

GORING VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 287398

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-09-13

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

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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF GORING IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIRE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FO OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Village Hall

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF GORING
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£41,093	£35,130	-	-
2024-12-31	£43,776	£33,531	-	-
2023-12-31	£38,808	£28,515	-	-
2022-12-31	£38,094	£25,498	-	-
2021-12-31	£40,442	£24,398	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL BAKER	Chair	2017-04-12
LINDA PALMER		2013-09-25
Mark Kibble		2021-03-17
Mr BILL JACKSON		
Neil Lecky-Thompson		2023-03-29
Philip Davies		2020-11-26
Roger Wood		2018-02-14

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Jeremy Payne
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The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and activities

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The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance by The Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

During the year the Village Hall Trustees raised income through the rental of the hall as set out in the notes to the accounts.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time.

The hall enjoyed a normal and uneventful year.

Use has remained consistent with previous years with several new hirers bringing regular musical events to the hall.

The project to replace the gas central heating has been moving slowly forward. After further visits to other village halls to see their systems we finalised our design and went out to tender. A lengthy tender process resulted in 2 formal responses from 6 invitees (with 1 verbal quote not invited to formalise). After careful consideration the trustees selected ORAC as their preferred supplier. Negotiations and finalisation of the contract continue into 2026, with the intention of installation commencing in the middle of the year.

Modest capital expenditure incurred on items central to the hall's offering. This included replacements of the projector, sound mixer, garden bench, and trestle tables. Maintenance expenses are roughly as expected.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their support and help.

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings fluctuated in much the same pattern as 2024; January traditionally high value bookings, dipping in February and building through the next 2-3 months, the pattern then repeating through the year. The budget forecast for 2025 was set at £40,000 and the outturn for the year was £39,042. Whilst this is lower than 2024, it remains close to the set budget and above 2023 bookings. In addition, capital assigned for the required heating replacement has this year been invested, resulting in additional income of £1,580 through interest earned. The sale of an old audio mixer added an additional £470 to the bank balance.

We continued to closely manage expenditure and whilst this was higher than 2024 levels, it was much lower than budget forecast. The underspend was primarily due to there being minimal building maintenance vs budget, low levels of refunds, and an underspend on gas/electric due to invoice timing. The most significant increased costs vs 2024 involved caretaker fees, insurances, capital expenditure, and payment of the heating project consultation fee; these were all in line with anticipated budget and inflation forecasts.

Income was £3,052 more than expenditure resulting in an increase in our bank balance to £81,332. The balance sheet decreased by £4,437 to £428,678.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent of six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained and exceeded throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee
Dated:



2-Mar-26

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jeremy Payne
14 Milldown Road
Goring
Reading
RG8 OBA

Signed: Jeremy Payne

Dated: 2-Mar-26

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income			
Hall bookings	39,043	42,257	38,778
Grants (restricted)	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	30
Savings interest	1,581	1,519	-
Misc. income	470	-	-
	41,093	43,776	38,808
Expenses			
Refunds	950	1,708	1,770
Caretaker	10,512	9,969	8,569
Administration- bookings	2,527	2,595	2,418
Performing rights licence, TV licence	379	933	524
Hallmaster	265	265	239
Stationery and printing	-	-	-
Gas, electricity and water	9,181	9,942	6,087
Broadband	176	-	-
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	2,294	2,791	1,926
Insurance	1,792	1,760	1,718
Maintenance (building and equipment)	3,153	3,379	2,841
Garden maintenance	150	55	60
Sundries	69	155	354
Heating Project Consultation	3,683	-	2,009
Total Operational Expenses	35,130	33,551	28,515
Net incoming resources available	5,963	10,224	10,293
Capital Expenditure			
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	2,911	1,306	-
Total resources expended	2,911	1,306	-
Surplus (deficit) over the year	3,052	8,918	10,293
Bank balance at start of year	78,280	69,362	59,069
Bank balance at end of year	81,332	78,280	69,362

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Village Hall			
Original cost	25,000	25,000	
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520	
Building work this year	-	-	
Total cost as at 31 December	<u>317,520</u>	<u>317,520</u>	
Furniture, fixtures and fittings			
Net book value as at 1 January	38,835	47,237	59,046
Additions this year	2,911	1,306	-
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	<u>(8,349)</u>	<u>(9,709)</u>	<u>(11,809)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>33,396</u>	<u>38,835</u>	
	350,916	356,355	
Current Assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	81,332	78,280	69,362
Current Liabilities			
Money held in advance of bookings	-	-	-
	<u>81,332</u>	<u>78,280</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>432,248</u>	<u>434,634</u>	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
As at 1 January	433,115	434,119	
Net surplus from hall bookings	3,912	8,705	
Less depreciation	(8,349)	(9,709)	
Less current liabilities	-	-	
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	0		
	<u>428,678</u>	<u>433,115</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 March 2026

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

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We continued to closely manage expenditure and whilst this was higher than 2023 levels, it was much lower than budget forecast. The underspend was primarily due to there being minimal building maintenance vs budget, modest capital expenditure, and the heating project consultation continuing to progress through options due diligence. The most significant increased costs vs 2023 involved caretaker fees, utilities and insurances; but these were all in line with anticipated inflation.

Income was £8,918 more than expenditure resulting in an increase in our bank balance to £78,279. The balance sheet decreased by £1,004 to £433,115.

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Signed: Jeremy Payne

Dated: 6-Mar-25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income			
Hall bookings	42,257	38,778	35,392
Grants (restricted)	-	-	2,667
Donations	-	30	-
Savings interest	1,519	-	-
Misc. income	-	-	35
	43,776	38,808	38,094
Expenses			
Refunds	1,708	1,770	455
Caretaker	9,969	8,569	5,770
Administration- bookings	2,595	2,418	2,415
Performing rights licence, TV licence	933	524	1,146
Hallmaster	265	239	224
Stationery and printing	-	-	-
Gas, electricity and water	9,942	6,087	5,790
Broadband	-	-	-
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	2,791	1,926	1,998
Insurance	1,760	1,718	1,488
Maintenance (building and equipment)	3,379	2,841	5,845
Garden maintenance	55	60	70
Sundries	155	354	296
Heating Project Consultation	-	2,009	-
Total Operational Expenses	33,551	28,515	25,498
Net incoming resources available	10,224	10,293	12,596
Capital Expenditure			
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	1,306	-	2,982
Total resources expended	1,306	-	2,982
Surplus (deficit) over the year	8,918	10,293	9,614
Bank balance at start of year	69,362	59,069	49,455
Bank balance at end of year	78,280	69,362	59,069

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Village Hall			
Original cost	25,000	25,000	
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520	
Building work this year	-	-	
Total cost as at 31 December	<u>317,520</u>	<u>317,520</u>	
Furniture, fixtures and fittings			
Net book value as at 1 January	47,237	59,046	70,826
Additions this year	1,306	-	2,982
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	<u>(9,709)</u>	<u>(11,809)</u>	<u>(14,762)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>38,835</u>	<u>47,237</u>	
	<u>356,355</u>	<u>364,757</u>	
Current Assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	78,280	69,362	59,069
Current Liabilities			
Money held in advance of bookings	-	-	-
	<u>78,280</u>	<u>69,362</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>434,634</u>	<u>434,119</u>	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
As at 1 January	434,119	435,635	
Net surplus from hall bookings	8,705	10,263	
Less depreciation	(9,709)	(11,809)	
Less current liabilities	-	-	
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	0	30	
	<u>433,115</u>	<u>434,119</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2025

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

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Mr B Jackson
Mrs L Palmer
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Mr B Urbick (resigned May 2023)
Mr A Smith (resigned June 2023)
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Mrs E.Horwill (appointed March 2023)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time.

The Covid-19 virus pandemic having subsided the hall enjoyed a more normal if not uneventful year. We still recommend cleanliness and good hygiene to users, but the hand sanitisers and restriction notices have all been removed.

Use of the hall continued to increase with our regular hirers returning, though some still employ hybrid face to face/Zoom meetings through facilities provided by the hall.

Through 2023 we continue to maintain a prudent approach to expenditure on equipment but the large project aimed at replacing our gas central heating with electrically powered heat pumps is making good progress. Consultants have been engaged and it seems likely this will move to the construction phase in 2024.

In February 2024 our fixed energy supply contract will expire and as a result we looked for a new fixed price energy deal in summer 2023. Eventually we agreed a new 24 months contract 33% higher than our previous one which was struck at pre-Ukrainian war prices, but level with today's market

No capital items have been purchased this year and maintenance expenses are roughly as expected.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their support and help.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings fluctuated; Q1 and Q3 saw high levels of bookings versus Q2 and struggling to maintain momentum. Whilst not quite hitting the budget forecast, bookings income of over £38,700 was ahead of 2022 and provides a solid foundation as we go into 2024. No other significant income was received.

We continued to closely manage expenditure and whilst expenditure was higher than 2022 levels, this is much lower than budget forecast. The underspend was due to there being no material capital expenditure, minimal maintenance expenditure, and a delay in the heating project consultation fees. Caretaker and insurance costs were higher than forecast, with the caretaker having more activity due to higher occupancy and additional repair and garden jobs, and both having risen in line with general cost of living increases.

Income was £10,293 more than expenditure resulting in an increase in our bank balance to £69,362. The balance sheet decreased by £1,500 to £434,119.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent of six months' expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained and exceeded throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee
Dated:

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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have not been met; or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jeremy Payne
14 Milldown Road
Goring
Reading
RG8 OBA

Signed: Jeremy Payne

Dated: 19th February 2024

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income		
Hall bookings	38,778	35,392
Grants (restricted)	-	2,667
Donations	30	-
Misc. income	-	35
	38,808	38,094
Expenses		
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	1,926	1,998
Caretaker	8,569	5,770
Maintenance	2,841	5,845
Gas, electricity and water	6,087	5,790
Insurance	1,718	1,488
Performing rights licence, TV licence and broadband	524	1,146
Sundries	354	296
Administration	2,418	2,415
Hallmaster	239	224
Refunds	1,770	455
Garden maintenance	60	70
Heating Project Consultation	2,009	-
Total Operational Expenses	28,515	25,498
Net incoming resources available	10,293	12,596
Capital Expenditure		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	-	2,982
Total resources expended	-	2,982
Surplus (deficit) over the year	10,293	9,614
Bank balance at start of year	59,069	49,455
Bank balance at end of year	69,362	59,069

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Village Hall		
Original cost	25,000	
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	
Building work this year	-	
Total cost as at 31 December	317,520	
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
Net book value as at 1 January	59,046	70,826
Additions this year	-	2,982
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	(11,809)	(14,762)
As at 31 December	47,237	
	364,757	
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	69,362	59,069
Current Liabilities		
Money held in advance of bookings	-	-
	69,362	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	434,119	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January	435,635	
Net surplus from hall bookings	10,263	
Less depreciation	(11,809)	
Less current liabilities	-	
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	30	
	434,119	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2024

M Baker

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

GORING VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 287398

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GORING VILLAGE HALL
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr M Baker (Chair)
Mr J Barrett
Mr P Davies
Mr M Kibble
Mr B Jackson
Mr B Novell (resigned 22nd March 2022)
Mrs L Palmer
Mr S Smith (Treasurer)
Mr B Urbick
Mr R Wood

Charity Number

287398

Principal Address

17 Whitehills Green
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Reading
RG8 0EB

Independent Examiner

Neil Lecky-Thompson
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Reading
RG8 0AL

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Structure, governance and management

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Mr R Wood

All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge.

The Village Hall Trustees meet every two months and decisions are made on a simple majority basis unless constitutional or legal requirements mandate a greater majority.

None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the Charity was a party during the period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring in the County of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance by The Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

During the year the Village Hall Trustees applied for grant funding and raised income through the rental of the hall as set out in the notes to the accounts.

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time.

At the start of the year the Omicron Covid-19 variant started circulating and the hall continued to advise users to use social distancing, face masks, hand sanitisers and to maximise ventilation when in the hall. Users employed these measures and thankfully the Omicron wave subsided.

Use of the hall increased with many of our regular hirers returning, some successfully employing hybrid face to face/Zoom meetings through facilities provided by the hall. By the end of the year most regular users had returned to the hall, though there were two jazz clubs which ceased operation during the pandemic. We did however host a major part of the Goring Gap festival during the summer and hope we can repeat this in 2024 when it is next takes place.

Unfortunately a few of our long term users which involve staging musical acts have ceased due to the increased insurance costs, reduced attendance and the uncertainty imposed by changing regulations.

During the year the gas cooker in the kitchen was condemned due to corrosion. It was replaced with an electric cooker and this has already been used on a number of occasions.

Through 2022 we continue to maintain a prudent approach to expenditure on equipment allowing business to return before we commit to any major items. The repaired Belleme Cockerel was remounted in early 2022 (taken down for safety reasons in 2021). The hall paid for this to be completed because the twinning association has no funds.

In February 2022 our fixed energy supply contract expired, but we had started looking for a new contract late in 2021. Though prices were rising rapidly in 2021 we managed to negotiate a three year fixed price contract with EON in October of that year. As a result when prices escalated due to the war in Ukraine in February/March 2022 we have found ourselves in the lucky position of having a fixed three year contract set at rates set in 2021.

During the year the hall was offered a fibre broadband connection paid for by SODC. After considerable negotiation with the suppliers, NEOS Networks, the new equipment was installed and will be paid for by SODC for three years.

A project is under way to identify an environmentally efficient new heating system. A great deal of research work was carried out during 2022 and it is likely we will engage design contractors next year.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their support and help as we emerge from the pandemic.

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings improved significantly following the removal of Covid restrictions. Whilst not quite hitting pre-pandemic levels the bookings income of over £34,000 is very promising as we go into 2023. The only other significant income was a final covid-relief grant of £2,666.

We continued to closely manage expenditure and expenditure was only slightly higher than 2021 level despite the full reopening of the hall from March. We did purchase a new cooker for the kitchen as the old cooker needed replacing. Otherwise there was no other capital expenditure.

Income was £9,614 more than expenditure resulting in an increase in our bank balance to £59,069. The balance sheet improved by £1,000 to £435,635.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use be maintained at a level equivalent of six months' expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained and exceeded throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee
Dated:

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

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N Lecky-Thompson
33 Lockstile Way
Goring
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RG8 OAL

Signed:

Dated: 17-Jan-23

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income		
Hall bookings	35,392	14,107
Grants (restricted)	2,667	5,000
Grants (unrestricted)	-	18,708
Donations	-	213
Misc. income	35	2,414
	38,094	40,442
Expenses		
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	1,998	779
Caretaker	5,770	3,539
Maintenance	5,845	11,679
Gas, electricity and water	5,790	3,183
Insurance	1,488	1,359
Performing rights licence, TV licence and broadband	1,146	1,000
Sundries	296	391
Administration	2,415	1,755
Hallmaster	224	212
Refunds	455	500
Garden maintenance	70	-
Total Operational Expenses	25,498	24,398
Net incoming resources available	12,596	16,044
Capital Expenditure		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	2,982	-
Total resources expended	2,982	-
Surplus (deficit) over the year	9,614	16,044
Bank balance at start of year	49,455	33,411
Bank balance at end of year	59,069	49,455

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Village Hall		
Original cost	25,000	25,000
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520
Building work this year	-	-
Total cost as at 31 December	<u>317,520</u>	<u>317,520</u>
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
Net book value as at 1 January	70,826	88,534
Additions this year	2,982	0
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	<u>(14,762)</u>	<u>(17,707)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>59,046</u>	<u>70,826</u>
	<u>376,566</u>	<u>388,346</u>
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	59,069	49,455
Current Liabilities		
Money held in advance of bookings	-	<u>(3,185)</u>
	<u>59,069</u>	<u>46,270</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>435,635</u></u>	<u><u>434,616</u></u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January	434,616	435,606
Net surplus from hall bookings	9,894	(10,291)
Less depreciation	(14,762)	(17,708)
Less current liabilities	3,185	674
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	2,702	26,335
	<u><u>435,635</u></u>	<u><u>434,616</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29th March 2022

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

GORING VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 287398

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GORING VILLAGE HALL
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr M Baker (Chair)
Mr J Barrett
Mr P Davies
Mr M Kibble (from 17.03.21)
Mr B Jackson
Mr B Novell
Mrs L Palmer
Mr S Smith (Treasurer)
Mr B Urbick
Mr R Wood

Charity Number

287398

Principal Address

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Independent Examiner

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge.

The Village Hall Trustees meet every two months and decisions are made on a simple majority basis unless constitutional or legal requirements mandate a greater majority.

None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the Charity was a party during the period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring in the County of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance by The Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

During the year the Village Hall Trustees applied for grant funding and raised income through the rental of the hall as set out in the notes to the accounts.

GORING VILLAGE HALL
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time but the Covid-19 pandemic continued to have an effect on the hall use this year.

The hall was closed due to government restrictions at the start of the year but opened again from March for some users under the government's roadmap out of lockdown. The hall fully re-opened on July 19th when all restrictions were lifted. Nevertheless the hall maintained all its Covid secure measures and recommended all users continued with social distancing, ventilation and the use of face masks. Then on December 10 as the fourth wave of infection became established further guidance was issued which mandated the use of face masks by all but exempt users.

Thus it has been a difficult year for users of the hall and some of our long term users have employed hybrid face to face/ Zoom meetings or deferred restarting until 2022.

Unfortunately a few of our long term users which involve staging musical acts have ceased due to the increased insurance costs, reduced attendance and the uncertainty imposed by changing regulations.

Throughout the hall has remained available for essential hires, such as the NHS Blood Transfusion service.

In February some of the gas convector heaters in the hall were condemned as unsafe necessitating a large repair bill. The trustees are very grateful to Goring Parish Council who managed to find £5,000 to help cushion the blow of this expense at a time when the hall had no income.

With reduced users we have maintained our prudent approach and reduced expenditure as much as possible.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

We have continued to apply for grants from the government to help with the financial shock of reduced bookings and restarting after lockdown. We were successful in this process and a total of £18,708 has been received in the form of Covid relief payments.

In March the Belleme Cockerel (a weather vane gifted to Goring by our twin village in France) was seen to be leaning. This had to be removed for safety and has been sent for repair. Unfortunately the Twinning Association responsible for this has become unoperable and so the cost of renovation has fallen onto the hall committee.

This has been another testing year for the hall, and like everyone we are disappointed the pandemic has yet to be overcome so we can resume our normal operation.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their help and understanding through this challenging time.

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings was significantly reduced compared to previous years because of the continued Covid restrictions during 2021. However, income was boosted by Covid-relief grants of £18,708 and a one-off grant of £5,000 to partially cover the costs of repairing some of the heaters.

Expenditure was also reduced compared to previous years, in part because the hall was closed for large periods and because the Trustees tried to reduce costs to manage the cash reserves and cashflow.

The cash reserves of the Charity were increased from £34,111 to £49,455 because of the Covid-relief grants and the reductions in expenditure putting the Charity in a strong financial position going into 2022.

The Balance Sheet for the Charity only dropped by £990 and remains very strong at £434,616.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Mr M Baker

Chair and Trustee

Dated: 25-Mar-22

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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A Matthews
12 Nun's Acre
Goring
Reading
RG8 9BE

Signed:

Dated:

GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income		
Hall bookings	14,107	15,230
Grants (restricted)	5,000	5,000
Grants (unrestricted)	18,708	10,000
Events and Fundraising	-	-
Donations	213	103
Misc. income	2,414	-
	40,442	30,332
Expenses		
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	779	2,026
Caretaker	3,539	4,057
Stationery and postage	-	16
Maintenance	11,679	5,589
Gas, electricity and water	3,183	3,788
Insurance	1,359	1,237
Performing rights licence, TV licence and broadband	1,000	1,749
Sundries	391	992
Administration	1,755	1,370
Hallmaster	212	-
Refunds	500	2,499
Costs of fundraising	-	-
Garden maintenance	-	510
Total Operational Expenses	24,398	23,832
Net incoming resources available	16,044	6,500
Capital Expenditure		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	-	190
Stage project	-	2,620
Total resources expended	-	2,810
Surplus (deficit) over the year	16,044	3,691
Bank balance at start of year	33,411	29,270
Bank balance at end of year	49,455	33,411

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Village Hall		
Original cost	25,000	25,000
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520
Building work this year	-	-
Total cost as at 31 December	317,520	317,520
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
Net book value as at 1 January	88,534	107,857
Additions this year	-	2,810
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	(17,708)	(22,133)
As at 31 December	70,826	88,534
	388,346	406,054
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	49,455	33,411
Current Liabilities		
Money held in advance of bookings	(3,185)	(3,859)
	46,270	29,552
TOTAL NET ASSETS	434,616	435,606
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January	435,606	455,097
Net surplus from hall bookings	(10,291)	(8,602)
Less depreciation	(17,708)	(22,133)
Less current liabilities	674	(3,859)
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	26,335	15,103
	434,616	435,606

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8th February 2022

M Baker

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

GORING VILLAGE HALL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr M Baker (Chair)
Mr J Barrett
Mr P Davies
Mr M Kibble (from 17.03.21)
Mr B Jackson
Mr B Novell
Mrs L Palmer
Mr S Smith (Treasurer)
Mr B Urbick
Mr R Wood

Charity Number

287398

Principal Address

8 Elvendon Road
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Independent Examiner

A Matthews
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Structure, governance and management

Goring Village Hall is an unincorporated association and is governed by a Conveyancing and Trust Deed dated 29th April 1983.

The charity is not politically aligned.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

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Mr P Davies
Mr B Jackson
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All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge.

The Village Hall Trustees meet every two months and decisions are made on a simple majority basis unless constitutional or legal requirements mandate a greater majority.

None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the Charity was a party during the period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring in the County of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance by The Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

During the year the Village Hall Trustees applied for grant funding and raised income through the rental of the hall as set out in the notes to the accounts.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time but the Covid-19 pandemic continued to have an effect on the hall use this year.

The hall was closed due to government restrictions at the start of the year but opened again from March for some users under the government's roadmap out of lockdown. The hall fully re-opened on July 19th when all restrictions were lifted. Nevertheless the hall maintained all its Covid secure measures and recommended all users continued with social distancing, ventilation and the use of face masks. Then on December 10 as the fourth wave of infection became established further guidance was issued which mandated the use of face masks by all but exempt users.

Thus it has been a difficult year for users of the hall and some of our long term users have employed hybrid face to face/ Zoom meetings or deferred restarting until 2022.

Unfortunately a few of our long term users which involve staging musical acts have ceased due to the increased insurance costs, reduced attendance and the uncertainty imposed by changing regulations.

Throughout the hall has remained available for essential hires, such as the NHS Blood Transfusion service.

In February some of the gas convector heaters in the hall were condemned as unsafe necessitating a large repair bill. The trustees are very grateful to Goring Parish Council who managed to find £5,000 to help cushion the blow of this expense at a time when the hall had no income.

With reduced users we have maintained our prudent approach and reduced expenditure as much as possible.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

We have continued to apply for grants from the government to help with the financial shock of reduced bookings and restarting after lockdown. We were successful in this process and a total of £18,708 has been received in the form of Covid relief payments.

In March the Belleme Cockerel (a weather vane gifted to Goring by our twin village in France) was seen to be leaning. This had to be removed for safety and has been sent for repair. Unfortunately the Twinning Association responsible for this has become unoperable and so the cost of renovation has fallen onto the hall committee.

This has been another testing year for the hall, and like everyone we are disappointed the pandemic has yet to be overcome so we can resume our normal operation.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their help and understanding through this challenging time.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings was significantly reduced compared to previous years because of the continued Covid restrictions during 2021. However, income was boosted by Covid-relief grants of £18,708 and a one-off grant of £5,000 to partially cover the costs of repairing some of the heaters.

Expenditure was also reduced compared to previous years, in part because the hall was closed for large periods and because the Trustees tried to reduce costs to manage the cash reserves and cashflow.

The cash reserves of the Charity were increased from £34,111 to £49,455 because of the Covid-relief grants and the reductions in expenditure putting the Charity in a strong financial position going into 2022.

The Balance Sheet for the Charity only dropped by £990 and remains very strong at £434,616.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Mr M Baker

Chair and Trustee

Dated: 25-Mar-22

**GORING VILLAGE HALL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income		
Hall bookings	14,107	15,230
Grants (restricted)	5,000	5,000
Grants (unrestricted)	18,708	10,000
Events and Fundraising	-	-
Donations	213	103
Misc. income	2,414	-
	40,442	30,332
Expenses		
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	779	2,026
Caretaker	3,539	4,057
Stationery and postage	-	16
Maintenance	11,679	5,589
Gas, electricity and water	3,183	3,788
Insurance	1,359	1,237
Performing rights licence, TV licence and broadband	1,000	1,749
Sundries	391	992
Administration	1,755	1,370
Hallmaster	212	-
Refunds	500	2,499
Costs of fundraising	-	-
Garden maintenance	-	510
Total Operational Expenses	24,398	23,832
Net incoming resources available	16,044	6,500
Capital Expenditure		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	-	190
Stage project	-	2,620
Total resources expended	-	2,810
Surplus (deficit) over the year	16,044	3,691
Bank balance at start of year	33,411	29,270
Bank balance at end of year	49,455	33,411

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Village Hall		
Original cost	25,000	25,000
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520
Building work this year	-	-
Total cost as at 31 December	<u>317,520</u>	<u>317,520</u>
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
Net book value as at 1 January	88,534	107,857
Additions this year	-	2,810
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	<u>(17,708)</u>	<u>(22,133)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>70,826</u>	<u>88,534</u>
	<u>388,346</u>	<u>406,054</u>
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	49,455	33,411
Current Liabilities		
Money held in advance of bookings	<u>(3,185)</u>	<u>(3,859)</u>
	<u>46,270</u>	<u>29,552</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>434,616</u></u>	<u><u>435,606</u></u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January	435,606	455,097
Net surplus from hall bookings	(10,291)	(8,602)
Less depreciation	(17,708)	(22,133)
Less current liabilities	674	(3,859)
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	26,335	15,103
	<u><u>434,616</u></u>	<u><u>435,606</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8th February 2022

M Baker

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
READING LIONS CLUB CHARITY TRUST FUND**

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Dated:

23 Jan 2021