

RINGMER VILLAGE HALL CHARITY No 207885
Lewes Road, Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5QH
Trustees' Report 2025

Thankfully a less challenging year than 2024 and one where the hall continues to be used by regular groups and one-off bookings.

Standards are maintained thanks to our caretaker, Sharon Rose and the dedication of numerous volunteers. Our bookings administrator Bren Bonner continues to be the first port of call for queries for many. Thank you, Bren!

The Hall welcomed some new bookings in 2025 including Judo, Taekwondo and Dog First Aid. Weekly bookings from groups such as Badminton, Tiddlers & Toddlers and the Evergreens are essential for our regular source of income as are our monthly groups such as WI and Spinners Weavers and Dyers. Weekend bookings have been variable, and we have tried to fill some gaps with our own fundraising events: A jigsaw puzzle competition and Bingo both proving popular. We also hosted the popular Ringmer Hub offering clubs and societies to promote themselves and attract new members.

From 3916 bookings, 1965 (50%) provided fitness /health; 815 (20%) provided a social /special interest and at least 183 (5%) provided entertainment.

Instigated by the Trustees, health talks continued and a very successful day took place with Foundry Healthcare. First Aid / Defibrillator training has continued with the support of St Johns Ambulance and financial support from Lewes District Council.

Ringmer Library continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Liz Owen and her dedicated team of volunteers. Sociable Saturdays and Friendly Fridays bring together the community for coffee, cake and chat and have been funded by Lewes District Council.

A further Kitchen Company course took place where local volunteers taught a small group of people some basic cookery skills in a friendly and relaxed setting. Popular local author Elly Griffiths gave a fantastic talk, and several fundraising events were held during the year to support the Library and Hall. The history of Ringmer Swimming Pool display was presented in the library for a few weeks to celebrate the re-opening of the pool after a lengthy closure.

The Baptist Church continued to meet throughout the year and play an important role in decision-making and direction. Ringmer Dramatic Society put on two superb shows in 2025 – almost sell out audiences at both.

The trustees dealt with 2 main issues in the year: A diesel spillage on the car park was put through our insurers and led to part of the car park being resurfaced. Further vandalism of the public toilet led to a temporary closure and a review of the charity's options. With the toilet re-opened and in regular use, these options are being evaluated subject to external funding support.

We closed the year with a surplus, as some of our planned exterior work did not take place due to weather conditions. Careful management of resources will ensure our 10-year maintenance programme can get back on track from 2026. Our reserves continue to be healthy as we look at the prospect of renewal of the flat roof in the near future.

TRUSTEES

(There were no changes during the year)

Revd David BOUSKILL (Ex-Officio member as Vicar of Ringmer)

Mark CROASDALE

Malcolm HART

Marisa HAYES

Robert MORRISON

Elisabeth OWEN

Keith PHILLIPS

Teresa SUTTON

Neil THORNICROFT

John WHITLOCK (Parish Council representative)

Alan WEST

Martin WHITLOCK

Trustees are recruited from user groups and those with an interest and skills in supporting this vibrant village amenity.



RINGMER VILLAGE HALL

(Registered Charity number 207885)

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Presented to the Annual General Meeting of
Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee
20th April 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ringmer Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ringmer Village Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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 those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:



Name: John Ashcroft (IPFA)

Address: 64 Leicester Road, Lewes, BN7 1SX

Date: 19/2/2026

Statement of receipts and payments for year ended 31/12/2025**Receipts**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total 2025 | Total 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations - general | 501 | | 501 | 1,705 |
| Youth group donation | 1,107 | | 1,107 | |
| Library Income | | 9,935 | 9,935 | 5,941 |
| Grant from Almond Trust | 1,637 | 42,139 | 43,776 | |
| Lettings | 55,626 | | 55,626 | 53,689 |
| Storage | 780 | | 780 | 740 |
| Meters | 60 | | 60 | 684 |
| Interest | 2,353 | | 2,353 | 2,521 |
| Fundraising | 570 | | 570 | 500 |
| Insurance Claim/sundries | 8,188 | | 8,188 | 33,100 |
| Error Reciepts | 50 | | 50 | 1,000 |
| Total before transfers | 70,873 | 52,074 | 122,947 | 99,880 |
| Transfers between funds | 3,250 | | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| Total | 74,123 | 52,074 | 126,197 | 103,130 |

Payments

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total 2025 | Total 2024 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cleaning/Materials | 1,961 | | 1,961 | 2,126 |
| Caretaker | 8,323 | | 8,323 | 7,765 |
| Insurance | 4,457 | | 4,457 | 3,772 |
| Water and Sewage | 663 | | 663 | 677 |
| Electricity | 13,429 | | 13,429 | 14,395 |
| Repairs/Maint. | 22,386 | | 22,386 | 53,401 |
| Additions & Decorations | 2,515 | | 2,515 | 2,091 |
| Gardening | 800 | | 800 | 800 |
| Audit fee | 200 | | 200 | 200 |
| Honorarium Bren | 1,200 | | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Admin | 1,551 | | 1,551 | 1,639 |
| Broadband | 847 | | 847 | 766 |
| Library Expenditure | | 5,067 | 5,067 | 4,066 |
| Grants to schools | | 40,000 | 40,000 | |
| Payroll Admin | 475 | | 475 | 515 |
| PAYE | 1,560 | | 1,560 | 1,443 |
| Foodbank | - | | - | 2,316 |
| Letting cancellation refunds | 3,088 | | 3,088 | 2,820 |
| Defib Exps | - | | - | 535 |
| Error Payments | 30 | | 30 | |
| Fund Raising Costs | 50 | | 50 | |
| Total before transfers | 63,535 | 45,067 | 108,602 | 100,526 |
| Transfers between funds | | 3,250 | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| Total | 63,535 | 48,317 | 111,852 | 103,776 |
| Surplus (deficit) of receipts over payments | 10,588 | 3,757 | 14,345 - | 646 |

Statement of Balances at 31 December 2025
Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee
AGM 20th April 2026

Bank balances

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total 2025 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current account (Barclays) | 15,966 | 30,621 | 46,587 | 41,596 |
| Barclays Savings | 63,213 | | 63,213 | 55,438 |
| CCLA Acc. | 38,518 | | 38,518 | 36,939 |
| Total | 117,697 | 30,621 | 148,318 | 133,974 |
| Opening balance at 1 January 2025 | 106,429 | 27,545 | 133,974 | |
| Plus surplus of receipts over payments | 10,588 | 3,757 | 14,345 | |
| Closing balance at 31 December 2025 | 117,697 | 30,621 | 148,318 | |

Other assets

| | Unrestricted £ | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Village Hall | 375,000 | From last valuation in need of update 2026 |
| Fixtures and fittings | 16,661 | Recorded Assets |
| Debtors: | | |
| Scottish Water | 510 | Monies held by Scottish water as a grant from previous years flood |
| Lettings | 2809 | Outstanding payment 2025 from Hallmaster booking system |

RINGMER VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Registered Charity number 207885) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20th April 2026

Treasurer's Annual Report.

Financial Highlights/Explanations 2025

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Lettings | £52,538 - allowing for deposit and cancellation refunds |
| Donations | A bequest from the Almond estate of £43274.62 was paid into RVH library fund for distribution to three local secondary schools. This is to be used to encourage teenage reading totaling £40,000. The remaining £3275, to be split between the Village Library and RVH. |
| Repairs | £22386 – Includes £10,271.26 as 50% paid for heating upgrade in Symons Hall. (RVH will receive £13,000 CIL money from LDC in 2026.) Most of the remaining amount was for repairs for diesel spill in car park, most of which was covered by insurance claim. |
| Interest | £2353.48 on all accounts |
| Caretaking | £10358 including PAYE and Payroll services. W/E caretaking increased in line with minimum wage. |
| Electricity | £134290 |

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

Receipts and Payments 2025 – This is in the form of receipts and payments account and details the types of income and expenditure incurred and their amounts.

- Unrestricted Receipts £74,123
- Restricted Receipts £52,074 (Almond Bequest)
- Total Receipts £126,197

- Unrestricted Payments £63,535
- Restricted Payments £48,317
- Total Payments £111,852

- Surplus £14,345

Statement of Balances

- Unrestricted £117,697
- Restricted £30,621
- Total 2025 £148318

- Village Hall Valuation £375,000
- Fixtures and Fittings £16,661
- Debtors Scottish Water £510 and Lettings outstanding £2089

Appreciation

My thanks go to all Trustees. Our Caretaking team, Sharon and Liam,
Our Administrator, Bren and all others who are involved in the running of Ringmer Village Hall.
Thank you all for your support over many years as this will be my last annual report.

Explanation of Funds

Up to end 2025 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 and includes saver accounts at Barclays and CCLA.
- **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. For banking purposes this shows within the general fund
- **RVHMC financial policy** states we should hold £25000 in reserves away from our day-to-day running costs. I believe this should be increased to at least £50,000

Martin Whitlock

Hon. Treasurer

Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee – Dated 20th February 2026

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