

THE VILLAGE HALL (SHAPWICK)

England & Wales · Charity number 232833

Details

Other names	SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-04-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN THE VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH OF SHAPWICK AND NEIGHBOURHOOD THEREOF FOR MEETINGS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS

Activities: Provision and maintenance of Shapwick Village for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Shapwick and the neighbourhood with the object of improving the conditions of life for those within that community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SHAPWICK AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£45,781	£89,982	-	-
2024-06-30	£31,092	£9,079	-	-
2023-06-30	£34,145	£3,702	-	-
2022-06-30	£3,645	£2,944	-	-
2021-06-30	£73	£2,963	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRIDGET DAWES		2011-03-24
MICHAEL JOHN RICHARD MOTUM		2020-01-01
Mary Rosalind Rayment		2025-05-14
NERINA SCOTT		

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REPORT – SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL (232833) - Tuesday 21st October 2025

Introduction. Last year was characterised by an ambitious project that led to creation of a first-class kitchen, a necessary replacement for the previous facility that was far too small and ill-equipped. The new facility has been a great success. Preparation for events and tidying up afterwards has become much more efficient, safe and enjoyable. The project also became an opportunity to create what are now unisex lavatories, an improved accessible toilet, better entrance facilities and a village hall fire alarm. The project has been an overwhelming success.

Maintenance Work. Following on from the Kitchen project tight budgetary control has enabled other significant work to proceed. The wooden floor of the village hall has been sanded, waxed and polished for the first time in very many years. The improvement to the overall look and atmosphere of the hall is striking. Subsequently the barn roof that covers the entrance hall area and kitchen has been taken in hand. New trusses, batons, corrugated iron at both gable ends plus replacement tiles and wood-worm treatment are amongst the diligent work conducted by a local builder. Meanwhile the work of Jon Johnson, a villager who has supported the trustees in a variety of building works over the past 18 months deserves particular thanks.

Administration. The Trust continues to place a high priority on two important aspects of administration. First is the registration of the site with the land registry. After much persistent investigation Mrs Mary Rayment, a trustee, has managed to find the original title deed for the hall which together with a further essential document had been lodged with the London Solicitors to the Vestey family. The path to land registration is now becoming clear. Second, trustees are now engaging with villagers and stakeholders with a view to creating a Charitable Incorporated Organisation at the earliest opportunity. Again, Mary Rayment has been taking a leading role in this work and we are most grateful.

Operations. Following the kitchen and maintenance projects the village hall has been able to return to normal hire arrangements and events often inspired and led by the committee itself. Exceptions to the rule include Shapwick Jam and the Bunny Hop. Both activities are excellent examples of how a village hall can complement the desired activities of others and to the benefit of all. Regular hirings are probably less than hoped, especially at a time of very high energy prices, but this does result in a higher degree in flexibility of bookings. Meanwhile the energy, initiative and imagination that individual committee members provide in the running of an extremely varied village hall programme of events is fantastic. Indeed much of this work leads to strong support from the village and beyond to a whole variety of events. Concurrently the overall raising of funds raised has enabled ambitious works and the maintenance of a sound budget.

Trustees and Volunteers. Shapwick and its Village Hall remain most grateful to Nerina Scott and Bridget Dawes who have continued to plan, inspire and deliver so much. Having Mary Rayment as a trustee has been a tremendous 'gain' and all are hugely grateful for our dedicated volunteers such as Stuart Dennes, Ian Hale and Sue Sellick as well as the support of the Parish Council and WI.

SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	£	£
INCOME		
Regular Hall Hire	3,370	6,325
Occasional Hall Hire	1,121	1,693
Donations	4,532	1,523
Fundraising	3,718	2,041
Grants	31,902	18,700
100 Club	912	674
Interest received	226	0
	<u>45,781</u>	<u>30,956</u>
less Grants = operating income	13,879	12,256
EXPENDITURE		
Electricity	3,890	736
Water Rates	371	321
Insurance	938	905
Licenses	70	70
Cleaning Wages	0	95
Cleaning Materials	75	45
Fundraising	1,304	0
Printing Postage & Stationery	22	6
Equipment	86	0
Repairs & Renewals Ongoing	641	175
Floor	3,948	0
Refurbishment Kitchen project	77,990	6,077
Hire of Pavilion	240	0
Subscription - Community Council	110	110
100 Club	297	239
	<u>89,982</u>	<u>8,778</u>
less Refurbishment = operating expenses	11,752	2,701
Operating surplus for the year	<u>2,127</u>	<u>9,555</u>
Overall (deficit)/surplus for the Year	<u>(44,201)</u>	<u>22,178</u>

SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL

SUMMARY OF FINANCES

As at 30 June 2025

<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
£	£

Bank - current	19,901	4,490
Bank - reserve	11,731	71,504
	31,632	75,994
Cash in hand	178	208
Liquid funds	31,810	76,202
Debtors	513	322
Assets	32,323	76,524
less:		
100 club prize fund	(202)	(202)
Total funds	32,121	76,322



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Village Hall (Shapwick)

On accounts for the year
ended

30 June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

232833

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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 **30/06/2025**.

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:

SEWilliams

Date:

11/11/2025

Name:

Sue Williams

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Section B**Disclosure**

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Trustees Report – Shapwick Village Hall (Charity Number 232833) – 30 June 2024

Introduction. At the time of the report Shapwick Village Hall was temporarily closed due to a major project that is leading to the refurbishment of its kitchen, entrance hall and lavatories. The project work finished by the end of August 2024. The Village Hall re-opened a few weeks later once all aspects of the project were complete. The project met its timeline and work has been completed to a high standard..

Background. Over the past 12-18 months the project has resulted in much work and extra commitment for trustees and committee members. As a result other previously identified work such as registering the site with the land registry and considering a move to become an incorporated charity is being delayed until 2025.

Operations. Prior to the start of the project village hall hire enjoyed a very strong period resulting in significant increases in income. Similarly the Village Hall's committee has worked hard to maintain village activities and especially those generating income; 'full English' breakfasts are proving very successful. Recently the committee went to much trouble and care to ensure that certain hirers would not be disadvantaged during the period of temporary closure. Meanwhile the expansion of the Village Hall committee and volunteers, over and above the work of its trustees, led to the 'kitchen' project getting off to a flying start. Jon Johnson and Stuart Dennes deserve particular thanks for their hard and conscientious work as well as subsequent liaison and advice in support of the contractor.

Objectives. In line with our charitable objectives there is no doubt that the provision of the village hall will be maintained and made available to the residents of Shapwick. Since the early 1990s this is the third major village hall project; each one has resulted in improved conditions for all users. The work is hugely appreciated by many and it is hoped the upward trend in village hall hire, and its overall utility, will be sustained.

Incorporated Charity. Although the charity's work towards creating an incorporated charity is temporarily on hold we remain optimistic this is the correct direction of travel. Assuming that course of action is adopted two further individuals have been identified as prospective trustees. In the meantime we are maintaining our link with the Community Council for Somerset who stand ready to offer advice.

Trustees. Bridget Dawes and Nerina Scott, as trustees, deserve particular mention and thanks. Bridget Dawes has continued to take the lead in raising grant funding for the ongoing project. Meanwhile Nerina Scott has managed much of the burden in running the hall. The leadership, management skills and dedication of them both are inspirational and remain of tremendous benefit to the village as a whole.

M MOTUM
Chair of Trustees
Shapwick Village Hall

SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL – Registered Charity 232833**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2024****CURRENT ACCOUNT**

INCOME	2023/2024 - £	2022/2023 - £
Regular hall hire	5,905	1,365
Occasional hall hire	2,447	877
Donations	1,399	1,682
Fundraising	1,837	2,365
Grants	18,700	27,160
100 Club	804	696
Services refund	0	0
Totals	31,092	34,145
Income less grants	12,392	6,985

EXPENDITURE	2023/2024 - £	2022/2023 - £
Electricity	736	2,072
Water rates	321	293
Insurance	905	818
Licenses	70	70
Cleaning wages	95	105
Cleaning materials	45	72
Fundraising	300	13
Printing, postage & stationery	6	14
Gifts of thanks	0	0
Equipment	0	0
Repairs & renewals	175	111
Refurbishment	6,077	0
Subs & publications	110	40
Sundries	0	0
100 Club	239	94
Totals	9,079	3,702

Surplus for the year	£22,013	£30,443
Reserve Account holding the grants	£18,700	£27,160
Actual operating surplus for the year	£3,313	£3,283

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CHAIR'S REPORT – SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL AGM - 20th NOVEMBER 2023

Following the period of post pandemic consolidation, as reported last year, 2023 has been a more positive and active period. Important external influences have included the purchase of the Village Green, from the Vestey Estate, by the Parish Council and the establishment of a community group that acts as something akin to a sub-committee to the Parish Council. Such influences are helping to re-build interest within the village and led to the founding of a new and successful Shapwick History Group that meets at the Village Hall. The concept of the Roving Supper has also re-started after a break of about seven years or so. Such steps are signs of consigning our post pandemic blues to the past.

Activity levels and modest levels of income appear to be increasing and this is essential as all takes place within a national background of high inflation, significant rises to the cost of living and high energy prices. Concurrently a major significant response spearheaded by Bridget has been to launch a fund-raising campaign. The objective is to extend the hall's kitchen therefore enabling greater support to existing and future village hall activities. Linked to this is a requirement to renew the floor plan to the ablutions area while seizing an opportunity to update the front of house and bring it in line with the earlier refurbishment of the hall itself.

Progress with fund-raising and architectural plans are such that project management meetings are now required. This work needs to go on and be unhindered by the normal work of the Village Hall Committee. The development of a new kitchen, lavatories and welcome area will be a significant addition to the Village Hall's offer and will encourage bookings as well as its overall utility. An important step in delivering funds is proving the ownership of the hall, to our funders, by the registered charity (The Village Hall (Shapwick), 232833). The application to the Land Registry is a priority. In addition, because of income received by the charity in year, income has risen above the Charity Commission's £25k threshold means that our annual accounts will need verification by authorised accountants. Subsequently, and as a part of our annual report that is due to be with the Charity Commission in early Spring, their report should be an integral part of our own when submitted.

The success in purchasing the Village Green is now leading to questions about its management and oversight. Significant issues include: common boundaries; use of the car park and its dedicated use by the hirer; avoiding clashes of interest; co-ordinating bookings; and, use of facilities. With respect to boundaries the Parish Council are registering their new asset with the Land Registry. This should make registration of the Village Hall more straightforward.

It has been a particularly busy year for Bridget. All committee members will wish to thank her for the initiative and hard work that has led us to our current position with funders, plans and administration. Other committee members and volunteers continue to contribute in terrific ways. Our role is to provide and maintain the village hall for the use of Parish inhabitants, as well as the neighbourhood, with the object of improving the conditions of life for those within that community. The Village Hall continues to play a significant role in village life. The silent majority are extremely grateful for all that continues to be done and will be done to enhance that position.

SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

CURRENT ACCOUNT

INCOME	2022/2023 - £	2021/2022 - £
Regular hall hire	1,365	612
Occasional hall hire	877	562
Donations	1,682	1957
Fundraising	2,365	442
Grants	27,160	0
100 Club	696	0
Services refund	0	72
Totals	34,145	3,645
Income less grants	6,985	

EXPENDITURE	2022/2023 - £	2021/2022 - £
Electricity	2,072	1,319
Water rates	293	297
Insurance	818	772
Licenses	70	70
Cleaning wages	105	43
Cleaning materials	72	0
Fundraising	13	0
Printing, postage & stationery	14	11
Gifts of thanks	0	0
Equipment	0	0
Repairs & renewals	111	392
Refurbishment	0	0
Subs & publications	40	40
Sundries	0	0
100 Club	94	0
Totals	3,702	2,944

Surplus for the year £30,442 £701

Reserve Account holding the grants £27,160

Actual operating surplus for the year £3,263



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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On accounts for the year ended

30 June 2023 Charity no (if any) 232833

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Signed: Sue Williams

Date: 19 August 2024

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