

ASTON VILLAGE SOCIETY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

England & Wales · Charity number 272156

Details

Other names RECREATION GROUND AND PLAYING FIELD, ASTON

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1976-10-05

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

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Activities

Objects: PROVISION OF A RECREATION GROUND AND PLAYING FIELD AND A VILLAGE HALL SPORTS PAVILLION OR SIMILAR BUILDING

Activities: Village Hall for social and recreational purposes and hire for events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF ASTON
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£26,606	£20,786	-	-
2024-06-30	£23,808	£19,840	-	-
2023-06-30	£25,386	£30,120	-	-
2022-06-30	£25,632	£19,919	-	-
2021-06-30	£17,248	£20,758	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRIAN WOODGET		2012-02-20
Brian Roy Miller		2024-10-18
CAROL WARREN		2012-02-20
Caroline Fincham		2022-10-31
David Stimpson		2017-10-01
Dr ALAN CANTWELL		
Helena Lovett		2016-10-01
Joan Ostojic		2016-10-23
Kerry Ann O'Hanlon		2024-10-18
Lesley Stanbury		2014-01-14
Maureen Miller		2024-10-18
Neil Visram		2025-03-03
PETER FRANK STANBURY		2014-01-14

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Trustees' Annual Report Aston Village Society Village Hall Committee 2024/25

Overall Financial Position

Income from hall lettings for 2023/24 increased from £23,808 (2023/24) to £24,483 (2024/25). Expenditure decreased from £17,920 for the previous year to £16,422 compared with £17,825 resulting in an overall excess of income over expenditure of £8,061. This represents the excess on our year's "trading". In addition, Aston parish Council awarded the hall a grant of £150 to support our exterior lighting and the Herts County Council Community Fund and Clarion awarded £500 and £1,473 respectively to support the establishment of a "Digital Learners Group" at the Hall. The expenditure on "Major projects" was £4,364 compared with £1,920 in the previous year and included redecoration, the installation and connection of WiFi and the purchase of new chairs. Expenditure on major projects will be significantly greater in 2025/26 due to the planned purchase of more new chairs and the replacement of the floor covering in the entrance hall, toilets and kitchen. Thus, we are continuing to reinvest in the fabric and facilities of the building.

Reserves Policy

Objective. The Village Hall committee established a Reserves Policy, in line with the Charity Commission's recommendations, that explains why our charity is holding a significant cash sum. The policy is intended to inform the charity's beneficiaries and potential funders that our cash holdings are commensurate with both our level of activity and requests for grant income.

Major risks identified and quantified in the Reserves Policy. The following key financial risks have been incorporated into our policy:

1. Emergency spending to cover a large, unexpected repair bill - £5,000
2. Loss of income due to a major client removing their business - £10,000 is identified to sustain the hall for two years following such a loss of income.
3. Short-term cash flow - £3,000 is identified to cover commitments early in the financial year when our income stream is low.

Thus, the current assessment of our reserve requirements totals £18,000.

Designated funds. Designated funds, which are frequently confused with reserves, encompass money that is set aside for genuine, planned, future expenditure. Funds of £1,731, £968, £1,058 and £1,973 for "Table Tennis", "Forever Active", "Utilities" and "Digital Learners" respectively featured in our June 2025 accounts. It was agreed that the designated Covid reserve of £1,671 be wound up. Thus, the total Designated Funds at the end of the financial year were £5,730.

Having quantified our reserve requirement at £18,000 and already accounted for £5,730 in designated funds we are left with approximately £23,100 from our accumulated fund that may be used to support future expenditure on major works.

Policy Review. The Village Hall Committee will review the Reserves and Designated Funds policy annually when it receives the audited annual accounts.

Peter Stanbury
Treasurer, Aston Village Hall Committee
September 2025

Aston Village Society Village Hall Committee
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Year ended 30-Jun-2024 Year Ended 30-Jun-2025

INCOME

Lettings	22891 18	23640 51
Quiz night	396 00	308 77
Table Tennis	521 00	533 50
Total Income	23808 18	24482 78

EXPENDITURE

Lettings expenses	2079 50	2337 06
Cleaning:		
- Contract	6344 88	6239 88
- Materials	375 67	515 88
- Rubbish collection	663 60	1145 95
Sub-total	7384 15	7901 71
Services and utilities		
- Oil	1500 26	1271 39
- Electricity	799 86	-7 13
- Water	184 45	296 20
Sub-total	2484 57	1560 46
Maintenance	3501 08	2136 24
Annual Costs		
- Insurance	1692 14	1604 10
- Performing Rights	190 27	116 27
- Music licence	180 00	180 00
- CCTV licence	35 00	47 00
- Boiler Service	0 00	234 00
- Fire Inspection	264 00	194 40
Bank charges	109 29	111 08
Sub-total	5971 78	4623 09
Total Expenditure	17920 00	16422 32

SURPLUS/DEFICIT (before Grant

income and Project Costs)	5888 18	8060 46
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Add: Grant income	1420 01	2123 30
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Less: Project costs	1920 00	4363 50
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NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	5388 19	5820 26
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Add carried forward from previous year	35577 17	41012 66
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Add ring-fenced funds:

- Table Tennis	47 30	5 42
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Total funds at 30 June	41012 66	46838 34
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Represented as

HSBC Current Account @30 June	41202 15	46771 83
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Add income received after 30 June	1590 50	1126 50
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Less unprocessed expenditure	2439 99	1419 99
Sub-total	40352 66	46478 34
Loan to Watton FC	660 00	360 00
Total assets	41012 66	46838 34
Cumulative designated funds included in total funds above at year end:		
Table tennis	1725 57	1730 99
Digital learners		1973 3
Forever active	968 49	968 49
Utilities	1057 98	1057 98
Covid19 fund	1670 65	
Sub-total	5422 69	5730 76
General reserves	Allocation for 24/25:	Allocation for 25/26
Emergency spending	5000 00	5000 00
Loss of income	10000 00	10000 00
Short term cash flow	3000 00	3000 00
Sub-total	18000 00	18000 00
Total reserves	23422 69	23730 76

Explanatory notes:

1. Grants received: £150 Aston Parish Council (Exterior lighting); £500 Digital learners (HCC Community fund); £1473.3 Digital learners (Clarion)
2. Major projects: Kitchen & foyer redecoration; Installation of wifi connection; New chairs

Audited and approved, Ian Wilmot FCA. 6/October/ 2025

**Audit of the Accounts of Aston Village Society Village Hall Committee
2024/25**

I have examined the vouchers and records of the above Society and certify that they represent a true and fair view of the financial transactions.

Ian Wilmot FCA

Aston

September 2025

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Aston Village Hall Trustees Report 2021/22

The financial year 2022/23 ended with a net surplus of £5,713 compared with a deficit of £3,511 in 2020/21. The lack of income in 2020/21 not only illustrates the financial impact of the Covid pandemic on the finances of the Hall but also the devastating effect it had on the social activities of the community. Income has returned to pre-Covid levels and routine expenditure is also similar to that of previous years. The Hall was helped in its recovery from the financial effects of Covid by an East Herts District Council Covid Recovery Grant of £3226.

Two major capital projects were undertaken:

- i. The installation of an oil tank cage to improve our security and to bring the oil tank and its surrounds up to current standards. This work was supported by a grant of £1150 from Aston Parish Council.
- ii. The incorporation of an automatic flushing system in the toilets to reduce water consumption

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3. Short-term cash flow - £3,000 is identified to cover commitments early in the financial year when our income stream is low.

Thus, the current assessment of our reserve requirements totals £18,000.

Designated funds. Designated funds, which are frequently confused with reserves, encompass money that is set aside for genuine, planned, future expenditure. Funds of £4,175, £1,058, and £1,671 for "Forever Active", "Utilities" and "Covid 19 fund" respectively featured in our June 2021 accounts. The Covid designated fund for 2021/22 was calculated by adding the 2021 East Herts Covid grant of £7,500 grant to the then existing sum of £7,124 and subtracting our loss of income in 2020/21 compared with the last Covid-free financial year (£12,954). This gave a designated Covid reserve of £1,671. Thus, the three designated funds in July 2021 were:

Forever active projects -	£4,175
Utilities buffer -	£1,058
Covid 19 Fund -	£1,671

£1,4087 was spent from the Forever active fund in 2021/22, leaving the following sums for the 2022/23 financial year:

Forever active projects-	£2,686
Utilities buffer -	£1,058

Covid 19 Fund - £1,671
Total £5415

Having quantified our reserve requirement at £18,000, and already accounted for £5415 in designated funds we are left with approximately £17,000 from our accumulated fund that may be used to support future expenditure on major works. The VH boiler has been replaced in the last few weeks at a cost of £8,750 and new guttering and soakaway will have to be installed during the year at approximately £7,500. Thus, depending on our income in 2022/23 we will be close to falling back on our reserves to maintain the hall in good condition.

Policy Review. The Village Hall Committee will review the Reserves and Designated Funds policy annually when it receives the audited annual accounts.

Peter Stanbury
Treasurer, Aston Village Hall Committee
September 2022

Aston Village Society Village Hall Committee
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Year Ended 30-Jun-2021 Year ended 30-Jun-2022

INCOME		
Lettings	8,597.70	19,702.64
Quiz night	0.00	343.63
Table Tennis	0.00	295.00
Yoga	0.00	364.00
Line dancing	0.00	0.00
Bar	0.00	550.58
Total Income	8,597.70	21,255.85
EXPENDITURE		
Lettings expenses	1,813.10	1,861.00
Cleaning:		
- Contract	4,144.56	5,285.71
- Materials	377.59	423.47
- Rubbish collection	336.64	399.11
Sub-total	4,858.79	6,108.29
Services and utilities		
- Oil	690.57	1,089.68
- Electricity	1,427.11	922.30
- Water	160.65	203.90
Sub-total	2,278.33	2,215.88
Maintenance	2,203.48	2,200.27
Annual Costs		
- Insurance	1,382.39	1,551.74
- Performing Rights	430.78	169.18
- Alcohol licence	180.00	180.00
- CCTV licence	70.00	35.00
- Boiler Service	192.00	0.00
- Fire Inspection	300.00	204.00
Bank charges		76.49
- Miscellaneous	63.35	46.99
Sub-total	4,822.00	4,463.67
Total Expenditure	13,772.22	14,648.84
SURPLUS/DEFICIT (before Grant income and Project Costs)	-5,174.52	6,607.01
Add: Grant income	8,650.00	4,376.00
Less: Project costs	6,986.20	5,270.40
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-3,510.72	5,712.61
Add carried forward from previous year	39,812.47	36,126.75
Add ring-fenced funds:		
- Table Tennis	0.00	-1,426.98
- Yoga	0.00	-60.00
- Line dancing	-175.00	0.00
Total funds at 30 June	36,126.75	40,352.38

Represented as

HSBC Current Account @30 June	36,147.82	40,087.56
Add income received after 30 June	651.50	1,659.25
Less unprocessed expenditure	672.57	1,394.43
Total	36,126.75	40,352.38

Cumulative designated funds included in total funds above at year end:

Table tennis	2,867.13	1,440.15
Yoga	1,132.36	1,072.36
Line dancing	175.25	175.25
Utilities	1,057.98	1,057.98
Covid19 fund	1,670.65	1,670.65
Sub-total	6,903.37	5,416.39
General reserves	Allocation for 21/22:	Allocation for 22/23:
Emergency spending	5,000.00	5,000.00
Loss of income	10,000.00	10,000.00
Short term cash flow	3,000.00	3,000.00
Sub-total	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total reserves	24,903.37	23,416.39

Explanatory notes:

1. Grants received: Aston Parish Council £1,150; EHDC Covid Recovery Grant £3,226
2. Major projects: Installation of an oil tank cage to current requirements; updating toilet automatic flushing system

Reconciliation with current account

Accumulated fund at 1 July 2021	36,126.75
Id excess income over expenditure	5,712.61
Add ring-fenced funds	
Table tennis	-1,426.98
Yoga	-60
Line dancing	0
Less income after 30 June 2021	1,659.25
payments made after 30 June 2021	1,394.43
Closing balance at 30 June 2022	40,087.56

**Audit of the Accounts of Aston Village Society Village Hall
Committee 2022/23**

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SL Shaw

Aston

April 2023