

Chairman's Report Alderholt Village Hall AGM 20 October 2025

The year just ended has seen our focus turn very much to reinvesting our strong cash balance into the fabric of the building and to improve the experience of our valued customers. We have spent north of £30,000 on three major projects - the toilets, the patio and patching of the car park - and an enhanced level of general maintenance.

The largest and by far the most complicated of these projects was the refurbishment of the toilets back in January which was only achieved as a result of substantial grants and donations. We are indebted to the Alderholt Community Fund, Dorset Council and ACRE as well as to the Cranborne estate and Alderholt Drama Club. In turn we would not have secured these grants were it not for the sterling efforts by our president Norman Jones.

Norman was also the driving force behind the work to replace the patio fencing and upgrade the garden around the patio, along with Dave Watson our maintenance manager. Dave continues to carry out a lot of unseen and sometimes unpleasant work (he has baptised the drainage rods!) including re-laying the anti-slip mesh on the decking, putting up the bird box and succeeding where others have failed before him in getting the chairs cleaned.

It was a delight to welcome Lord and Lady Cranborne to the official opening ceremony of the new toilets, an event also covered live by Forest FM thanks to Chris Walker using his contacts. We must have made a favourable impression because after the visit we received an additional £1000 donation from the Cranborne estate which we much appreciated.

We put on four live performances this year. In November Chris was back with Clarinet Marmalade and the enjoyable Hark the Herald Angels Swing. This has proved to be his stage swansong with us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for the huge amount of joy he has brought to hall audiences over many years.

In December we had a sell out performance of A Christmas Carol from Forest Forge Theatre which proved as profitable as it was entertaining. I hope this year's offering will attract a similar audience.

Staying with the offer to the younger members of our community we hosted two school holiday Artsreach performances. In February we sold 100 tickets for Squashbox Theatre's Wonderful World and in August it was the turn of Scratchworks Theatre's The Mushroom Show which was well received but sold fewer than half the tickets. We also hosted a very successful Freecycle event in January, a month when we don't hold our market.

Talking of which, the monthly market and café continues to evolve and, after much searching, we were delighted to welcome Dawn to replace Lin as market manager. Over the past couple of years Lin has done an excellent job resuscitating the market and has made light work of easing Dawn into the role since May. Dawn has already introduced some new ideas and I look forward to seeing what else she brings forward. And thanks to Jo, Tim, Naomi, Terry and Wendy for helping with the on site market lead or support roles.

The café fayre continues to be presented beautifully and served with a smile by our café team led by Faye and ably supported by Pat, Lena and Lin. Many thanks to all our bakers for their continued support.

On the administrative side Wendy has again provided excellent secretarial support and now works with Lin to ensure the weekly safety checks are done. She was also responsible for introducing the new emergency contact number.

In January, after five years of valued service, Tina decided to step down from the role of treasurer. It might have taken us seven months of looking but in July we were fortunate to find a worthy replacement in Mike Saddler who has been co-opted onto the committee and will be formally proposed at the AGM. Having taken on the treasurer role *pro tem* I have now all but completed the handover. I look forward to working with Mike in the coming year.

Sadly, at almost the same time we found Mike we lost Naomi who is stepping down from managing our Facebook presence. I thank her for her support.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our past year in whatever capacity from our bakers to our market stall holders to our event volunteers and of course to all our dedicated committee members. That committee is almost back to full strength. The hall and the grounds look in excellent shape. We have a strong pipeline of bookings and we have a solid bank balance. We should look forward to the new year with confidence and enthusiasm

Graeme Thorley
Chairman Alderholt Village Hall
20 October 2025

Alderholt Village Hall Management Committee

Receipts & Payments Account

for the Year Ending 31 August 2025

	2025	2024	Notes
RECEIPTS			
Grants & Donations	12164.46	1732.08	2
Lettings - Ad hoc	6387.94	5838.80	3
Lettings - Regular	7982.00	5675.00	3
Lettings - APC Rent	5708.00	2619.00	3
Market Tables	2519.50	1206.00	4
Events	1476.84	2712.68	
Bar & Café	2958.95	3071.44	4
Refunds	0.00	190.00	
Bank Interest	551.65	509.27	5
Total Receipts	<u>39749.34</u>	<u>23554.27</u>	
EXPENDITURE			
Admin Expenses	899.62	1146.73	
Audit	0.00	0.00	
Bar & Café Stock	255.68	717.12	
Bank Charges	62.00	60.00	
Caretaker	5400.00	5400.00	6
Deposit Refunds	473.50	1692.00	
Hire of Performers	639.70	2527.19	
Insurance	1308.89	1421.20	
Licence Dorset Council	180.00	180.00	
Licence PRS	205.33	733.20	
Maintenance - Regular	3301.46	1949.00	6
Maintenance - Projects	28401.87	1236.00	6
Utilities	4406.39	3546.35	
Total Expenditure	<u>45534.44</u>	<u>20608.79</u>	
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	-5785.10	2945.48	
Cash funds at start of this period	<u>29653.28</u>	<u>26707.80</u>	
Cash funds at end of this period	<u>23868.18</u>	<u>29653.28</u>	7

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31 August 2025

1. Receipts & Payments Account

The Receipts & Payments Account summarises money received and money spent during the period. All transactions are through the two bank accounts operated by Alderholt Village Hall: a CAF current account and a CAF Gold deposit account.

The breakdown for 2024 has been restated to match the new more detailed format.

2. Grants and Donations

	£
Alderholt Community Fund	4300.00
Dorset Council	3096.00
ACRE	3068.00
Cranborne Estate	1000.00
Alderholt Drama Club	389.25
Market raffle & book sales	311.21
Sundry donations	0.00
	<u>12164.46</u>

3. Lettings

Prior years reported all lettings as one total. This is now broken down for clarity.

	2025	2024	% Change
Lettings - Ad hoc	6387.94	5838.80	9.41%
Lettings - Regular	7982.00	5675.00	40.65%

Only one six-month payment of APC rent was recognised in 2023/24 owing to payment timing

4. Market Tables

Figures for both market tables and the café are distorted as takings from May and July 2024 were not paid into the bank until Sept. August 2024 takings were paid in in Oct i.e. all in FY 2024/25. In total this represents market stalls £529.50 and café £463.85 credited in the wrong FY. Adjusted figures would be: market tables £1735 (2024) & £1990 (2025); café £3535 (2024) & £2494 (2025).

5. Bank Interest

	£
CAF Current account	10.17
CAF Gold account	541.48
	<u>551.65</u>

6. Maintenance

Prior years reported all maintenance and caretaker expense as one total.

7. Cash Balances at Year End Represented by:

	31 August 2025	31 August 2024
CAF Gold Account	21484.93	25606.45
CAF Cash Account	2210.31	3873.89
Hall Float	130.00	130.00
Petty Cash	42.94	42.94
Total	<u>23868.18</u>	<u>29653.28</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Aldersholt Village Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

213633

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

19/05/2026

Name:

David John Frederick Goad

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Non applicable

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