

**Castle Acre Village Hall
Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2025**

Registered charity no. 227936

The Village Hall is managed by The Management Committee on behalf of the village of Castle Acre. All members of the Committee are volunteers and as per the constitution of the village hall, some are also representatives of the main village organisations which hire the hall.

The village hall continues to be a popular venue for local groups and is becoming a popular wedding reception venue. Regular activities include, yoga, paracise, armchair yoga, Monday singing group, Wednesday choir, drawing group, first aid sessions, parish council meetings and wakes.

As a wedding venue, the hall is usually booked for a whole weekend, the location, undoubtedly being a main attraction and also economically when compared to commercial venues.

During this year, solar panels were installed, acoustic drapes hung in response to requests for improved acoustics from the hard of hearing in the community and the kitchen had a full upgrade. The air-conditioning heating system will be installed later in the year.

It is hoped that the solar panels will soon provide a source of revenue but comparisons and discussions with electricity companies have proved slow.

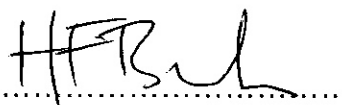
The management committee has been very active, reacting to potential hirers, supporting other village activities and organising fund-raising events for the hall - the next fund-raiser being the forthcoming Ceilidh.

The finances of the hall have looked particularly buoyant this year, with the monies put aside as match funding for the grants, plus the grant funds bolstered the account. They will soon diminish as invoices for the improvements are settled. Conditions for the grants, which enabled the improvements, have been completed satisfactorily with a further grant payment due when the new heating is installed.

The Committee will continue to invest in the maintenance and improvement of the village hall. The modernisation of the kitchen has had a great response and bookings have already been taken for 2025.

I would like to thank all the Committee for their dedication and service during this past year. We have made great strides in making the hall warmer, more attractive, improved the acoustics and catering will be a pleasure in the new kitchen.

Helen Breach
Chair
Castle Acre Management Committee
breachhelen@gmail.com



Date 09/01/26

CASTLE ACRE VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS

01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025

Santander Bank Account no. 13355004

Opening Balance **£16649.03**

RECEIPTS

Hall Hire **£12119.11**

Lottery **£130.00**

Tenants **£4980.00**

Parish Council **£ 200.00**

Choir **£1380.00**

Election **£479.50**

Elec. Refund **£490.56**

Grant **£15743.11**

£35522.28

TOTAL **£52171.31**

EXPENDITURE

Electricity supply	£4239.30
Fire control	£ 200.36
Water	£235.13
Focus/ Broadband	£674.89
Hall Cleaning/Windows /Assorted	£2330.21
Licence	£70.00
Clerical	£2056.20
Insurance	£941.04
Returned Deposits	£490.00
Purchase – Acoustic Panels	£ 618.99
Kitchen	£ 475.00
Carpet	£356.98
Chairs	£1315.80
Maintenance	£1263.35
Electrical / Air Conditioning	£12209.39
Concert Expenses	£917.56
New Doors	<u>£2633.40</u>
Total	<u>£31027.60</u>

CLOSING BALANCE**£21143.71**



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

CASTLE ACRE VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/2025.

Charity no
(if any)

227936

Set out on pages

(or enter to include the page number of any other document)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/2025

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

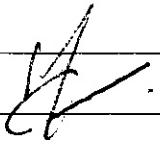
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

6.1.26

Name:

PAUL LUCAS

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details
of any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**