

MELDRETH VILLAGE HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 264831

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1972-11-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MELDRETH AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN PARTICULAR FOR USE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Meldreth Village Hall provides local, affordable facilities for a wide range of activities supporting all age groups. It offers an excellent venue for key activities such as Babies and Toddlers' Groups, Table Tennis, Local History Society, Children's parties, WI, Keep fit, Dancing, family parties. All these activities are essential to the maintenance and development of village life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MELDRETH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Cambridgeshire
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,217	£26,777	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,562	£35,301	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,519	£49,507	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,038	£29,028	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,126	£11,161	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Ian McLeod Young	Chair	2022-01-21
Ann Gwennyth Rogers		2022-09-27
David Coton		2019-01-30
Richard Andrew Alderton		2024-06-25
Richard William Goddin		2024-03-12
Thomas James Bennett		2024-03-12
Tracy Wedd		2023-01-17

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Chairman's Report for Meldreth Village Hall AGM 2025

It is with great pleasure that I present this report for the Annual General Meeting of Meldreth Village Hall. Over the past year, the hall has continued to thrive as a vital community space, welcoming an increasing number of visitors and hosting a diverse range of events.

Key Achievements

1. National Lottery Grant Success – We were delighted to secure a National Lottery grant, which will enable us to purchase new chairs and tables for the hall. This has significantly improved comfort and accessibility for our guests.
2. Increase in Usage – The hall has seen a steady rise in bookings, with more community groups, private events, and local initiatives making use of our facilities.
3. Successful Fundraising Events – Our tabletop sales and quiz nights have been particularly successful, drawing strong participation and raising essential funds for hall improvements.
4. Financial Challenges – While our revenue has increased, so have our expenses, particularly in maintenance and utilities. The hall remains in a stable financial position, with revenue from bookings and fundraising covering operational costs. However, rising maintenance expenses highlight the need for continued fundraising, grant applications and careful financial planning.

Forthcoming Projects

Looking ahead for 2025/2026, we have several important projects we wish to try to implement to enhance the hall. These include:

- New Floor in the Store Room – Improving storage conditions for equipment and supplies.
- Surveyor's Report – A professional assessment to guide future maintenance and upgrades.
- New Front Doors – Enhancing security and accessibility.
- New Interior Doors – Improving insulation and aesthetics within the hall.
- Sustainability Initiatives – Exploring options for energy-efficient upgrades to reduce costs and environmental impact.
- Expanded Fundraising Events Program – Introducing more live performances, educational talks, and community activities to engage a broader audience.
- Community Feedback – Conducting surveys to ensure the hall meets the evolving needs of residents.

Community Support and Future Goals

To sustain these improvements, we must continue our fundraising efforts and explore additional grant opportunities. I encourage all residents to support our events, volunteer, and share ideas for making Meldreth Village Hall an even better space for our community.

Conclusion

Meldreth Village Hall remains a cherished asset, thanks to the dedication of our committee, volunteers, and supporters. With continued commitment, we can ensure it serves the community for years to come.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Andrew Young Chairman, Meldreth Village Hall Trust AGM 2025

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Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner: Kimberley Tompkins

Date: 10 May 2025

K. Tompkins

Treasurer: David Coton

Date: 10 May 2025

D. Coton

Meldreth Village Hall Trust
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March

Receipts		2025	2025	2025	2024
		General	Restricted	Total	
Trading activities	1	£28,293.39	£0.00	£28,293.39	£17,205.75
Voluntary sources	2	£108.98	£9,500.00	£9,608.98	£18,978.87
Income from assets	3	£314.72	£0.00	£314.72	£302.28
Miscellaneous	4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£75.00
		£28,717.09	£9,500.00	£38,217.09	£36,561.90

Payments		2025	2025	2025	2024
		General	Restricted	Total	
Charitable expenditure	5	£20,685.76	£6,092.01	£26,777.77	£35,301.34
Other expenditure		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£20,685.76	£6,092.01	£26,777.77	£35,301.34

		2025	2025	2025	2024
		General	Restricted	Total	
Net surplus (deficit)		£8,031.33	£3,407.99	£11,439.32	£1,260.56
Cash at 1 April		£15,355.41	£6,147.01	£21,502.42	£20,241.86
Cash at 31 March		£23,386.74	£9,555.00	£32,941.74	£21,502.42

Meldreth Village Hall Trust Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

	2025	2024
Cash Funds		
COIF	£6,107.49	£5,819.21
CAF	£26,834.25	£15,683.21
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
	£32,941.74	£21,502.42

Restricted Funds

The cash funds include the sum of £55 reserved for expenditure related to the screen and projector and £6,092 (S106) reserved for heating upgrades.

Liabilities – Immediate

None

Non Monetary Assets

Land and Buildings

The village hall was acquired on 24 March 1965. The costs of erection were borne by the Parish Council.

The Village Hall Trust made a contribution of £25,000 to the Parish Council in December 1994 to assist in the renovation costs of the hall.

The property was valued at £280,000 on 31 March 1997 and is made up as Land £120,000 and Buildings £160,000.

The building currently has an insurance valuation of £805,083 (May 2020)

Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings

Additions in the last six years:

Stage lighting	Aug 2019	£2,880
Hearing loop	Oct 2019	£753
Kitchen units	Sep 2021	£5,070
Kitchen equipment	Sep 2021	£1,809
Meeting Room fridge	Sep 2021	£160
Keyboard (Musical)	Jan 2022	£150
Chairs (Entrance)	Aug 2022	£312
Blinds	Sep 2022	£902
Floor polisher	Dec 2022	£833
Vacuum cleaner	Dec 2022	£90
Fridge upgrade (net)	May 2023	£353.00
Christmas Lights	Nov 2023	£163.00
CCTV	Dec 2023	£298.00

Meldreth Village Hall Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
1. Trading Activities	Lettings	£24,270	£15,705
	Events – Quiz Nights	£2,883	£0
	Events – Table Top Sales	£508	£579
	Events – Talk	£375	£0
	Events – Cream Tea	£258	£0
	Events – Film Nights	£0	£921
		£28,294	£17,205
2. Voluntary Income	Donation – Furniture (National Lottery)	£9,500	£0
	Donations – miscellaneous	£109	£200
	Donation – S106 (Meldreth PC)	£0	£11,456
	Donations – Garden Project (Meldreth PC)	£0	£5,123
	Donation – Garden Project (SCDC)	£0	£2,000
	Donation – Coronation (Meldreth PC)	£0	£200
		£9,609	£18,979
3. Income from Assets	Interest – COIF	£288	£270
	Interest – CAF	£26	£33
		£314	£303
4. Miscellaneous Income	Sale of assets (Fridge)	£0	£75
5. Charitable Expenditure	Wages	£10,208	£8,239
	Heating – Zoning	£6,697	£0
	Maintenance	£1,256	£2,133
	Services*	£2,688	£2,704
	Insurance	£2,514	£2,713
	Cost of Fundraising (Quiz Nights)	£1,159	£0
	Performing Rights Society#	£402	£0
	ACRE	£65	£60
	Bank and Accountancy fees	£60	£60
	Information Commissioner (CCTV)	£35	£0
	Garden Project	£0	£16,555
	Cost of Fundraising – Film Nights	£0	£711
	Coronation	£0	£303
	Sundry	£1,693	£1,824
		£26,777	£35,302

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2024 Includes waste services prepayment for 2024-5 (£407)

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Annual Report

Financial Year Ending 31 March 2024

Current Trustees

David Coton (Chairman, Hon Treasurer)
Thomas Bennett (appointed 12 March, Hon Secretary)
Wendy Braid (resigned 8 February)
Joan Fallon (resigned 10 January)
Pat Gilmore (resigned 1 December)
Richard Goddin (appointed 12 March)
Ann Rogers
Tracy Wedd
Sharon Williamson (resigned 11 July)
Andrew Young (Vice Chairman)

Principal Address

17 Flambards Close
Meldreth
Royston
SG8 6JX

Registered Charity Number

264831

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Governing Document is a Declaration of Trust dated 25th August 1972.

“The Trust shall exist as a charity to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Meldreth and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions by the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare and in particular for use for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.”

Six Trustees are elected at AGMs – there are currently four: David Coton (Chairman), Thomas Bennett (Secretary), Ann Rogers and Andrew Young (Vice Chairman)

There should be nine representative members of local organisations. There are currently two: Richard Goddin (Meldreth Parish Council), Tracy Wedd (Toddlers Group). While we would welcome more representatives, the lack is largely due to many of the original user groups closing down over the years. [The shortfall in representative members does not invalidate proceedings].

Objectives and Activities

Meldreth Village Hall provides local, affordable facilities for a wide range of activities supporting all age groups. It offers an excellent venue for inter alia babies and Toddlers groups, table tennis, children’s parties, keep fit, dancing, choir, Slimming World, family events, quiz and other social evenings, for meetings and presentations of societies and the Parish Council, and for pantomimes and other staged events.

Income is principally from competitive hire charges. Grants are sought for major improvement and renovation projects.

The Trustees confirm that their activities are fully consistent with their charitable objectives and that the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit has been borne in mind throughout the year.

Financial position

Regular income at £17,983 has fallen slightly behind regular expenditure at £18,746. The Garden project cost £16,555, and was funded entirely by grants – a small surplus will be spent on a larger Wendy house. A grant of £11,456 (£106 planning) has been received, much of this refunds expenditure in previous years (kitchen and boiler projects). Some work remains to be carried out on the heating controls. The reserves therefore increased from £20,242 to £21,502 at the financial year end.

Activities

The major event of the year was the remodelling of the garden to provide a more attractive outdoor space for all our users.

We have developed our fundraising activities away from Film Nights to a more varied set of activities. We aim to hold about ten events a year to build up funds for future capital projects.

Plans for the next year

There are fewer ambitious plans for the coming year, after several years of major projects. There is some work on the heating system to complete,

Human Resources

When necessary, we continue to be flexible as to who does what on the Committee. Several longstanding Trustees have resigned for personal reasons. We still need to appoint a Treasurer, as the roles of Chairman and Treasurer are currently both fulfilled by David Coton. We have appointed Thomas Bennett as Secretary, and welcome Richard Goddin as the Parish Council representative. It would be good to have more representatives of user groups on the committee.

David Coton

David Coton
Chairman of Trustees
May 2024

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Independent Examiner: Peter Chilvers

Date: 16 May 2024

P. R. Chilvers

Treasurer: David Coton

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Receipts and Payments – year ended 31 March 2024

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Trading activities	1	£17,205.75	£0.00	£17,205.75	£16,326.41
Voluntary sources	2	£400.00	£18,578.87	£18,978.87	£22,045.91
Income from assets	3	£302.28	£0.00	£302.28	£146.55
Miscellaneous	4	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00	£0.00
		£17,983.03	£18,578.87	£36,561.90	£38,518.87

Payments		2024	2024	2024	2023
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		2024	2024	2024	2023
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Cash at 1 April		£10,186.86	£10,055.00	£20,241.86	£31,230.02
Transfer (S106)	6	£5,932.00	(£5,932.00)	£0.00	£0.00
Cash at 31 March		£9,423.41	£6,147.01	£21,502.42	£20,241.86

Meldreth Village Hall Trust
Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

	2024	2023
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	Donation – Coronation (Meldreth PC)	£200	£0
	Donations – refurbishment (Meldreth PC)	£0	£12,046
	Donation – garden project (National Lottery)	£0	£10,000
	Donations – miscellaneous	£200	£1,046
		£18,979	£23,092
3. Income from Assets	Interest – COIF	£270	£7
	Interest – CAF	£33	£0
		£303	£7
4. Miscellaneous Income	Sale of assets (Fridge)	£75	£0
5. Charitable Expenditure	Garden Project	£16,555	£0
	Wages	£8,239	£7,640
	Insurance	£2,713	£2,566
	Services*	£2,704	£1,933
	Maintenance	£2,133	£1,670
	Film Nights	£711	£394
	Coronation	£303	£0
	Bank and Accountancy fees	£60	£72
	Performing Rights Society#	£0	£314
	Refurbishment	£0	£33,410
	Sundry	£1,884	£1,509
		£35,302	£49,508

*Includes waste services prepayment for 2024-5 (£407)

2023 includes two years (2022 £132 paid late)

2024 payment (£196) invoiced after our year end

6. Fund transfers	S106 payment to Restricted funds transferred to General fund in respect of agreed payments incurred in earlier years	
	Boiler replacement 2019	£3,932
	Kitchen refurbishment 2021	£2,000
		£5,932

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Current Trustees

David Coton (Chairman, Hon Treasurer)
Wendy Braid
Joan Fallon
Pat Gilmore
Ann Rogers (from 27 Sept)
Lesley Spratt (Hon Secretary, resigned 15 Nov)
Tracy Wedd (from 17 Jan)
Sharon Williamson
Andrew Young (Vice Chairman)

Principal Address

17 Flambards Close
Meldreth
Royston
SG8 6JX

Registered Charity Number

264831

Bankers

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Six Trustees are elected at AGMs – there are currently five: David Coton, Pat Gilmore, Lesley Spratt, Sharon Williamson and Andrew Young.

There should be nine representative members of local organisations. There are currently three: Wendy Braid (Melbourn Amateur Dramatics Society), Joan Fallon (Meldreth Parish Council), Tracy Wedd (Toddlers Group). [The shortfall in representative members does not invalidate proceedings].

Objectives and Activities

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Income is principally from competitive hire charges. Grants are sought for major improvement and renovation projects.

The Trustees confirm that their activities are fully consistent with their charitable objectives and that the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit has been borne in mind throughout the year.

Financial position

Regular income at £16,326 has recovered to pre-Covid levels, and regular expenditure at £16,098 is in line with this. The hall refurbishment cost £33,410, of which £12,046 was covered by grants and the remainder from reserves. We have also received a lottery grant of £10,000 towards the Coronation Garden project. The reserves therefore decreased from £31,230 to £20,242 at the financial year end. Hire fees were increased during the year, by an amount less than the rate of retail inflation.

Activities

The major event of the year was a closure during the schoolsummer holidays to carry out a major refurbishment of the hall, toilets and ancillary spaces.

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, and later marked the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Meeting Room has been re-named in her honour.

We have started a monthly Film Night, showing a variety of films to an audience of around 30-40 people each time.

Plans for the next year

We are hoping this summer to repaint the outside of the hall, and to upgrade the external emergency lighting. Following that we hope to complete the long-planned Coronation Garden project.

Human Resources

When necessary, we continue to be flexible as to who does what on the Committee. We need to appoint a Treasurer, as the roles of Chairman and Treasurer are currently both fulfilled by David Coton. Lesley Spratt has found it necessary to resign from the committee, so we are also in need of a Minutes Secretary. It would be good to have more representatives of user groups on the committee.

David Coton

David Coton
Chairman of Trustees
June 2023

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

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As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

The examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions as above. It 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act; and
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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.

Independent Examiner: Peter Chilvers

Date: 15 June 2023

P. Chilvers

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Receipts and Payments – year ended 31 March 2023

Receipts		2023	2023	2023	2022
		General	Restricted	Total	
Trading activities	1	£16,326.41	£0.00	£16,326.41	£9,364.23
Voluntary sources	2	£0.00	£22,045.91	£22,045.91	£0.00
Income from assets	3	£146.55	£0.00	£146.55	£6.51
Miscellaneous	4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,667.00
		£16,472.96	£22,045.91	£38,518.87	£20,037.74
Payments		2023	2023	2023	2022
		General	Restricted	Total	
Charitable expenditure	5	£37,461.12	£12,045.91	£49,507.03	£29,028.32
Other expenditure		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£37,461.12	£12,045.91	£49,507.03	£29,028.32
Net surplus (deficit)		(£20,988.16)	£10,000.00	(£10,988.16)	(£8,990.58)
Cash at 31 March 2022		£31,175.02	£55.00	£31,230.02	£40,220.60
Cash at 31 March 2023		£10,186.86	£10,055.00	£20,241.86	£31,230.02

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Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

	2023	2022
Cash Funds		
COIF	£5,549.44	£16,410.48
CAF	£14,544.85	£14,819.54
Cash	£147.57	£0.00
	£20,241.86	£31,230.02

Restricted Funds

The cash funds include the sum of £55 reserved for expenditure related to the projector and £10,000 grant towards the garden project.

Liabilities – Immediate

None

Non Monetary Assets

Land and Buildings

The village hall was acquired on 24 March 1965. The costs of erection were borne by the Parish Council.

The Village Hall Trust made a contribution of £25,000 to the Parish Council in December 1994 to assist in the renovation costs of the hall.

The property was valued at £280,000 on 31 March 1997 and is made up as Land £120,000 and Buildings £160,000.

The building currently has an insurance valuation of £805,083 (May 2020)

Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings

Additions in the last six years:

Curtains	Apr 2018	£2,400
Tables	Jan 2019	£900
Stage lighting	Aug 2019	£2,880
Hearing loop	Oct 2019	£753
Kitchen units	Sep 2021	£5,070
Kitchen equipment	Sep 2021	£1,809
Meeting Room fridge	Sep 2021	£160
Keyboard (Musical)	Jan 2022	£150
Chairs (Entrance)	Aug 2022	£312
Blinds	Sep 2022	£902
Floor polisher	Dec 2022	£833
Vacuum cleaner	Dec 2022	£90

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
1. Trading Activities	Lettings	£15,423	£9,364
	Events – Film Nights	£704	£0
	Events – Jubilee	£199	£0
		£16,326	£9,364
2. Voluntary Income	Donations – refurbishment (Meldreth PC)	£12,046	£0
	Donation – garden project (National Lottery)	£10,000	£0
	Donations – miscellaneous*	£1,046	£0
		£23,092	£0
3. Income from Assets	Interest – COIF	£139	£7
	Interest – CAF	£8	£0
		£147	£7
4. Miscellaneous Income	Grants for COVID Trading Interruption	£0	£10,667
5. Charitable Expenditure	Wages	£7,640	£7,691
	Maintenance	£1,670	£411
	Insurance	£2,566	£2,085
	Services	£1,933	£1,832
	Performing Rights Society#	£314	£0
	Bank and Accountancy fees	£72	£96
	Refurbishment^	£33,410	£16,184
	Film Nights	£394	£0
	Sundry	£1,509	£729
		£49,508	£29,028

* Includes £969 from Meldreth Parish Council

Includes two years (2022 £132 paid late)

^ 2022 Kitchen refurbishment includes fixtures and fittings £948

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Paul Ray (Chairman & Hon Secretary)

David Coton (Hon Treasurer)

Wendy Braid

Pat Gilmore

Bernice Gregory

Ruth Hopper

Lindsey McCaig

John Richards

Lesley Spratt

Former Trustee

Joan Fallon (retired 01 November 2020)

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COVID-19

During the year Trustees had to address restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cambridgeshire ACRE provided very good advice to Village Halls on how to interpret the relevant government regulations and operate safely when permitted to do so. A one-way system and ventilation protocols were introduced, and each prospective hirer was met at the Hall to discuss how to ensure safe use of the Hall for their activity. Hand gel and cleaning materials were provided to facilitate this. Prospective hirers were given a copy of the Trustees’ Risk Analysis and had to agree to Special Terms and Conditions of Hire which were based on Cambridgeshire ACRE’s recommendations.

There were no reported cases of COVID-19 involving Meldreth Village Hall

COVID-19 precluded use of the Hall by the Community Choir, Table Tennis, Old Time Dancing, and weekend social activities and parties.

Yoga, Tang Soo Do, and the Explorer Co-op children's activity and Toddlers chose not to operate. Other adult and children exercise classes, Hartbeeps and Slimming World operated intermittently whenever permitted – indeed we attracted additional exercise groups and a second Slimming World session whose normal venues were unavailable - we expect they will stay with us long term. Cambridgeshire ACRE alerted us to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund applicable to Village Halls. During the Financial Year we received a total of £22,907.43 in government and local authority grants which were administered by South Cambridgeshire District Council. We did not utilise the Government's Furlough Scheme for our Housekeeper since the Hall continued to need to be cleaned and cared for even when not in use.

The major casualty of COVID -19 as predicted in last year's report was the ability to carry out refurbishment projects.

We are very grateful to David Coton for his electrical work which will benefit Melbourn Amateur Dramatic Society when they restart and for doing a scheduled thorough check of the electrical. Also, to Michael Hallowell for unblocking and sorting out the gutters. Neither of them charged for their time.

Financial position

Despite a year- on- year fall in hire income of some £12,000 (over 75%) the Trust ended the year in a strong financial position. This was principally because of greatly reduced spend on maintenance and refurbishment and the government and local authority grants.

Year end cash funds were £40,220.6 compared to £24,256.05 – well over 2 years of normal expenditure. This will allow some refurbishment projects to proceed unhindered by any need to seek grant support.

Human Resources

Our paid Administrator of Bookings has been in the job 16 years and the Chairman/Hon Secretary for 8 years. Both are seeking to hand over their responsibilities in the coming months. Replacing them and assembling project teams to carry through the refurbishment work are the principal challenges. Restoring our "occupancy rate" to pre-pandemic levels is likely to be relatively easy to achieve, given that I believe that our credibility of being a user-friendly and cost-effective venue has been sustained through the pandemic.

Paul Ray

Paul Ray
Chairman of Trustees
May 2021

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Independent Examiner: Peter Chilvers

Date: 9 November 2021

P. Chilvers

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Receipts and Payments – year ended 31 March 2021

Receipts		2021	2021	2021	2020
		General	Restricted	Total	Total
Trading activities	1	£3,899.00	£0.00	£3,899.00	£15,933.42
Voluntary sources	2	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	£6,101.00
Income from assets	3	£19.46	£0.00	£19.46	£99.81
Miscellaneous	4	£22,907.43	£0.00	£22,907.43	£0.00
		£26,825.89	£300.00	£27,125.89	£22,134.23
Payments		2021	2021	2021	2020
		General	Restricted	Total	Total
Charitable expenditure	5	£11,161.34	£0.00	£11,161.34	£19,656.88
Other expenditure		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£11,161.34	£0.00	£11,161.34	£19,656.88
Investment assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other assets	6	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,633.00
Miscellaneous		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£11,161.34	£0.00	£11,161.34	£23,289.88
Net surplus (deficit)		£15,664.55	£300.00	£15,964.55	(£1,155.65)
Transfers		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cash at 31 March 2020		£24,201.05	£55.00	£24,256.05	£25,411.70
Cash at 31 March 2021		£39,865.60	£355.00	£40,220.60	£24,256.05

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

	2021	2020
Cash Funds		
COIF	£16,403.49	£16,384.03
CAF	£23,817.11	£7,872.02
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
	£40,220.60	£24,256.05

Restricted Funds The cash funds include the sum of £55 reserved for expenditure related to the screen and projector, and £300 reserved for expenditure related to the kitchen refurbishment.

Liabilities – Immediate

None

Non Monetary Assets

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Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings

Additions in the last six years:

Projector lamp	May 2014	£106
Curtains	Apr 2018	£2,400
Tables	Jan 2019	£900
Stage lighting	Aug 2019	£2,880
Hearing loop	Oct 2019	£753

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
1. Trading Activities	Lettings	£3,899.00	£15,933.42
2. Voluntary Income	Donations*	£300.00	£19.00
	Grants Meldreth PC – Stage lights		£2,000.00
	Meldreth PC – Hearing loop		£702.00
	SCDC – Stage lights		£880.00
	Meldreth PC – Boiler		£2,500.00
		£300.00	£6,101.00
3. Income from Assets	Interest – COIF	£19.46	£99.81
4. Miscellaneous Income	Grants for COVID Trading Interruption	£22,907.43	£0.00
5. Charitable Expenditure	Wages	£6,161.20	£7,524.42
	Maintenance^	£276.00	£6,884.62
	Insurance	£1,930.93	£1,710.35
	Services	£1,895.82	£1,348.78
	Performing Rights Society#	£382.40	£793.92
	Bank and Accountancy fees\$	£69.00	£468.00
	Sundry	£445.99	£926.79
		£11,161.34	£19,656.88

* (2021) for kitchen refurbishment from Meldreth Church

^ 2020 includes replacement of the boiler (£3,472)
and five old noisy heaters (£3,120)

2020 note restated to remove item counted in Assets

2020 includes two years payments

\$ 2020 no Independent Examination of accounts

6. Fixtures and Fittings	Stage lights (2020)		£2,880
	Hearing loop (2020)		£753
			£3,633.00

Treasurer: David Coton

D. Coton

Date: April 2021