

UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 214415

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-01-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF UPTN ST. LEONARDS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS INCLUDING 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.

Activities: Operation and maintenance of the Village Hall for the benefit of the local community

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF UPTON ST. LEONARDS
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£32,807	£32,313	-	-
2024-01-31	£28,704	£23,424	-	-
2023-01-31	£36,594	£34,457	-	-
2022-01-31	£30,683	£21,591	-	-
2021-01-31	£24,378	£20,373	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Pearson	Chair	
Ann Pearson		2013-09-20
Carol Ann Evans		2013-10-08
Christopher Thomas Patterson		2018-05-03
James Browne		2017-05-15
Katherine Elizabeth Lucy Brooks		2025-04-29
Matthew William Pearse		2025-07-01
Michelle King		2017-05-15
SARAH DESFORGES POTHS		2013-09-20
STEWART TEDALDI		

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At the 1st March 2025 the Trustees were:

Keith L Pearson	Elected Member & Chairman
Stewart Tedaldi	Elected Member & Vice Chairman
Michael Stratford	Elected Member Parish Council Nominee
Sarah DesForges	Elected member
Ann Pearson	Elected member & Bookings Officer
Carol Evans	Elected member
James Browne	Elected Member
Michelle King	Elected member
Chris Patterson	Elected Member
Roy Thorogood	Elected Member

2024 has come and gone and the Upton St Leonards Village Hall continues to thrive and provide a venue for the Community to use for various events, despite the fact that all our costs have increased particularly those utilities that we have to use to exist. That is why it is so important that attention to such things as turning lights off when not used, ensuring that the front door is closed in cold weather and ensuring that the heating thermostats are in the correct position at maximum 18 degrees, and off when there are spells of warmer weather. We are looking at this issue for a better solution at present. It is also essential that all regular users do remember to sweep the floors after use and if tables are used they must be wiped down before returning them to the stores. However having said that, in the main, we don't have too many major problems at the moment.

The year saw a refurbishment of the main hall floor which was last done to that degree in 2016. The total cost of this being over £5000. Unfortunately, we also had a failure of a part of the boiler in the annex that had to be replaced at a cost of £900 these together with a number of smaller maintenance issues meant that the accounts for the year show a small surplus of £494.

The Playgroup came to the Committee with a request to utilise part of the rear land to create a trim trail for the children. It appears that Ofsted are pushing for more outside activities in order to ensure young children get more exercise. The works required were all funded by grants and the Playgroup themselves. It meant reducing the growth of bushes and trees on the left rear of the building and the opinion is that it enhances the appearance of the whole area and reduces our need for maintenance in the long run.

Following the Fire Risk Assessment there will be a full alarm system installed which will of course be quite expensive, but necessary.

During the course of the year a large sum of money was invested in a Bond with Lloyds Bank at a good interest rate which will provide a worthwhile income, better than being achieved through NS&I which was the facility previously used. This also is kept as the reserve fund for an eventual need for a re-roofing of the building.

Finally we give our wholehearted thanks to Mike Stratford who after many years as a Trustee some of which as Chairman, during which time he oversaw the building of the annex, he finally hung up his boots so to speak. The Village Hall and the residents of Upton owe you a huge thank you Mike for all that time spent for the benefit of others.

One last thing was that we installed a plaque recognising those who have made significant donations to Hall funds as individuals. We are also one Trustee short at present so please let us know if you are interested in helping.

My thanks also to all Trustees for their commitment.

Keith L Pearson Chairman, USL Village Hall Management Committee

UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31.01.25

	2024/25	2023/24
<u>INCOME</u>		
Misc Income	£751.64	£101.14
Grants & Donations	£0.00	£30.00
Regular Users	£26,818.52	£24,245.25
Casual Users	£4,502.00	£3,582.70
Fund Raising	£735.00	£745.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
Jubilee	£0.00	£0.00
	£32,807.16	£28,704.09
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Honorarium	£450.00	£225.00
Misc. Admin	£673.00	£279.20
Fund Raising	£79.99	£0.00
Utilities	£4,074.86	£7,588.16
Maintenance	£18,504.58	£11,749.92
Refurbishment	£6,821.60	£1,300.00
Insurance	£1,709.12	£1,718.05
Jubilee	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers	£0.00	£564.00
TOTAL	£32,313.15	£23,424.33
 Excess Income over Expenditure	 £494.01	 £5,279.76

SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

	2024/25	2023/24
Spring Show	£688.48 £ 158.52	£656.67 £ 126.67
Junior Quiz		£65.00
Quiz Nights		
Firework Night		
Village Day		
Race Night	£ 79.99	
Tea Towels/Notelets		
TOTALS	£688.48 £238.51	£721.67 £126.67
 Income over Expenditure	 £449.97	 £595.00

UPTON St. LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.01.2025

I have examined the Village Hall's accounting records and consider them to be adequate for the purpose of accurately recording the financial transactions throughout the year under review. I have also examined the records and supporting documents, vouchers and invoices provided and can confirm that, in my view, the accounts they have prepared represent a true and fair view of the Village Hall's financial activities during the year and the state of its financial affairs as at 31st January 2025.

Recommendations: - 1. None.

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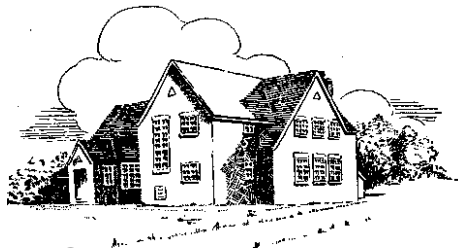
Matthew Pearse ACMA

1st June 2025

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Chris Patterson	Elected Member

The last year was a year of little note for the hall itself, there were no major projects to carry out, the entrance hall, corridor and stairs were re-decorated in July and it was agreed with our Art class leader Christine Hughes that she would hang some of her pictures in the corridor, which certainly brightens the hall up.

As expected of course with the termination of our 3 years Electricity supply contract a new one was negotiated as slightly less than double what it had been, fortunately the account had built up a credit situation so the impact this year was not large, 2024/5 may be a different case. We tried to obtain a better contract with an alternative supplier through an energy broker, but in then it proved better to stay with our existing supplier. The contract was on for 1 year as prices were anticipated to fall back and that has it seems been the case. However a decision was taken to increase the hire charges for casual hire in August and for regular users from 1st January 2024. The Gas contract is still valid until November 14th 2024.

The number of regular user has been steady with a couple of new classes starting and a Squirrels Group being added to the Scouting fraternity.

The year-end saw an excess over income of just over £5k, however cost will have an effect next year without doubt.

It was decided in January to arrange a fund raising evening in May particularly now we have lost the Bonfire night income

During the year Jackie Lord stepped down as a Trustee and we wished her well and thanked her for all her years of hard work. Mike Stratford will step down in April this year as Parish Council Representative. It is suggested that Jim Browne take that role as he also serves on the Parish Council and we seek another new Trustee. In November a new Trustee came forward and was accepted as co-opted by the Trustees with his nomination to be voted at the AGM.

Thanks to all Trustees for the commitment.

Keith L Pearson Chairman, USL Village Hall Management Committee

UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31.01.24

	2023/24	2022/2023
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gnl Exps	£101.14	£13.16
Grants & Donations	£30.00	£1,684.00
Regular Users	£24,245.25	£25,918.56
Casual Users	£3,582.70	£2,368.00
Fund Raising	£745.00	£4,110.55
Insurance Claims	£0.00	£0.00
Jubilee	£0.00	£2,500.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
	£28,704.09	£36,594.27
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Honorarium	£225.00	£450.00
Misc. Admin	£279.20	£354.70
Fund Raising	£0.00	£1,797.20
Utilities	£7,588.16	£6,394.87
Maintenance	£11,749.92	£14,577.40
Refurbishment	£1,300.00	£6,391.00
Insurance	£1,718.05	£1,984.11
Jubilee	£0.00	£1,813.87
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers	£564.00	£694.13
TOTAL	£23,424.33	£34,457.28
 Excess Income over Expenditure	 £5,279.76	 £2,136.99

SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

	2023/24		2022/23		2022/23
Spring Show	£656.67	£ 126.67	£ 739.40	£ 119.40	
Junior Quiz	£65.00				
Quiz Nights					
Firework Night			£ 3,982.00	£ 1,096.00	
Village Day					
Treasure Hunt					
Tea Towels/Notelets					
TOTALS	£721.67	£126.67	£4,721.40	£1,215.40	
 Income over Expenditure		 £595.00		 £3,506.00	

UPTON St. LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.01.2024**

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Recommendations :-

1. None.

Ian Crowe.

Ian Crowe FFA.

Date. 12th September 2024

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I am pleased to be able to make this annual report for a normal year for the first time since 2020. Covid has played a large part in our lives over these past few years. The fortunes of the Hall were very well shield being in financial trouble, because of the generosity of the Government with their Grants ably administered by Stroud District Council. Therefore I am able to report that the Hall actually made a small surplus over expenditure, helped by the last grants of around £2600 last February. We also of course have had some enhancement expenditure last year as we completely changed the Children's toilet, needed in order to satisfy the Ofsted requirements, without which we were in danger of losing the Playgroup. Also in April the main hall floor was refurbished once again after three years

Generally, hiring's have returned to a good level, with some new groups starting, but of course losing a couple of stalwarts last year .As I write casual booking are at last beginning to pick up. We have been very fortunate with our Contracts for Gas and Electricity both of which run until later this year, when we hope pricing will become a bit lower again. However if that doesn't happen we may well need to adjust hire fees a little. That is something we have not done for several years, but we can't afford to fall behind. We must always bear in mind the need in the future for work on the roof.

The spring Show was a great success with increased numbers and a very good amount of funds raised, some £700 which the Trustees agreed would be sent to the Ukraine appeal beforehand which it is felt enhanced the takings greatly. The Show in September was also a roaring success. In June we all celebrated our Queens Platinum Jubilee with a Village Picnic which was very successful, the weather being reasonably kind, sadly not too long later we were all saying a sad goodbye to her.

Lastly the Firework Display went ahead for the first year since 2019, as we all know due to a very unfortunate occurrence with a couple of malfunctioning fireworks, the was a great deal of bad feeling generated by this event sad vented on Social Media The Trustees have since, fully investigated the issue with SDC Environmental Health and Trading Standards together with a report to the HSE and no actions were deemed necessary as our procedures were seen to be in order and there were no casualties.. However the Firework Night event will not be held again

Keith L Pearson Chairman, USL Village Hall Management Committee

UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31.01.21

	2022/23	2021/2022
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gnl Exps	£13.16	£101.31
Grants & Donations	£1,684.00	£10,636.57
Regular Users	£25,918.56	£17,526.50
Casual Users	£2,368.00	£2,519.50
Fund Raising	£4,110.55	£0.00
Insurance Claims	£0.00	£0.00
Jubilee	£2,500.00	£0.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
	£36,594.27	£30,783.88
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Honorarium	£450.00	£450.00
Misc. Admin	£354.70	£585.00
Fund Raising	£1,797.20	£0.00
Utilities	£6,394.87	£5,588.86
Maintenance	£14,577.40	£12,065.52
Refurbishment	£6,391.00	£1,063.80
Insurance	£1,984.11	£1,891.55
Jubilee	£1,813.87	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers	£694.13	£0.00
TOTAL	£34,457.28	£21,644.73
 Excess Income over Expenditure	 £2,136.99	 £9,139.15

SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

	2022/23	2021/2022
Spring Show	£ 739.40	£ 119.40
Junior Quiz		
Quiz Nights		
Firework Night	£ 3,982.00	£ 1,096.00
Village Day		
Treasure Hunt		
Tea Towels/Notelets		
TOTALS	£4,721.40	£1,215.40
 Income over Expenditure	 £3,506.00	 £0.00

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Recommendations :-

1. None.

Matthew Pearse

Matthew Pearse (ACMA)

Date: 29th August 2023

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After a start to 2021 of another Covid Lockdown the fortunes of the hall began to return to some form of normality. Gradually throughout the late Spring and Summer people started booking the hall again for events such as Children's parties etc. This has been a very difficult year for everybody with the continuation of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Playgroup were of course not particularly affected by closure once again as they were allowed to continue as normal, which for the Trust was a very good thing of course.

We were fortunate to receive a further tranche of Government support by way of non-repayable grants this made up our shortfall. As previously mentioned in the last annual report our Centenary celebration Village Day did not go ahead and once again Bonfire night was cancelled, this mainly due to the fact that we have to order our firework display early and until 16th August we did not know what restrictions on meetings of people would still be in place, hopefully we can look forward to a firework display in 2022 although as previously discussed we are no longer able to have a bonfire as we cannot meet insurance requirements due to boundary limitations placed upon us.

For a second year there was not an AGM due to Lockdown etc.

Most of our regular user groups are back up and running although some have fallen by the wayside, notably after many years the Get Together Club has ceased meeting and the Upton WI have transferred to afternoon meetings in the Pavilion. Also Cotswold Monochrome have reduced numbers and moved from the main to the annex hall. Rabbit Club have not met for two years and will resume in April. We were lucky to have gained a Zumba class as a result of the Covid situation as they could no longer use their normal venue, they had 3 sessions per week and added much needed income to our facility, however they have now returned from whence they came sadly.

Casual bookings are strong to date. The Main Hall floor will be refurbished in April this year and we have also completely refurbished the old gents toilet now used as a child's toilet, with the aid of grants from the County Council.

It is the intention to decorate the hall throughout in the summer holidays this year. We must now return to the plans to increase the scout hut storage capacity as previously planned.

Finances are sound with surprisingly the hall showing an excess over expenditure for the year, mainly due to the aforementioned grants. We have now seen fit to allocate £50000 as a reserve for eventual roof replacement.

I hope that 2022 will be the start of complete normality, whatever that is to be for the future. I would like to thank all the Trustees for their continued support together with all other volunteers who from time to time assist in the running of our Hall...

**UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31.01.21**

	2021/2022	2020/2021
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gnl Exps	£101.31	£217.60
Grants & Donations	£10,636.57	£10,000.00
Regular Users	£17,526.50	£13,345.72
Casual Users	£2,519.50	£367.60
Fund Raising	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance Claims	£0.00	£448.00
Village Day	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
	£30,783.88	£24,378.92
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Honorarium	£450.00	£0.00
Misc. Admin	£585.00	£405.00
Fund Raising	£0.00	£0.00
Utilities	£5,588.86	£6,027.29
Maintenance	£12,065.52	£11,639.42
Refurbishment	£1,063.80	£244.05
Insurance	£1,891.55	£1,889.72
Village Day	£0.00	£168.34
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£21,644.73	£20,373.82
 Excess Income over Expenditure	 £9,139.15	 £4,005.10

SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

	2020/21	2019/2020
Spring Show		
Junior Quiz		
Quiz Nights		
Bonfire Night		
Village Day		
Treasure Hunt		
Tea Towels/Notelets		
TOTALS	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00 £0.00
 Income over Expenditure	 £0.00	 £0.00

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Recommendations :-

1. None.

Ian Crowe.

Ian Crowe FFA.

Date. 10th September 2022