

Charity Registration Number: 277846

Thorney Village Hall / Bedford Hall

(A registered charity in England & Wales)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Mark Cowdell
Secretary	Matthew Marraner
Treasurer	Matthew Coates
Charity Registration Number	277846
Principal Office	Bedford Hall Station Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QE
Correspondence Office (for tax & accounting matters)	46 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SR
Independent Examiner	Welbourne & Co Ltd 16 Birch Grove Elm Wisbech PE14 0AP
Accountants	Coates Business Services Ltd 46 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SR

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees and Officers

The trustees and offices serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mark Cowdell
	Matt Marraner
	Sian Lenihan
	Brian Parker (resigned)
	John Shearman (resigned)
	Beverley Coates (resigned)
	Matthew Coates
	Chris Beighton (resigned)
	Steve Winright (resigned)
	Shiela Reeves (resigned)
	William Van Driessche (Deceased)

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is to maintain the Bedford Hall and to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of Thorney.

This is to be achieved by advancing education, providing recreation and leisure facilities and promoting charitable purposes. The Management Committee aims to provide facilities at an affordable cost to voluntary and community organisations serving the community as well as local residents.

The Charity relies primarily on voluntary help.

Review of Progress and Achievements

This year has been another successful one for the charity in respect of financial stability and continuing to have a structure in place for the oversight of the charity. We have also faced plenty of challenges and we will come onto this later in this short report. We wanted to firstly highlight some of the positives that we have achieved this year as a charity, and we will note them in bullet point format.

- The financial picture is looking stronger and we now have a new bank account which will work better for the charity and makes day to day banking and accounting easier.
- Successful year again for bookings, plenty of family parties, regular bookings and weddings that keeps money coming in and also ensures the hall is being used as it should be - a community asset.

- We have organised several successful community events through the year, including NYE - 2023 into 2024, Easter fun day, Quiz Night, Race night and Halloween party.
- An initial strategy document was created which has helped the committee to focus - more work will be done to develop a longer-term strategy
- Website was updated with fresh images and information.
- We have received good feedback from hirers including lots of 5 star reviews on Google.
- There have been some constructive conversations with Peterborough City Council and these will continue.
- Rapid repairs were completed when we had issues again with a leaking roof and we were able to minimise disruption. This showed great teamwork within the committee.
- We have made plans for property maintenance and are getting quotes for further improvements where possible.
- Last year's accounts were filed in plenty of time.

Some of the challenges we have faced:

- As already noted, the roof leaked and this caused issues around getting fixed and links with Peterborough City Council.
- We have lost a few Trustees through the year due to a number of reasons including health needs and also frustrations that some things haven't been actioned as quickly as anticipated.
- Conversations with Peterborough City Council have continued to be constructive however it does feel like very slow progress.

We would like to end this report to recognise one of our previous trustees who was involved with the Bedford Hall for many years. In fact, he is mentioned within the initial trust deed documents as one of the founding trustees of the charity. William Van Dreissche - or Bill as he was known to many worked tirelessly for the charity and made sure that Bedford Hall continued to be somewhere that people could go and also made sure that we had the bar facilities to continue to make the money needed for the charity. Bill passed away during this year and we would like to recognise the great work that he completed over the years for the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charity business for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charitable website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Cowdell', is written on a light-colored background.

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Mark Cowdell
Chairman and Trustee

**Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Charity Accounts
of
Thorney Village Hall / Bedford Hall
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Thorney Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2024 as set out on pages 9-10 from the charities accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the trustees of Thorney Village Hall, as a body in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Thorney Village Hall and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the trustees of Thorney Village Hall, as a body, in this report in accordance with guidance from our professional body. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Thorney Village Hall and its trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Thorney Village Hall has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Thorney Village Hall. You consider that Thorney Village Hall is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Thorney Village Hall. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.



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29 September 2025

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Thorney Village Hall
("the Charity")**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept as required by law
2. The accounts do not accord with those records
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102))

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



..... 29 September 2025

Richard Welbourne FCCA
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Statement of Financial Activities

**Profit and Loss Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Turnover	2024	2023
Bar Sales	28,616.74	
General Hire	21,716.31	
Other Revenue	676.50	
Regular Hirers	11,568.50	
Weddings	320.00	
Total Turnover	62,898.05	
Cost of Sales		
Cost of Goods Sold	9,193.58	
Direct Expenses	3,327.99	
Direct Wages	6,345.60	
Total Cost of Sales	18,867.17	
Gross Gains	44,030.88	
Administrative Costs		
Charitable and Political Donations	150.00	
Cleaning	2,422.84	
Insurance	522.24	
IT Software and Consumables	57.00	
Light, Power & Heating	11,432.30	
Rates	924.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	877.79	
Salaries	12,367.92	
Subscriptions	35.00	
Telephone & Internet	1,001.52	
Total Administrative Costs	29,790.61	
Total Gains/Losses	14,240.27	

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024**

Current Assets	2024	2023
Cash at Bank and In Hand		
Bar Account	1,793.29	
Current Account – Virgin Money	41,190.01	
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	42,983.30	
Accounts Receivables	7,131.00	
Total Current Assets	50,114.30	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accounts Payable	165.86	
PAYE Payable	144.20	
Wages Payable	902.03	
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,212.09	
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	48,902.21	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	48,902.21	
Net Assets	48,902.21	