

BRAMFORD VICTORY HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 210175

Details

Other names	LORAINE VICTORY HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1962-10-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: A CLUB FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF BRAMFORD.

Activities: Provision of a Village Hall for general use

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRAMFORD.
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£36,320	£34,984	-	-
2024-05-31	£43,758	£19,314	-	-
2023-05-31	£28,781	£18,900	-	-
2022-05-31	£19,189	£20,876	-	-
2021-05-31	£27,433	£9,382	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Henry Frederick Waters	Chair	2024-06-17
ANN WOOLNOUGH		2020-10-23
Amanda Anne Critchlow		2024-06-17
BASIL MICHAEL PECK		2011-08-06
Donald James GOLDING		
Margaret Dakin		2018-01-01

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CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

1. Welcome and Introduction

Welcome everyone and thank you for your participation and engagement throughout the year.

A brief overview of our objective from the original trust document: “The Hall is held in trust for the purposes of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Bramford and the neighbourhood without distinction sex or of political religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.”

2. Key Achievements and Successes

Further enhancement of solar power system.

Increase in number bookings over previous year

New energy contract with Smart Meter technology

Charities Commission Registration updated with website access

Fire Evacuation, Health and Safety and Safeguarding Policies updated and added to website

CCTV notices installed near cameras

Transfer of treasurer responsibilities

Rural Coffee Mornings third Monday of month

Winter warm space sessions funded by East Suffolk Council

3. Challenges for the coming year

Fire risk assessment recommended that kitchen hatch, kitchen door and storeroom door should be changed to fire doors and a fire sensor and evacuation system be installed.

Live feed CCTV for safety reasons

4. Acknowledgments

Caroline Wolton for all her hard work with bookings and hall management and maintenance

Amanda Critchlow for taking on the role as Treasurer and looking after finances

Kirsty Schartau for assistance with the treasurers handover and secretary work

Don Goulding for looking after health and safety, CCTV, charity commission issues and energy/smart meter issues

5. Future Plans

Outside power supply for events on the field

Removal of old gas heaters and brick up vents

Fencing between field and car park to reduce safety risk

Apply for 25/26 “Winter Warm Space” grant

6. Closing Remarks

We need to try and get more people involved, to support the committee and contribute their skills.

Finally thank you for your attendance.

Lorraine Victory Hall, Bramford
Statement of Affairs, Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st May 2025

Receipts	2024/2025	2023/2024
Hall Hire	29835.30	23785.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Feed in Tariff	0.00	580.74
Grants Received	6113.71	18350.00
Bank Interest (Savings)	57.52	56.54
Share Dividends	1005.02	703.12
Share Re-evaluation	-701.78	282.76
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00
Total Receipts	36319.77	43758.16

Payments	2024/2025	2023/2024
Managers & Cleaning Fees	11511.51	8350.00
Deposit Returned	3655.0	2060.00
Building/Fixture/Fittings Expenses	12544.32	2920.35
Administration/Licenses	953.69	463.47
Utilities	4966.25	3886.18
Broadband (included in Utilities 24/25)	N/A	409.20
Gifts	0	0.00
Manager's Telephone	0	0.00
Property Insurance	1340.06	1225.69
Bank Account Charges	13.25	0.00
Total Payments	34984.08	19314.89

Total Loss/Profit	1335.69	24443.27
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Balances at 31/05/2025	Balances at 31/05/2024
Lloyds Current Account	99001.79	97021.84
Lloyds Deposit Account	5000.95	4948.71
Cash	360	360
COIF Shares	25146.29	25655.53
COIF Ethical Shares	9720.5	9913.04
Unpresented Cheques	0	0
Total Net Assets	139229.53	137899.12

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the charity at 31/05/25 and reflects the receipts

Amanda Critchlow (Treasurer).....

Independent Examiners Report of the Accounts

Report to the Management Committee (trustees) of Loraine Victory Hall Trust - Bramford on the accounts for the Financial Year June 2024 - May 2025

As the independent examiner, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 (3) (a) of the act

Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43 (7) (b) of the act

State if any matters come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity commissioners and examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 management committee concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination of the accounts requires comment on both the accounting and more importantly the attention to preparation detail. Therefore, in my opinion

1) I believe that in any material the requirements to keep the accounting records and prepare accounts have been met. On examination the accounts do not warrant a further and full audit.

2) Spreadsheets are reconciled to bank statements and booking form show a clear paperwork trail for audit purposes.

3) All bank transactions reconciled to hall bookings

In conclusion: I consider the Treasurers report is a true record of the LVH accounts for 2024 / 2025

Signed: 

Date: 21.1.26

Julie Ponton 7 The Street, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, IP14 6AG

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Lorraine Victory Hall
Manager's/Interim Chairman's Report 2023/24
AGM 17th June 2024

Lorraine Victory Hall celebrated its Centenary in March. Marked by a celebration attended by supporters of the hall over the years and with special Guest the High Sheriff of Suffolk Mark Pendlington, which was a great honour. The hall is our village War Memorial of the First World War and an important part of our community.

Currently usage is good with regular groups using the hall on weekday evenings and Sunday mornings, with special events on weekends. Some corporate bookings also during daytime, which is an area we wish to improve. Fridays are our least booked day/evening which may need some thought into how to promote the hall or use it on these days.

Feedback is excellent from users, and we get a lot of repeat bookings and bookings from those who attended as guests.

The website and Facebook have brought in more hirers from outside the village and corporate bookings which is excellent, as a result advance bookings are essential as we do turn away several enquiries as fully booked.

Income is good from hire, but we do keep our fees affordable and competitive to ensure the hall is accessible for all the community and to support local clubs etc. However, expenses have been high due to increased rates of utilities. There are no payments outstanding, and hirers are paying as invoiced.

The grant donated by Bramford Parish Council enables us to keep our rates low, enabling clubs to survive and in turn supporting residents and reducing isolation, for which we are extremely grateful. The grant also provides funds for general maintenance and upkeep of the hall and green space, which is also used by the other community buildings nearby.

This year the hall has worked hard to reduce our expenses and carbon footprint, and we are currently working through our Decarbonation Plan. This includes:

- Air source heating installed (Kindly funded by BPC, with thanks)
- Gas supply removed. (savings on high unit costs, daily service charges, maintenance and servicing)
- Lights replaced with LED.
- PIR installed lights for low use areas.
- Battery Storage (kindly part funded by District Councillor Caston, with thanks) which should reduce electricity usage from the grid significantly.
- Additional solar PV install which will reduce electricity usage by approx. 50% (Via Port One planning condition, unknown eta)

Our future projects will be to improve insulation in the building which currently is poor, as seen in our survey. Also we wish to install estate fencing on the car park boundary of the green space to ensure a safer environment for users, with improved steps to the kitchen door.

Grant applications and quotes are the next step, with cavity wall insulation being our priority.

The hall is run by volunteers whom form the Management Committee, we thank them all for their time given and representing the various groups in the community.

We welcome our new Chairman Henry Waters who took on the role in March.

We send our thanks to Maggie Dakin in her role as Secretary. We are grateful to Maggie for all her 6 years' service as Secretary, Maggie intends to stay on as a Committee Member.

Diana Wolton is also retiring from the Committee. She has been an active Committee Member over the past 24 years and we pass on our thanks for all her dedication and time at the hall.

Caroline Wolton

Chairman's Report

As I have only been Chairperson since 26th March 2024 and there have been no committee meetings, there is not much I can report on.

Chairing a Registered Charity like the Loraine Victory Hall is completely new ground to me so there is quite a lot for me to take in on the various rules and regulations governing charities. It is only when I got involved in the grant process for the table tennis tables that I became aware of the insurance requirements and policy documents that need to be in place for the village hall to run on a daily basis.

However, from what I have seen and what little I have been involved with so far, I think the hall has excellent facilities and has made some very prudent investments in terms of improving the building and controlling maintenance and running costs.

I have to say a big thank you to Caroline Wolton for the way the village hall is being managed on a daily basis and to Kirsty Schartau for keeping the finances in good order.

My only claim to a contribution is the purchase of two new table tennis tables on behalf of the village hall, at no cost as they have been funded by Table Tennis England and Active Suffolk Fit Village Project.

Henry Waters

Loraine Victory Hall, Bramford

Statement of Affairs, Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st May 2024

Receipts	2023/2024	2022/2023
Hall Hire	23,785.00	18,187.64
Donations	0.00	0.00
Feed in Tariff	580.74	436.83
Grants Received	18,350.00	9,160.94
Bank Interest	56.54	15.05
Share Dividends	703.12	700.42
Share Re-evaluation	282.76	280.48
Total Receipts	43,758.16	28,781.36
Payments	2023/2024	2022/2023
Managers & Cleaning Fees	8350.00	1980.00
Deposit Returned	2,060.00	1,480.00
Building / Fixture / Fittings Expenses	2,920.35	10,270.63
Administration / Licenses	463.47	244.20
Utilities	3,886.18	3,341.29
Broadband	409.20	397.93
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Managers Telephone	0.00	30.00
Property Insurance	1,225.69	1,156.72
Total Payments	19,314.89	18,900.77
Total Loss / Profit	24,443.27	9,880.59

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Balances at 31/05/2024	Balances at 31/05/2023
Lloyds Current Account	97,021.84	72,995.11
Lloyds Deposit Account	4,948.71	4,892.17
Cash	360.00	0.00
COIF Shares	25,655.53	24,278.09
COIF Ethical Shares	9,913.04	9,307.09
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets	137,899.12	111,472.46

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the charity at 31/05/24 and reflects the receipts and payments together with the investments and assets.

Kirsty Schartau (Treasurer).....1st June 2024

Independent Examiners Report of the Accounts

Report to the Management Committee (trustees) of Loraine Victory Hall Trust – Bramford
On the accounts for the Financial Year June 2023 – May 2024

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- 2) Spreadsheets are reconciled to bank statements and booking form show a clear paperwork trail for audit purposes.
- 3) All bank transactions reconciled to hall bookings

In conclusion:

I consider the Treasurers report is a true record of the LVH accounts for 2023 / 2024

Signed



Date

23 / 8 / 2024

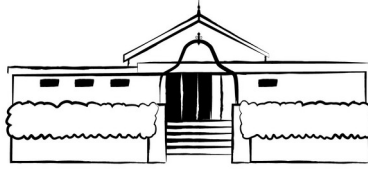
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LORAIN VICTORY HALL

B R A M F O R D

BVHT Chairmans Report 2023

Lorraine Victory Hall has had a busy year, with Covid finally behind us people are planning events and catching up on missed celebrations. As a result, our income has increased and leaves us in a healthy financial position. Accounts report follows by Treasurer.

Our Caretaker/Manager has retired after 32 years' service. A huge thank you to Julie Last for looking after the community in all thing's hall related during this time, and keeping the hall open for business for all our events and meetings. Julie is still recovering from her accident but on the road to recovery. Once again, we thank her for all her hard work and dedication, and hopes she is enjoying retirement. Currently Caroline Wolton is stepping in to keep hall functioning and plans are being made moving forward.

The hall is looking clean and smart since its new floor and decoration, feedback from hirers is very positive and word is spreading of our facilities. We have managed to secure a few local businesses who are using the hall during daytime which is a huge benefit to us. Our internet presence is improved via Yell.Com, with our website soon to be launched.

We have replaced the water heater in bar area to a larger supply and the hand dryer in kitchen has also been replaced.

Our next project will be a new heating system, once again major works but something long overdue as we have been having issues with the gas boilers in recent years. We hope to remove gas from the property and go electric using our solar panels to power air source heating. This project had been put on hold due to floor works and Covid. Bramford Parish Council has generously agreed to fund the majority of this project. Other items that need improvement and show our pledge to reduce carbon emissions etc is install new LED lighting in hall with PIR on kitchen and bathroom lights. Also some fencing and ground works to the rear of the hall.

The Loraine Victory Hall thanks District Councillor James Caston for the purchase of a new battery powered floor cleaner via the Locality Grant Scheme, this makes the task much quicker.

Hirers have increased in the past year, with a good presence on Facebook locally helping to inform residents and local businesses of what we have to offer. We have a strong committee of volunteers and supporters.

Escalating fuel costs are still a concern and we will be reviewing our fees at our next meeting, decisions need to be made if fees will need to be increased by autumn to ensure heating costs are covered. It is a difficult balance, as we are a community

building that needs to be accessible and inclusive, but we must ensure we cover our costs.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the committee for their continued support, and acknowledge Kirsty our Treasurer, who does an outstanding job with the accounts. It is a very time-consuming role for a volunteer, and she has created a very robust system that will help the hall moving forward with a new Manager.

Many thanks

Caroline Wolton

Loraine Victory Hall, Bramford

Statement of Affairs, Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st May 2023

Receipts	2022/2023	2021/2022
Hall Hire	18,187.64	5,581.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Feed in Tariff	436.83	1,307.99
Grants Received	9,160.94	11,333.00
Bank Interest	15.05	0.48
Share Dividends	700.42	690.91
Share Re-evaluation	280.48	275.59
Cash	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	28,781.36	19,188.97
Payments	2022/2023	2021/2022
Managers Fees	1980.00	2,750.00
Deposit Returned	1,480.00	1,385.00
Building Expenses	10,270.63	13,265.80
Administration / Licenses	244.20	264.60
Utilities	3,341.29	1,633.93
Broadband	397.93	403.20
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Managers Telephone	30.00	66.00
Property Insurance	1,156.72	1,107.07
Total Payments	18,900.77	20,875.60
Total Loss / Profit	9,880.59	(1686.63)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Balances at 31/05/2023	Balances at 31/05/2022
Lloyds Current Account	72,995.11	63,129.57
Lloyds Deposit Account	4,892.17	4,877.12
Cash	0.00	0.00
COIF Shares	24,278.09	24,208.40
COIF Ethical Shares	9,307.09	9,319.80
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets	111,472.46	101,534.89

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Kirsty Schartau (Treasurer)

.....1st June 2023

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In conclusion:

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Signed



Date

29/3/2024

Julie Ponton

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Chairman's report June 2021

It's been a difficult year with Covid restrictions and different levels of shut down and closure for the hall. A great deal of work has been put in to ensure Risk Assessments for Hall and Hirers have been completed and are appropriate according to Clubs and Village Hall governing bodies.

Victory Hall has been made Covid Secure since 1st Sep 2020 when the hall first reopened. Little has changed since then regarding requirements of the Hall so we are still maintaining self-cleaning before and after use, hand sanitiser, extra cleaning, one way system, space, kitchen & bar is still closed and limited numbers in hall/toilets etc. Risk assessments are in place and have been completed by all users.

Track and Trace is now a requirement and clubs/groups are responsible in maintaining a register and contact details. QR code is on wall for use if required.

The Hall has had an episode of closure again over the winter, opening again to essential users (NHS) and Lait Dance Classes with limited numbers etc as in Sept 20. Most other clubs have decided to wait for all restrictions to be lifted and vaccination programme to be in full effect. Currently date for reopening according to Government is 21st June 2021, but currently I have my doubts and am expecting another delay of a few weeks. We await Gov advice and will follow it as we are informed.

We have been financially supported generously by our local government due to closure and lack of income as reported by the Treasurer.

JL Caretaker has been keeping the building clean and tidy and ensuring H&S checks are made, water is regularly flushed etc. There has been one call out due to heating problems and another for an electrical fault, both easily and affordably resolved.

Moving forward clubs are getting ready to return, residents are keen to meet up again, bookings are in for a few weddings and parties, but all with the cancellation clause if Covid hits again at no cost to the hirer.

I look forward to restrictions lifting and to see everyone out socialising safely very soon, and hopefully lots of bookings coming in!!

Lorraine Victory Hall, Bramford

Statement of Affairs, Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st May 2021

Receipts	2020/2021	2019/2020
Hall Hire	2,280.00	24,940.00
Donations	0.00	117.72
Feed in Tariff	0.00	974.16
Grants Received	24,208.00	21,750.00
Bank Interest	0.92	2.46
Share Dividends	673.18	924.79
Share Re-valuation	271.37	886.16
Cash	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	27,433.47	49,595.29
Payments	2020/2021	2019/2020
Managers Fees	3,000.00	6,045.00
Deposit Returned	350.00	1,745.00
Building Expenses	1,991.97	12,460.99
Administration	760.19	1,408.71
Utilities	1,687.95	2,949.82
Broadband	403.20	403.20
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Managers Telephone	88.00	72.00
Property Insurance	1,100.98	1,189.98
Total Payments	9,382.29	26,274.70
Total Profit	18,051.18	

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Balances at 31/05/2021	Balances at 31/05/2020
Lloyds Current Account	64,816.68	45,691.42
Lloyds Deposit Account	4,876.64	4,875.72
Cash	0.00	0.00
COIF Shares	23,943.56	21,171.83
COIF Ethical Shares	9,238.36	8,279.27
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	(1,075.00)
Total Net Assets	102,875.24	78,943.24

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the charity at 31/05/21 and reflects the receipts and payments together with the investments and assets.

Kirsty Schartau (Treasurer)

K. Schartau

1st June 2021

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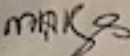
Following my examination of the accounts my findings are:

- 1) The requirements as per the Charities Commission to keep the accounting records and prepare accounts have been met. On examination the accounts do not warrant a further and full audit.
- 2) The "Lorraine Victory Hall" bookings records are untidy and lack clarity. It is not possible to reconcile the payments for bookings against the Bank account. Booking records need to be more detailed and clearer to enable bank reconciliation.

In conclusion:

I consider the Treasurers report is a true record of the LVH accounts for 2020 / 2021

It has not been possible to reconcile the bookings against bank statements.

Signed 

Date 31/03/22.

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