

Chair's report for year 2024/2025

I am delighted to report that we have had another great year of activities and good use of the hall.

This can only be delivered through a team of strong individuals who have worked together to ensure we safely provide a varied selection of activities. My thanks to the whole team of committee members and friends of the hall.

I would like to thank Margaret especially for her enthusiasm, challenge and energy. Peter continues to keep us in line on the finances and it is great to have two new committed committee members with Louisa and Paul. Thank you also to Claire for the work she has done on the website and it will be great to have this up and working soon. David and Catherine, in addition to helping at every event, give us reminders and help us to avoid repeating mistakes from the past.

This year Kelly Doble stepped back from the committee for personal reasons. I would like to thank and note the hard work she has put into our publicity over the years.

Finally, I would like to express the thanks of the committee for the support we get from our friends of West Hatch Hall and the stalwarts of our community that support by attending and taking on responsibility for running our clubs from book, dance, to yoga and lots of things in between.

We rely heavily on the ability to use the Church field to host some events and providing car parking. This asset is under the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council and I would like to thank Alison and Marion as church wardens for their continued support.

Finances

As Peter will attest that we are in a good financial position but need to keep a focus on ensuring we maintain that going forward. I would like to thank Peter for his hard work in keeping our accounts in order and for Alison's external validation of our financial position.

Activities

We have had another good year for activities and use of the hall. I do not intend to set out all the activities but just to highlight the diversity. We are a spread-out community and have a number of different demographics and ages to cater for. My feeling is that we are covering most bases but I do think there is scope to include more for younger people. Yoga, with our two “Yogi’s”, Becky and Ness seem to have all bases covered from the focussed chair yoga through to conventional Yoga and Yoga with Pilates. We continue to plan expanding types of activities to include pot making through to Argentinian Tango to a Sound bath. The old favourites seem to be fit for purpose bringing our community together.

Fabric of the hall

The hall is a great asset for our community and we were successful in our application to the Lottery Fund. This has allowed us to upgrade the floor, put in an audio-visual facility and improve the back vestibule. We are in the process of adding storage and upgrading the kitchen area which will be done sensitively to ensure it is fit for purpose but not ‘over the top’. We have been keeping the Lottery Fund updated on our process.

There are still ongoing projects that would be good to address. These include improving heating and insulation, and potentially reducing energy costs through renewable sources and batteries. These however cost money and we need to be mindful of future one off costs that could materialise.

There are also other challenges to address surrounding parking and the access up Victoria path. These are probably less expensive but will need to be addressed and we will rely on support to do these works.

Finally, we need to be mindful of the need to ensure the septic tank which we share with Perrington Lodge remains compliant.

EDF Energy

We are still to get a working smart meter from EDF despite a number of complaints. The smart meter would help keep a clear understanding of usage from events. Our contract comes to an end in July and we will be transferring to Yorkshire. As we head to the end of the contract, we will push for the smart meter to be rectified and the meter itself checked. We undoubtedly have to settle the current standing balance unless we can get proof that the meter is not correct. On the back of that outcome, we need to be mindful of the cost of energy when we are putting on events/activity.

The Future

We are a small team in a small hamlet. We have a great community asset and continue to work to look after and improve that asset.

At our last committee meeting we agreed to plot out some working parties to ensure we can keep focus on what we really need to do. We are in a good place but the work does not stop.

Thank you to all those that help us in so many diverse ways.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	NOTES on page 3	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
RECEIPTS (General fund)					
<u>Hall lettings:</u>					
Parish Council		150		150	
Yoga - Bourne	880		755		
- England	790		560		
		1,670		1,315	
Elections		400		-	
Book club		196		126	
Quilting		160		125	
Other Private Hire		150		-	
			2,726		1,716
<u>Fundraising: - Receipts</u>	2	3,545		3,087	
- Less Payments	2	(1,759)		(1,521)	
- Net Fundraising Surplus	2		1,786		1,566
<u>Receipts from assets:</u>					
- Bank interest		446		171	
- Equipment hire		160		90	
			606		261
<u>Miscellaneous receipts: - Donations</u>			15		258
General Fund Receipts			5,133		3,801
PAYMENTS (General fund)					
- Electricity		1,056		1,056	
- Insurance		458		457	
- Cleaning		240		57	
- Equipment purchases	3	-		2,964	
- Repairs & Maintenance	4	34		154	
- Fire Extinguisher Maintenance		56		40	
- Water rates		138		127	
- Committee expenses (booking forms,gifts,etc)		50		81	
- Bank charges		60		60	
- DBS Fee		-		18	
- Risk Management Consultancy Fee		-		200	
General Fund Payments			(2,092)		(5,214)
General Fund Total Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			3,041		(1,413)
Restricted funds					
Grant received from National Lottery community fund					
for A/V System, Floor reseal, Kitchen upgrade & Exit refurb					
- Grant received in year		20,000		-	
- Restricted funds spent in the year					
- Audio/Visual System installed (note 3)	8,319		-		
- Floor cleaned & sealed (note 4)	1,995		-		
		(10,314)		-	
Restricted Fund Total Cash Surplus for the year			9,686		-
Total Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			12,727		(1,413)
Cash & Bank balances at start of year			8,051		9,464
Cash & Bank balances at end of year					
- Current account		1		1	
- Gold account		20,777		8,050	
Total Cash & Bank balances at end of year			£20,778		£8,051
Made up of:					
General Funds			£11,092		£8,051
Restricted Fund (Kitchen upgrade & Exit refurb)			£9,686		-
Total Cash & Bank balances at end of year			£20,778		£8,051

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

FIXED ASSETS

West Hatch Village Hall - Land & buildings (including outside toilets), plus contents therein.

	<u>Restricted Funds</u> <u>- National Lottery Kitchen Upgrade & Exit Refurb</u>					
	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Exit Refurb</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors & Prepayments						
Insurance premium prepaid	398		398	394	-	394
Hall hire charges due	150		150	80	-	80
Electricity Prepaid	-	-	-	231	-	231
Gong event deposit paid	50	-	50	-	-	-
	598	-	598	705	-	705
Cash & Bank	11,092	9,686	20,778	8,051	-	8,051
	<u>£11,690</u>	<u>£9,686</u>	<u>£21,376</u>	<u>£8,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£8,756</u>

	<u>Restricted Funds</u> <u>- National Lottery Kitchen Upgrade & Exit Refurb</u>					
	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Exit Refurb</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors						
Possible payment to EDF	1,572	-	1,572	-	-	-
Deferred Income						
Hall hire received in advance	113	-	113	113	-	113
Event tickets sold in advance	230	-	230	-	-	-
	<u>£1,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£1,915</u>	<u>£113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£113</u>

Approved by the trustee on 19-May 2025

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Trustee Douglas Kerr

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1. Cash basis

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis, items being accounted for on receipt or on payment.

There is no provision for accruals in the Receipts & Payments Account (although they are shown listed in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities below.)

2. Fundraising	< ----- 2025 ----- >			< ----- 2024 ----- >		
- All Fundraising for General Funds	Receipts	Less Payments	Net Surplus	Receipts	Less Payments	Net Surplus
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Quiz	400	(46)	354	280	(32)	248
BBQ	1,060	(762)	298	750	(384)	366
Big Breakfast	264	(18)	246	249	(56)	193
Cream Teas	-	-	-	147	(4)	143
Wreath Making	400	(200)	200	280	(151)	129
Fish and Chips	308	(308)	-	-	-	-
Gong Event May 2025	220	(50)	170	-	-	-
Millennium book display	138	(8)	130	-	-	-
Hawk & Owl Talk	-	-	-	250	(139)	111
Dance Social	195	(90)	105	-	-	-
Cake Decorating	-	-	-	400	(300)	100
Sentient Animal Talk	-	-	-	160	(80)	80
Music Evening	-	-	-	260	(185)	75
Tango	73	-	73	-	-	-
Christingle	55	-	55	51	(24)	27
New Year Event	-	-	-	55	-	55
Wood turning	100	(60)	40	-	-	-
Pottery	240	(200)	40	-	-	-
Autumn Celebration	51	(17)	34	40	(30)	10
Apple Juice Sales	31	-	31	10	-	10
Easter Event	-	-	-	155	(136)	19
History talk April 2025	10	-	10	-	-	-
Total Fundraising	£3,545	(£1,759)	£1,786	£3,087	(£1,521)	£1,566

3. Equipment Purchases	General Funds	Restricted Funds - National Lottery AV system	Total 2025	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audio/Visual System installed	-	8,319	8,319	-	-	-
Mats/Mud Rugs	-	-	-	568	-	568
Curtains	-	-	-	2,151	-	2,151
Mugs	-	-	-	15	-	15
Dyson Cleaner	-	-	-	230	-	230
	-	£8,319	£8,319	£2,964	-	£2,964

4. Repairs & Maintenance	General Funds	Restricted Funds - National Lottery Floor Reseal	Total 2025	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Floor cleaned & sealed	-	1,995	1,995	-	-	-
Hedge cutting	-	-	-	80	-	80
Wire in defibrillator	-	-	-	74	-	74
Heater element	34	-	34	-	-	-
	£34	£1,995	£2,029	£154	-	£154

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
West Hatch Village Hall (West Hatch Village Hall Committee),
On the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025.
Registered Charity no. 282641**

I report to the trustees of West Hatch Village Hall (the Charity) on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on Accounts Pages 1 to 3.

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 Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.


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Date: 19th May 2025