.47	Inc Warm Space Grant LDC
262.54	Sundries	1,037.57	Refund on Electric + Hub
25,005.27	Funding Grants	15,000.00	Door Grant
250.00	Grants for goods & Services	559.31	Door and Foodbank Grant
117,296.00	Extension Grant CIL	-	
<b>217,617.46</b>		<b>71,005.71</b>	
	EXPENDITURE		
1,809.73	Cleaning/Materials	1,707.55	
8,309.99	Caretaker	8,538.94	
2,947.76	Insurance	2,902.34	
472.29	Water and Sewage	573.76	
4,243.92	Electricity	9,480.57	
22,052.68	Repairs/Maint.	29,080.52	
19,716.91	Additions & Decorations	1,519.94	
1,600.00	Gardening	800.00	
190.00	Audit fee	200.00	
1,080.00	Honorarium Bren	1,190.00	
1,167.02	Admin	1,521.12	
822.46	Telephone/Broadband	804.24	
9,583.97	Library	5,193.28	
450.00	Payroll Admin	466.80	
378.80	PAYE	594.73	
1,123.64	Foodbank	1,000.00	
124,435.39	2021 Extension Works	-	Inc. RPC Payments CIL £22000
	Banking Adjustment	486.87	Repaid on Lettings 2024
55.14	Defib Exps	185.00	
469.20	Fundraising Costs	-	
1,509.37	Depreciation on Assets	1,664.27	
<b>202,418.27</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,909.93</b>	
<b>15,199.19</b>	<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,095.78</b>	

## RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AGM 15th April 2024

## Trading v Budget

	31st Dec 23	Budget Forecast 2023	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
RECEIPTS	£	£	%
Lettings	45,701.08	47,730.00	95.7% COVID?
Donation	570.36	230.00	248.0%
Meters/sub stn rent	60.00	30.00	200.0%
Interest	1,827.62	70.00	2610.9%
Storage	500.00	630.00	79.4%
Fundraising	239.30	200.00	119.7%
Library	5,510.47	3,500.00	157.4%
Sundries	1,037.57	Not Budgeted	
Grants, Goods & Services	559.31	Not Budgeted	
Funding Grants	15,000.00	Not Budgeted	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,005.71</b>	<b>52,390.00</b>	

	£	£	%
PAYMENTS			
Cleaning	-1,707.55	-2,530.00	67.5%
Caretaker Payroll + PAYE	-9,600.47	-9,360.00	102.6%
Insurance	-2,902.34	-2,970.00	97.7%
Water and Sewerage	-573.76	-1,000.00	57.4%
Electricity	-9,480.57	-15,120.00	62.7%
Repairs/Maint.	-29,080.52	-3,750.00	775.5%
Additions & Decorations	-1,519.94	-3,940.00	38.6%
Gardening	-800.00	-880.00	90.9%
Audit fee	-200.00	-200.00	100.0%
Bren Honorerium admin	-2,711.12	-2,530.00	107.2%
Telephone	-804.24	-920.00	87.4%
Depreciation on Assets	-1,664.27	Not Budgeted	
Foodbank	-1,000.00	Not Budgeted	
Error Payments	-20.00	Not Budgeted	
Library	-5,193.28	-13,260.00	39.2%
Stopped Cheques	-486.87	Not Budgeted	
Defib Exps	-185.00	Not Budgeted	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,909.93</b>	<b>56,460.00</b>	

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,095.78</b>	<b>-4,070.00</b>
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	A	B	C	D	E	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	<b>RVHMC Assets Values End 2023</b>													
2	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Date Acc</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>2015 Value</b>	<b>2016 Value</b>	<b>2017 Value</b>	<b>2018 Value</b>	<b>2019 Value</b>	<b>2020 Value</b>	<b>2021 Value</b>	<b>2022 Value</b>	<b>2023 Value</b>
3	Curtains and Blinds	Curtains and blinds maintained repaired	Furnishings	01/09/02	4000	1,493.20	1,093.20	693.20	441.2	397.08	357.37	321.63	289.47	260.52
4	Water Boiler New Kitchen	Couner Top Water Heater	Appliance	16/12/09	418.6	202.93	161.07	119.21	87.71	78.94	71.05	63.94	57.55	51.79
5	Crockery	100 place settings	Crockery	01/03/02	1200	349.68	229.68	109.68	44.88	176.00	158.40	142.56	128.30	115.47
6	Microwave		Appliance	01/04/04	120	27.60	15.60	3.60	0	-	-	-	-	-
7	Cooker	Purchased as demonstrator	Appliance	16/12/09	3600	2,115.00	1,755.00	1,395.00	1080	972.00	874.80	787.32	708.59	637.73
8	Warming Cabinet 1000mm		(1) Category	01/08/02	800	204.50	124.50	44.50	4	3.60	3.24	2.92	2.62	-
9	Fridge		Appliance	01/08/02	150	26.70	11.70	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
10	Chairs x 26	Blue Chairs with arms	Furnishings	01/12/02	2000	693.50	493.50	293.50	172	154.80	139.32	125.39	112.85	101.56
11	4 x Folding Tables		Furnishings	11/01/11	738	419.40	345.60	271.80	208.8	187.92	169.13	152.22	136.99	123.29
12	1 x Elm Wood Table		Furnishings	01/04/03	250	112.00	87.00	62.00	44	39.60	35.64	32.08	28.87	25.98
13	2 x Local Pictures Donated		Furnishings	01/04/02	0	162.00	162.00	162.00	144	129.60	116.64	104.98	94.48	85.03
14	2x Screens		Furnishings		200	73.40	53.40	33.40	20.8	18.72	16.85	15.16	13.65	-
15	1 x Fire Blanket		Safety	01/04/02	50	30.50	25.50	20.50	16	14.40	12.96	11.66	10.50	-
16	1 x Fire Blanket	Replaced under Yearly Service Contract	Safety	01/04/02	50	30.50	25.50	20.50	16	14.40	12.96	11.66	10.50	-
17	6 x fire extinguishers	Yearly Contract for repair/replacement	Safety	01/02/03	600	307.40	247.40	187.40	138.8	124.92	112.43	101.19	91.07	81.96
18	24 x Folding Tables		Furnishings		2640	1,011.00	747.00	483.00	312	280.80	252.72	227.45	204.70	184.23
19	Sound System inc 4 x speakers	Repaired and maintained Aug 2009	Entertainment	01/04/03	6700	2,710.00	2,040.00	1,370.00	920	828.00	745.20	670.68	603.61	543.25
20	Notice Boards x 6	Purchased over last 5 years	Furnishings		480	232.05	184.05	136.05	99.6	89.64	80.68	72.61	65.35	58.81
21	10 x square tables		Furnishings	01/04/02	500	175.40	125.40	75.40	44.8	40.32	36.29	32.66	29.39	26.45
22	18 Chairs		Furnishings	01/04/02	1080	440.10	332.10	224.10	151.2	136.08	122.47	110.22	99.20	89.28
23	Data Projector	Data Projector Epsom replaced 2022	Entertainment	16/03/11	796.01	485.57	405.97	326.37	254.724	229.25	206.33	185.69	167.12	150.41
24	Upholstery Cleaner	George Upholstery Cleaner	Cleaning Eq	02/08/11	257.52	157.09	131.34	105.59	82.408	74.17	66.75	60.08	54.07	48.66
25	150 folding Chairs	20 upholstery renewed 2019	Furnishings	01/04/03	9000	2,250.00	1,350.00	450.00	0	882.00	793.80	714.42	662.39	596.15
26	2 x Notice Boards		Furnishings	01/08/09	100	52.90	42.90	32.90	24.8	22.32	20.09	18.08	16.27	-
27	First Aid Kits x 2		Safety		0	48.60	48.60	48.60	43.2	38.88	34.99	31.49	28.34	25.51
28	Kettle		Appliance		20	8.15	6.15	4.15	2.8	2.52	2.27	2.04	1.84	-
29	Water Boiler		Appliance		230	99.80	76.80	53.80	37.6	33.84	30.46	27.41	24.67	22.20
30	Fridge	Donated	Appliance	01/12/09	0	72.90	72.90	72.90	64.8	58.32	52.49	47.24	42.52	38.26
31	Cooker		Appliance		1000	456.10	356.10	256.10	183.2	164.88	148.39	133.55	120.20	108.18
32	Water Urn Large		Appliance		110	50.90	39.90	28.90	20.8	18.72	16.85	15.16	13.65	-
33	Crockery And Pans		Furnishings		0	58.32	58.32	58.32	51.84	46.66	41.99	37.79	34.01	30.61
34	Card Tables x 20		Furnishings		0	1,134.00	1,134.00	1,134.00	1008	907.20	816.48	734.83	661.35	595.21
35	Portable Staging Sstsem		Furnishings	01/04/02	9100	4,012.00	3,102.00	2,192.00	1544	1,389.60	1,250.64	1,125.58	1,013.02	911.72
36	Chair Transport Racks x 3		Furnishings	01/04/02	750	360.30	285.30	210.30	153.6	138.24	124.42	111.97	100.78	90.70
37	Electric Floor Polisher		Appliance	01/04/05	450	92.25	47.25	2.25	0	-	-	-	-	-
38	Cleaning Equipment		Cleaning Eq	01/05/08	0	180.00	180.00	180.00	157.5	141.75	127.58	114.82	103.34	93.00
39	Four Drawer Filing Cabinet		Furnishings		0	64.80	64.80	64.80	56.7	51.03	45.93	41.33	37.20	33.48
40	Grill		Appliance	01/07/11	268	148.90	122.10	95.30	72.8	65.52	58.97	53.07	47.76	42.99
41	Defibrillator	From Donations and Grant	Appliance	21/10/12	1313	919.10	787.80	656.50	525.2	472.68	425.41	382.87	344.58	310.13
42	Table St Marys Room	New	Furnishings	01/01/17	73.9			73.90	66.51	59.86	53.87	48.49	43.64	39.27
43	Stacking Chairs	New	Furnishings	29/03/17	282			282.00	253.80	228.42	205.58	185.02	166.52	149.87
44	Hearing Loop St Marys	New	Appliance	19/04/17	863.35			863.65	777.29	699.56	629.60	566.64	509.98	458.98
45	Store Cupboards	New	Furnishings	13/09/17	569.95			569.95	512.96	461.66	415.49	373.94	336.55	302.89
46	Library Equipment	Used	Furn/IT	01/05/18	8500				8500	9,000.00	8,100.00	7,290.00	6,561.00	5,904.90
47	Butchers Block new 2022	New 2022								-			180.00	162.00
48	Stainless Steel Kitchen Trolley	New 2022								-			280.00	252.00
49	Kitchen Water Heater - Symons	New 2022											340.00	306.00
50	Microwave - Symons	New 2022											250.00	225.00
51	Sotorage Cabints	New 2022											393.00	353.70
52	Cooker and Hob - Symons	New 2022											800.00	720.00
53	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>59260.33</b>	<b>21,468.54</b>	<b>16,571.42</b>	<b>13,467.11</b>	<b>18,340.31</b>	<b>18,873.89</b>	<b>16,986.50</b>	<b>15,287.85</b>	<b>16,021.48</b>	<b>14,357.21</b>
54														
55					-10%	minus 10% cost	minus 10% cost	minus 10% cost	minus 10% cost	Minus 10% cost + Additions 2019	Minus 10% cost + Additions 2020	Minus 10% cost + Additions 2021	Minus 10% cost + Additions 2022 Depreciation = £1509.37	Minus 10%. No additions. Nothing under £20 shown Depreciation = £1664.27

Ringmer Village Hall

Charity Number: 207885

Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 31 December 2023

I have completed the examination of the accounts and supporting papers for Ringmer Village Hall for 2023

The Treasurer has highlighted all the relevant financial details and has identified the significant items of receipts and payments for the year in his comprehensive report.

The Accumulated Fund details the current asset and bank balances as at 31 December 2023 and the valuations are included in the Balance Sheet.

The books and records continue to be well kept and the explanations I required in support of the accounts were provided fully by the Treasurer Mr. M. Whitlock.

All the vouchers and records provided to me were checked and, as a result, I consider that the accounts properly reflect the operations of the Village Hall.



Dave Firman  
27/02/2024



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Village Hall at Ringmer in the Parish of East Sussex

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

207885

Set out on pages

1, 2, 3

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 statement**

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 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Name:

D. A. Firman

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

C.I.P.F.A

(if any):

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.