

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Boughton under Blean Village Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

257525

Set out on pages

Accounts for year to 31.3.2024

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

2 October 2024

Name:

Lionel Robbins

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

Address:

24 Regency Court, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1BZ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN VILLAGE HALL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31.3.2024

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2023/24	2022/23
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS		
Hire of Hall	27,868.31	29,443.17
KCC Library	4,800.00	4,800.00
Grants	3,000.00	7,650.00
Other	565.69	332.41
Bar	315.00	376.25
Website Ads	120.00	120.00
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	36,669.00	42,721.83
Deposits	3,636.00	1,975.00
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	40,305.00	44,696.83
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS		
Administration	10,612.09	10,509.65
Utilities	10,362.65	5,596.90
Maintenance & Repair	9,652.48	5,544.48
Cleaning	9,136.00	7,119.00
Insurance	3,719.74	4,664.92
Maintenance Contractor	3,357.60	1,185.00
Grants	2,917.92	6,701.64
Professional Fees	1,584.39	575.78
Keyholder	676.00	624.00
CCTV	286.67	551.18
Miscellaneous		40.00
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	52,305.54	43,112.55
Returned Deposits	3,636.00	1,975.00
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	55,941.54	45,087.55
DEFICIT	(15,636.54)	(390.72)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS

Natwest Current Account	10,222.57	38,729.99
Unity Trust Current Account	12,870.88	
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	23,093.45	38,729.99


LIABILITIES

Deposits Held	900.00
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BANK RECONCILIATION

Total bank balances 31 March 2023	38,729.99
Deficit for year	-15,636.54
Total balances 31 March 2024	<u>23,093.45</u>

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS



Signed by the Chairman, Trustee of Boughton under Blean Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 257525

BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

The Village Hall Charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners (no: 257525) and constituted by a Trust Deed.

The Boughton Under Blean Parish Council serves as the Sole Trustee of the Village Hall.

The hall is managed by a committee consisting of Parish Councillors and dedicated volunteers.

The primary objective of the charity is to maintain the village hall for the benefit of Boughton Under Blean and its surrounding areas.

Our regular bookings reflect the diverse range of activities hosted at the hall, from dancing and off-road model car racing to fencing classes and amateur dramatics. The venue is also available for private functions and various social events. Additionally, Kent County Council operates a public library and provides computer facilities at the hall for both adults and children in the community.

This year, we have streamlined administration by introducing an online booking system. The implementation of regular financial reporting has provided essential tools for both the trustee and the management committee, allowing us to more effectively address the hall's budget deficit.

Rising costs, particularly utilities, remain a challenge, as the hall is not energy efficient. Efforts are being made to secure grants to help address this issue.

We have also experienced significant changes within the management committee, with the unexpected departure of the administrator & treasurer, and committee chair. However, these changes have created opportunities. The newly appointed committee members and administrator are already working towards improving overall management efficiency and reducing administrative costs.

The trustee fully recognise the need to manage the village hall with a business-like approach. With the dedication of our hard-working committee, we are confident that we will continue to provide this versatile and valuable amenity for the local community and surrounding areas.



Terence Covell - Chairman
Trustee to Boughton Under Blean Village Hall

