

Frieth Village Hall. Charity no 275123

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st March 2025

The Trustees of Frieth Village Hall present their annual report and accounts for the twelve months ended 31st March 2025 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Trust Deed.

The following report details a year of unusual and extraordinary activity for which our energetic, efficient and highly professional Management Committee must take great credit. Their record of improvement to and development of what has always been a fine social focus for a thriving village community is exceptional. Income has for the first time exceeded £25,000, a substantial grant and donations have been received for specific projects and major improvements to the Hall have been successfully carried out.

Aims and Purpose

The overall objective of Frieth Village Hall is to provide a facility for the enjoyment of a range of social and cultural activities for the people of Frieth and its surrounding villages. A key feature of this is the development, improvement and maintenance of the building's fabric.

Administrative Information

The Hall is situated on Frieth Hill, adjoining Frieth Primary School which itself adjoins St John the Evangelist, Frieth C of E Church

The correspondence address for the Village Hall is Frieth Hill, Frieth, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 6PR and for the Trustees is Shogmoor Barn, Frieth, Henley-on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6NP

The Hall is a charity registered with the Charities Commission, no 275123.

It is the intention of the Trustees to move to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2026

The Trustees are Andrew Robert Rendel, Alastair William Hunt and Graham David Adam

There were no employees.

The Management Committee is made up of the following volunteers: Steven Taylor, (Chair), Mark Wallace, (Vice-Chair), Paul Marston-Weston, (Secretary), Erna Rubens (Treasurer), Alison Taylor (Bookings Secretary), Jolyon Marshall, Lynda Marston-Weston, and Lisa Sanderson..

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees provide guidance as appropriate and ensure the actions and activities of the Management Committee follow agreed plans, policies and procedures. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to recruit suitably qualified candidates as Trustees and to ensure that a minimum of three are in post at all times. The Management Committee is elected from residents of Frieth. During this financial year there were four full meetings of the Trustees and the Management Committee, including the Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2024 which was open to members of the public.

Achievement and Performance

Day to day activities in the Hall are managed by the Management Committee, under the overall supervision of the Trustees. Apart from such uses as general village events, children's parties, lectures, exercise and other classes and groups, the Hall has rented its kitchen for the preparation of lunches for the adjoining Frieth Church of England Primary School, which has added substantially to the charity's income.

A major feature was improvement to the fabric for which a grant of £14,999 was awarded by Buckinghamshire Council. Also restored, entirely from private donations, was the magnificent Thomas West memorial turret clock which faces over the main road approach to the Hall and has proudly displayed the time to passers-by for 125 years.

The Trustees and Committee will maintain a reserve for future capital expenditure which may include the re-covering of part of the roof.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the improvements to the fabric and facilities available at the Village Hall benefit the community that it serves, as does the use of the kitchen facilities by the village school.

Financial Review

Income for the year ended 31st March 2025 was £41,994, including letting income of £17,893, a grant from Buckinghamshire Council of £14,999 and donations and legacies of £6,410. A more detailed breakdown of sources of income is shown in the financial statements.

Expenditure for the year was £70,244 with £50,535 spent on repairs, including replacement windows. A more detailed breakdown of expenditure is shown in the financial statements.

Donations received specifically for refurbishment of the turret clock have been separately identified as "restricted funds" in the financial statements along with expenditure incurred during the year. Funds held at the end of the year to be used for future repairs to the clock have also been presented separately.

Grant making is not a main purpose of Frieth Village Hall

No payments were made to any Trustee

There were no activities outside the United Kingdom

There were no trading subsidiaries

Property

The land and buildings of Frieth Village Hall are held in the name of the Trustee Alastair William Hunt

Employees and Volunteers

There were no employees 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

There was no-one on a fixed term contract

There was one self-employed cleaner engaged by the Hall.

No activity took place outside the United Kingdom.

The Management Committee consisted of the same eight volunteers throughout the financial year

Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures were in place:-

Risk Management

Safeguarding and Vulnerable Persons
Data Protection
Equality and Diversity
Management Committee, Governance and Operating Procedures
Health and Safety Guidelines for Hirers
Conditions of Hire
Hirers End of Session Checklist

A.R.Rendel
Trustee, Frieth Village Hall. 19/01/2026

Frieth Village Hall Accounts 2024/25

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

	Restricted funds 1/4/24 – 31/3/25	1/4/24 – 31/3/25	Total for 1/4/24 – 31/3/25	1/4/23 - 31/3/24
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Lettings		17893	17893	9906
Events		1073	1073	2242
Donations	5420	990	6410	3675
Interest		990	990	920
Grant		14999	14999	0
Sundries		629	629	832
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5420	36574	41994	17575
PAYMENTS				
Bank Charges		-71	-71	-82
Cleaning		-1590	-1590	-1545
Clock Repairs	-7656		-7656	-324
Electrical & Fire Safety		-1485	-1485	-1520
Events		-685	-685	-821
Insurance		-1227	-1227	-1064
Council Tax		-268	-268	-256
Repairs & Maintenance		-50535	-50535	-3918
Sundries		-1186	-1186	-1690
Utilities		-4418	-4418	-3914
Capital expenditure		-1123	-1123	-5251
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-7656	-62588	-70244	-20383
RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	-2236	-26014	-28250	-2809

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

	Restricted funds 1/4/24 – 31/3/25	1/4/24 – 31/3/25	Total for 1/4/24 – 31/3/25	1/4/23 - 31/3/24
	£	£	£	£
HSBC Current account		3588	3588	33437
Co-op Current account	3558	24543	28101	27220
COIF Charities Deposit Fund (CCLA)		16086	16086	15326
Debtors		410	410	423
Accrued Income		971	971	666
Fixed Assets		4576	4576	7051
TOTAL ASSETS	3558	50174	53732	84123
ACCRUALS & CREDITORS		-2102	-2102	-1878
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3558	48072	51630	82245

Treasurer, Frieth Village Hall

Name:

Erna Rubens

Date:

18/01/2026

Signature:

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for Frieth Village Hall ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

As the Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the Trust in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

In carrying out my examinations, I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act.
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alison Ashworth

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19 January 2026