

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 19th November 2025

Chair's Review

Welcome to the East Meon Village Hall Annual General Meeting 2025.

It is the immense effort of everyone who contributes so much that makes running the Village Hall possible. Huge thanks to all.

The members of the Village Hall Management Committee are the Trustees of the East Meon Village Hall Charity - Charity No. 226,855 - with responsibility for managing the Village Hall. The *object of the charity* is mounted in a picture frame in the entrance lobby.

*The **object of the Charity** shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of East Meon 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**.*

And that is what we commit to.

The most **enormous thanks** to everyone who contributes to and uses the East Meon Village Hall.

This review covers the financial year ending 31st August 2025. Sandy Lague, our **Treasurer**, has prepared the Treasurer's Report which, like this Annual Report and the annual accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

The past year has been one of real progress for the Hall. After a few challenging years, the hall's finances have shown a strong recovery, helped by increased bookings, successful fundraising, and careful cost management. We finished the financial year with a healthy surplus, strengthening our reserves and putting us in a good position for the year ahead.

At the end of the financial year, the hall's accounts were in a strong position, with healthy reserves and no outstanding debts. We have maintained a solid balance across our main and reserve accounts, ensuring that we can meet both day-to-day commitments and future investment needs.

The Hall Overhaul Fund remains a dedicated pool of money set aside for ongoing improvements, and we continue to manage it prudently to ensure long-term benefits for the community.

Matt Millward looks after our **Technology** and has led the way towards better systems that deliver more for villagers. Matt has lent the hall his own (fabulous) sound equipment for a long time, we realised the hall should have its own kit. This year we have procured better PA gear to improve the experience, planning to bring external performances to the hall attracting new audiences. The Parish Council enabled this with an allocation of CIL monies which is hugely appreciated.

We continue to support the Pavilion CCTV system we installed (which operates over the hall's broadband connection) and our portable projector supports East Meon Arts events in All Saints'.

Work for the Hall OverHaul includes technical issues such as recovering and controlling costs, linking, lighting, air conditioning and sound to bookings, billing hirers that don't respect their stop & start times.

The Chair's Review of the Year 2024-5

Hall Manager Emily Rich has continued to generate new business but with the added challenge of moving to a new booking system. As the primary operator of the online booking system, she has been at the centre of transferring from our current system - conceived, developed and maintained by our previous chair George Thompson - to a new system.

Lemon Booking was selected after careful evaluation and is now live. It brings new features and will be better for both customers and the hall.

The hall continues to host the nursery, the community café, Moviola cinema as well as the history group, garden club, Remembrance Sunday, harvest supper, parties and much more!

We have new hires in the small hall (redecorated in October) with the Pop-Up Choir, two art groups and Ear Care Micro-suction. Upstairs, the hall continues to host administration for the Upper Meon Benefice.

Gemma Griffiths continues to work her **Caretaker** magic keeping up the hall to the condition that the building allows. We welcomed a new Karcher floor scrubber (at a heavily discounted price) after the NuMatic finally succumbed.

Moviola goes from strength to strength, thank you Team Hollis, with growing numbers and wonderful movies. We are working towards showing National Theatre, Covent Garden and other events in the hall now that we have the qualifying sound and screen.

The **Community Café** continues to be a big contributor to the hall's finances, with a loyal following, hardly surprising given the always fabulous cakes! Thank you Diana, Connie and team so much and for the extra tasks taken on too.....

The Village Nursery and Pre-School had a good start to the year and improved as the year progressed. East Meon School and The Village Nursery work together well for a smooth transition to the school. So far the school has received approaching 40 children the result of knowing each other well and working together as nursery leavers become school joiners.

This year the **May Fair** (thank you Doug Craig for stepping into the breach!) and the **Great East Meon Boat Race** (thank you David Lewin for leading yet another great event) were held on different weekends. Huge efforts were put in by lots of villagers.

As always, each year we look to see where we can improve for next year especially as there is always the need to generate funds while the availability of volunteers is perhaps not as great as in years past.

The **Hall OverHaul** .

Continues to be developed, changing ideas on paper is cheaper than rebuilding, and we have updated the plans in the Small Hall. Villagers ideas that shape the future of the hall are vital. Consultation will continue. We need to hear from everyone on everything from layout to colour schemes.

Looking ahead, there are always opportunities to improve and deliver more, the Hall OverHaul will be the most substantial and comprehensive project since the hall was completed in 1974.

The Chair's Review of the Year 2024-5

The **Management Committee** has grown with the arrival of Chris Beard, Doug Craig, Jo Baker, Julian Marks and Steven Jenkins which brings our strength up to eight plus our Hall Manager Emily Rich and Caretaker Gemma Griffiths.

The village hall is East Meon's principal community asset – the hub of the village. Lots goes on in the hall but much more could, a look at neighbouring halls soon shows how much more the hall could be contributing to the village.

Many hands make for much lighter work, more enjoyment and a very much better village hall. As Chair David Pepper and Treasurer Sandy Lague are resigning at this AGM, the need for fresh faces and energy continues. We need all the excellent energy & ideas from the village that the hall could and should have.

We are entering a new phase with much to be achieved and much fun to be had. The Hall OverHaul is an exciting and wonderful opportunity to secure this hall's future.

So if you haven't already, do step forward to help the hall like so many did back in 1974 when the hall was first completed.

Specifically, the hall needs willing hands to help in:

- ◆ Fund raising
 - ◆ Marketing
 - ◆ Communications
 - ◆ The website
 - ◆ Events
 - ◆ Maintenance
 - ◆ IT
 - ◆ Marquees & Gazebos
- and
- ◆ The Hall OverHaul

Your Village Hall Needs YOU!

Thank you.



David Pepper
Chair East Meon Village Hall Committee
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Delivered at the East Meon Village Hall Annual General Meeting Wednesday 19th November 2025.

East Meon Village Hall – Treasurer’s Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Overview

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Income and Activities

Hall income grew considerably this year, driven by a return to more regular bookings and a successful May Fair, giving us a net profit of £6000. Our fundraising efforts for the Hall Overhaul project were especially successful, bringing in vital support for ongoing improvement works.

The Village Nursery continues to be our most important and consistent source of income, and community activities such as Moviola film nights, and the Café all contributed positively. Together, they reflect the hall’s role as a centre for the village, offering something for all ages and interests.

Expenditure and Cost Management

Expenditure was kept under tight control throughout the year. While some costs rose slightly with higher activity levels, the committee worked hard to manage expenses sensibly. Energy-saving improvements helped reduce running costs, and our operating expenses overall were lower than last year.

This careful approach meant that more of our income went directly towards improving the hall and supporting community events rather than covering overheads.

Overall Financial Position

At the end of the financial year, the hall’s accounts were in a strong position, with healthy reserves and no outstanding debts. We have maintained a solid balance across our main and reserve accounts, ensuring that we can meet both day-to-day commitments and future investment needs.

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Looking Ahead

The results this year are very encouraging. The hall is financially secure, well used, and continuing to benefit from the support and enthusiasm of local residents and volunteers.

However, as we move into the 2025–26 financial year, the picture has been a little quieter so far. The first couple of months have seen a slowdown in income, mainly due to a reduction in rent from the Village Nursery. The nursery has been facing challenges with lower enrolment numbers, and as a result, they have been paying a reduced rent. This has already had an impact on our early-year income and has contributed to a small shortfall in our accounts.

We understand the difficulties the nursery is experiencing and recognise its value to the community, so we are keeping a close eye on the situation. If the lower rent continues for an extended period, we may need to consider how best to respond — whether through additional fundraising, adjusting hall hire costs, or seeking alternative income sources to help balance the books.

The good news is that, thanks to the strong financial foundation we've built over the past year, the hall remains in a stable position. We have healthy reserves, no debts, and a committee that continues to manage the finances prudently.

Looking ahead, our priorities remain clear: to maintain the hall as a welcoming, accessible, and sustainable community space, to continue improving our facilities, and to ensure we remain financially secure despite any short-term challenges. With continued community support we are well placed to do exactly that.

Sandy Lague

Treasurer, East Meon Village Hall

For presentation to the AGM – Year Ended 31 August 2025

Profit and Loss

East Meon Village Hall For the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Trading Income			
Events	9,086	2,555	6,770
Donations	-	-	443
Hall Bookings	7,584	6,144	10,735
Hall Overhaul fundraising income	17,736	8,324	-
Interest Income	217	282	262
Misc income	15	74	-
Moviola	3,464	3,463	2,633
Special Projects/Warm Room income	-	-	9,385
VH Cafe	2,925	2,421	2,677
Village Nursery income	16,150	16,155	9,120
Pop Up Choir	100	-	-
Total Trading Income	57,276	39,417	42,025
Cost of Sales			
Closing Stock	(238)	(14)	-
Event costs	3,643	1,064	7,474
Hall Overhaul fundraising costs	12,837	13,177	-
Moviola costs	1,138	238	673
Opening Stock	14	418	(418)
Special Projects/Warm Room costs	251	-	4,358
VH Cafe costs	7	34	-
Total Cost of Sales	17,653	14,918	12,087
Gross Profit	39,623	24,499	29,938
Operating Expenses			
Advertising	200	200	200
Air Conditioning Maintenance	1,295	1,252	1,149
Bank Fees	150	99	79
Business Rates	136	66	111
Cleaning	1,903	1,251	1,307
Electricity	4,573	5,700	6,184
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	231	438	209
General Expenses	-	-	110
General Maintenance	1,590	1,308	3,068
Grass Cutting	575	910	796
Improvements	82	1,819	2,568
Insurance	1,074	1,049	961
IT Software	-	-	41
Kitchen supplies	-	4	-
Licences	679	551	1,156
Office Supplies	8	80	88

	2025	2024	2023
Pensions Costs	173	160	-
Rubbish Clearance	-	40	-
Salaries	14,524	14,561	13,189
Subscriptions	1,110	620	146
Telephone & Internet	1,387	1,386	1,050
Travel expenses	-	-	54
Water Rates	562	1,554	238
Window Cleaning	48	96	346
Total Operating Expenses	30,298	33,145	33,051
Net Profit	9,325	(8,646)	(3,112)

Balance Sheet

East Meon Village Hall As at 31 August 2025

	31 AUG 2025	31 AUG 2024	31 AUG 2023
Assets			
Bank			
GBP PayPal	988	213	1,229
HALL OVERHAUL	8,808	8,909	5,759
Petty Cash	-	-	54
RESERVE ACCOUNT	20,480	15,763	26,662
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT	1,045	1,642	1,121
Warm Room account	4,758	-	73
Total Bank	36,080	26,528	34,899
Current Assets			
Stock	238	14	418
Total Current Assets	238	14	418
Total Assets	36,317	26,542	35,317
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	466	4	133
PAYE Payable	(12)	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	454	4	133
Total Liabilities	454	4	133
Net Assets	35,863	26,538	35,184
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	9,325	(8,646)	(3,112)
Retained Earnings	26,538	35,184	38,296
Total Equity	35,863	26,538	35,184



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

East Meon Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2025

Charity no
(if any)

226855

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

Date:

17/11/2026

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