

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	6th	April	2024	To	5th	April	2025

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Church Knowle Village Hall

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

232813

Charity's principal address

Church Knowle Village Hall

Church Knowle

Wareham

Postcode

BH20 5NG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Dixon	Chair		
2	Ian Evans	Treasurer		
3	Carolyn Dixon	Secretary		
4	Hazel Parker			
5	William Hull			
6	Edward Wake-Walker			
7	Jill Bugler			
8	Deborah Evans			

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year		
None			

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Conveyance dated 20 <sup>th</sup> July 1936
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in May each year

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity manages and maintains the Village Hall for the purposes of physical and mental recreation and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Church Knowle in the County of Dorset and its immediate vicinity.

In planning our activities for the year, during our Committee meetings we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The main activities are:

- Maintaining and improving the Hall as an important Community Building
- Hiring the Hall to local community groups to provide an affordable facility for them to meet in
- Arranging Community events to bring the whole Village and nearby residents together to strengthen the community and tackle isolation and rural loneliness.

The Village Hall is an important community asset within the Church Knowle Parish. It is hired out to community groups for a variety of uses. These include:

- an Art Group
- a Needlework Group
- Table Tennis
- Ad Hoc hire for example for groups attending christenings, wedding and funerals at the nearby church.

In addition, following installation of an upgraded kitchen during 2024-25, thanks to a generous grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, the hall is now being used by a local special needs school to conduct cookery classes.

Community Events organised during the year by the Village Hall Committee included:

- A Ceilidh
- A village summer barbeque
- An outdoor theatre performance
- The annual Village Fete (in partnership with the Fete Committee)
- A Film night (in partnership with Purbeck Film Festival)
- An annual Quiz Night
- A Pig Racing evening

Most of these community events also served in part as fund-raising events for the Village Hall

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Village Hall was successful in attracting a number of grants during the year and these have allowed us to invest in improving the facilities available at the Village Hall and to reduce our operating costs through the installation of Solar PV panels.

A new Kitchen was installed thanks to a grant of £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Solar PV panels were installed thanks to grants from Perenco Ltd, Low Carbon Dorset and the SSE Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund.

In addition, the SSE Fund provided a grant to cover the cost of installation of 2 EV chargers which are now available for the local residents and visitors to use.

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In addition, following installation of an upgraded kitchen during 2024-25, the hall is now being used by a local special needs school to conduct cookery classes.

Community Events organised during the year by the Village Hall Committee and other Volunteers included:

- A Ceilidh
- A village summer barbeque
- An outdoor theatre performance
- The annual Village Fete (in partnership with the Fete Committee)
- A Film night (in partnership with Purbeck Film Festival)
- An annual Quiz Night
- A Wreath-making workshop
- A Pig Racing evening

Most of these community events also served in part as fund-raising events for the Village Hall. Fundraising through Hall Hire and the events mentioned above led to an unrestricted surplus of £1856 for the year.



## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the Charity held unrestricted cash of £23,626 and restricted cash of £1,280 (this being the remaining amount required to complete the EV charger project). The Trustees have agreed that the Charity should hold £15,000 as reserves in case any major building repairs are required. This leaves £8,626 in unrestricted funds available to spend on charitable activities including further maintenance and improvements to the facilities available at the Village Hall.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not Applicable

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been the various grants already mentioned which were restricted funds allocated to the specific projects of installing:

- a new kitchen
- Solar PV panels
- EV chargers

Beyond these one-off grants, our main source of funds is from hire of the hall (£2,828) and fund-raising activities (£7,308). The charity also benefited from donations of £664 during the year.

The expenditure on improved facilities has attracted new users to the hall, specifically the local special needs school, increasing the public benefit of the Village Hall.

There have also been an increased number of community events arranged by the Village Hall Committee and other volunteers which have helped to build and strengthen the local community.

## Section F

## Other optional information

With the major capital projects now complete, the Trustees will focus on ensuring that the Village Hall is well-maintained as a community asset and will attempt to attract further users to the hall, consistent with our Charitable Objects. A number of long-standing Trustees and Committee members have indicated that they may wish to retire over the next year so there will also be a need to recruit new Trustees to ensure that there are sufficient people to maintain the facility and the various community and fund-raising activities which we undertake.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*I. J. Evans*

Full name(s)

*IAN EVANS*

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

*TREASURER*

Date

*12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026*





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Church Knowle Village Hall

Charity Number  
232813

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

06-Apr-24

To

05-Apr-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

#### A1 Receipts

Donations	664	-	-	664	1,518
Fund Raising Activities	7,305	-	-	7,305	4,762
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	377
Hall Hire	2,828	-	-	2,828	2,025
Cash from Electric Meters	244	-	-	244	329
Bank Interest	637	-	-	637	277
National Lottery Grant (Kitchen)	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
Perenco Grant (Solar PV)	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Low Carbon Dorset Grant (Solar PV)	-	4,380	-	4,380	-
SSE Powering Communities Grant (Solar and EV Chargers)	-	9,642	-	9,642	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,678</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,700</b>	<b>9,288</b>

#### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,678</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,700</b>	<b>9,288</b>
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#### A3 Payments

Fundraising Activity	4,121	-	-	4,121	2,501
Licences & Insurance	1,143	-	-	1,143	473
Cleaning	880	-	-	880	822
Water & Electricity	1,234	-	-	1,234	1,313
Maintenance	1,574	-	-	1,574	2,789
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>7,898</b>

#### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Kitchen Project	476	20,000	-	20,476	-
Solar PV and EV Chargers	394	13,742	-	14,136	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>33,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,612</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,822</b>	<b>33,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,564</b>	<b>7,898</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>1,390</b>
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<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,770</b>	<b>20,160</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,626</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,906</b>	<b>21,550</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	826	-	-
	Instant Access	12,760	1,280	-
	32-Day Notice	10,040		
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,626</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Village Hall Building		-	-
	Storage Container		-	-
	Solar PV Panels		13,162	12,500
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>I. J. Evans</i>	I. J. EVANS	12/1/2026





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Church Knowle Village Hall

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5 April 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

232813

**Set out on pages**

1 to 8

(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 05/04/2025.

**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").

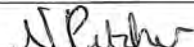
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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:** 13/01/2026

**Name:** Nicola Jane Pitcher

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

ICAEW Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

16 Church Knowle

Wareham

Dorset BH20 5NG

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.