

## **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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**Charity Number 264831**

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Date: 10 May 2025

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**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2025 General</b>	<b>2025 Restricted</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024</b>
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
		<b>£28,717.09</b>	<b>£9,500.00</b>	<b>£38,217.09</b>	<b>£36,561.90</b>

<b>Payments</b>		<b>2025 General</b>	<b>2025 Restricted</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024</b>
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
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		<b>2025 General</b>	<b>2025 Restricted</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024</b>
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	<b>£20,241.86</b>
<b>Cash at 31 March</b>		<b>£23,386.74</b>	<b>£9,555.00</b>	<b>£32,941.74</b>	<b>£21,502.42</b>

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## Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

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### Restricted Funds

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### Liabilities – Immediate

None

### Non Monetary Assets

#### Land and Buildings

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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
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Meeting Room fridge	Sep 2021	£160
Keyboard (Musical)	Jan 2022	£150
Chairs (Entrance)	Aug 2022	£312
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		<b>£28,294</b>	<b>£17,205</b>
<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	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
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	Services*	£2,688	£2,704
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	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
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