

TRUSTEES REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

2024 – 2025

The financial year 2024-2025 was an unusual year for the Village Hall and Walled Garden charity, for although considerable progress was made by our volunteer supporters in redesigning and refreshing the walled garden, it was not possible to hold any events in the Village Hall itself because major building works (described later) took up the entire period. Although the main construction activities were funded by grants, the absence of revenue earning activities in the hall for the whole year, put considerable strain on our financial resources, and our Committee had to concentrate on revenue earning, in order to pay for the hall's ongoing regular costs.

Lambeage Hall (i.e "The Village Hall") was originally built over 100 years ago, and for the whole of that period had only been accessible using a long flight of steps, which made it effectively unusable for wheelchair users or anyone with mobility issues. For several years, the Committee have been planning a two storey extension at the front of the existing hall which included a lift and an internal well lit staircase. This would permit direct wheel-chair access from street level to the lift which then lowers users down to the existing hall level. Although a design had been completed and planning permission had been obtained a few years previously, it was not until 2023 that the commitment for funding was secured from 2 private funders and one Government backed funder which enabled construction to commence in February 2024 and continue throughout our financial year. It was a requirement of our main funder, Good Growth, that all works should be completed by 31st March 2025, and despite encountering several delays caused principally by unexpected ground conditions, our contractor was able to complete the works within the specified time period. The Trustees wish to place on record their thanks to all 3 funders, particularly Good Growth who were the largest funder of the 3.

The absence of revenue earning events in the hall for a whole year, was a major challenge to our Treasurer and whole Committee, but by organising a series of fund raising initiatives, encouraging private donations, and also receiving support from other local organisations, we were able to maintain modest positive balances throughout the financial year.

Trustees Report Village Hall and Walled Garden Charity

Signed



Norman Reed

Trustee and Committee Chairman

8th November 2025

Annual Accounts Feb 2024 - Jan 2025

Lambeage Hall (Registered Charity 207905)

Opening balance at 1 Feb 2024	£82,023.69
Add surplus to date	£90,609.38
Calculated closing balance	£172,633.07

RECEIPTS

Hall events	£0.00
Battery events	£0.00
Fundraising events & schemes	£2,007.02
Films	£272.45
Grants	£387,668.20
Lottery tickets	£3,138.00
Lottery donations	£354.24
Donations & bequests	£9,815.82
Hall Booking Fee	£92.00
Bank interest	£2,484.90
Bar takings	£230.36
Electricity meter	£0.00
Zettle	£88.96
Misc	£0.00
Total Receipts	£406,151.95

PAYMENTS

Building costs & related fees	£310,358.69
Hall equipment	£233.95
Licenses & annual fees	£937.34
Utilities	£312.32
Insurance	£1,221.33
Film rentals	£301.13
Performance fees	£250.00
Refunds	£113.61
Hall cleaning	£300.00
Battery: mowing & strimming	£1,020.00
Play equipment & safety	£0.00
Publicity	£0.00
Communications	£434.20
Total Payments	£315,542.57

Surplus	£90,609.38
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Closing bank balances (31/01/2025)

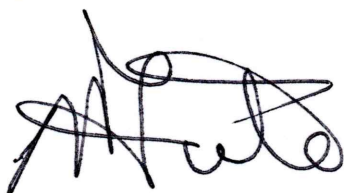
Current account	£7,937.55
Savings account	£30,681.67
Buildings current account	£785.79
Buildings savings account	£133,228.06
Total	£172,633.07

Reconcile

Calculated closing balance	£172,633.07
Actual closing balance on 31.1.25	£172,633.07

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have examined the financial records of the Lambeage Hall (charity number 207905) for the 12 month period ending 31st January 2025 and found the above income and expenditure statement to be a true and accurate report of the Charity's financial position.

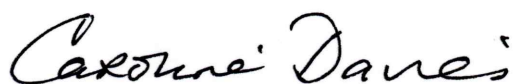


David A Field ACIB

Date 10th April 2025

Treasurer's statement

Accounts prepared by Dr Caroline Davies, Lambeage Hall Treasurer.



Dr Caroline Davies

10 April 2025
Date

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AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY - 31ST JANUARY
2025

I have examined the financial records of the Lambeage Hall (charity no. 207905) for the 12 month period ended 31st January 2025 and found the financial statements for the period to be a true and accurate report of the charity's financial position.

For the period under report the charity's normal activities were suspended while the Lambeage Hall premises underwent a major refurbishment. This led to a significant increase in both income and expenditure. The costs of refurbishment and related fees during the year amounted to £310,000. This cost was met by grants and donations of £400,000 producing a surplus of slightly in excess of £90,000 which will be utilised in meeting ongoing building cost incurred in the following financial period.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Field', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Field A.C.I.B.
Honorary Auditor