



# **St George's Hall**

## **Annual Report 2024/25**



St George's Hall  
Park Road, Blockley, Gloucestershire GL56 9BY  
[www.stgeorghallblockley.org.uk](http://www.stgeorghallblockley.org.uk)

Charity no: 292415



### **Overview**

2024/25 saw a programme of minor works undertaken to maintain and improve the Hall's decorative state and state of repair, which were met with positive feedback from all hall users. Bookings for the period remained consistent. A new Hall Manager was appointed in December 2024.

### **Administration**

There were minor changes to the Management Committee during the above period. The Blockley Brass Band appointed a new representative to the Management Committee and Blockley Parish Council approved the appointment of Councillor Clare Turner to the Management Committee.

Councillor Thomas Bradley was re-elected as Chairman of the Management Committee at the AGM held in May 2024.

The Management Committee met in-person, normally in the Robinson Room at St George's Hall, with online facilities available for those who were unable to join in-person. Meetings continued to take place every other month.

Councillor Bradley provided a regular update on the management of St George's Hall to Blockley Parish Council, St George's Hall's corporate trustees. All Management Committee meeting agendas, minutes and finance reports are shared with Parish councillors.

December 2024 saw the appointment of a new Hall Manager, Sarah Barnett, following the resignation of the previous Hall Manager, Mike Gunn, and a competitive recruitment process. Recruitment was overseen by Cllr Bradley, Hilary Thornborough (Blockley School) and Jane Scott-Henderson (Blockley Horticultural Society). The Committee thanked Mike for his work and welcomed Sarah to her new role.

Stephen Woods continued in his role as caretaker, and the Committee are grateful for all the work he does for St George's Hall. Given some concerns around cleaning of the hall, a trial period of new increased hours for the caretaker was undertaken from March 2025, with a view to being made permanent at the May 2025 Management Committee meeting.

### **Repair, Maintenance & Renewal**

Maintenance of St George's Hall continued throughout 2024/25. In addition, a major project to replace the Hall's lighting with new energy efficient lighting was also undertaken, to reduce the Hall's energy costs and its carbon footprint. Grant funding was successfully secured for this project from Cotswold District Council and Blockley Parish Council.

The Management Committee decided there was no pressing need for the creation of further storage, and so this project was not taken forward. Further major works did not take place, in order for the Hall to build up its finances to enable them in future years. The Committee are looking at undertaking a major renovation of toilet and bathroom facilities in the Hall and the Hall Manager is currently researching potential grant funding to enable these works.

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### **Hire Charges**

New hire charges were introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and no further hire charge increases were introduced in the following period. The school's rental increased as per their contract.

### **Finances**

The hall continued to make a small operating surplus in the 2024/25 financial year. However, additional expenditure was spent on maintenance and refurbishment, and this is reflected in the accounts. Energy and staff costs continued to be the largest items of day-to-day expenditure for the Hall.

A copy of St George's Hall's accounts for 2024/25 and the accompanying Independent Examiner's Report are available for Trustees and on the Charity Commission's website.

*This report has been approved by the Chairman of St George's Hall Management Committee, Councillor Thomas Bradley.*

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**St George's Hall - Blockley**  
**Registered Charity No 292415**

	Year end 31 March 2025 £	Year end 31 March 2024 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Blockley School	24,759.72	22,600.44
Car Parking	164.00	240.00
Re-Charge Income	241.80	712.32
Donations	220.00	
Hire of Hall	12,951.50	8,713.00
Grant		500.00
Car Park Sink Fund	600.00	600.00
Ground Maintenance Contribution	716.25	508.50
Shed Rental	350.00	600.00
Other Income	152.30	9.06
<b>Total Income for Year</b>	<b>40,155.57</b>	<b>34,483.32</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
<b>Staff Costs</b>		
Caretaker	7,800.00	7,800.00
Hall Manager	7,814.33	5,899.84
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>15,614.33</b>	<b>13,699.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grounds Maintance	5,814.36	1,856.00
Office Admin	1,018.08	1,200.33
Heat & Light	8,006.33	9,559.98
Rates	1,304.15	(1,552.86)
Licenses	90.94	-
Insurances	1,658.14	1,599.39
Hall Maintenance/Improvements	7,268.11	23,763.00
Caretaking & Cleaning Materials	523.10	133.78
Professional services	672.30	1,697.20
Security	-	-
Signage	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>26,355.51</b>	<b>38,256.82</b>
<b>Total Expenditure for Year</b>	<b>41,969.84</b>	<b>51,956.66</b>
<b>Operating Nett Surplus/ Deficit</b>	<b>(1,814.27)</b>	<b>(17,473.34)</b>
Plus Surplus/(Deficit) Brought Forward	31,478.67	23,885.85
Transfer from reserve		26,266.16
Transfer to reserve	(20,661.32)	(1,200.00)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Carried Forward</b>	<b>9,003.08</b>	<b>31,478.67</b>

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**Represented by**

Aged Receivables	3,050.00	14.14
Creditor balances	(784.00)	
Lloyds Current Account 00086188	6,737.08	31,464.53
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	9,003.08	31,478.67

**Restricted Bank Accounts**

	<u>A/c Ref</u>		<u>A/c Ref</u>	
Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit	20047042LS	10,099.32		
Deposit Account	40353160	10,562.00		
Treasurer's Maintenance Account	27345368	1,800.00	27345368	1,800.00

<b>Total Assets at Year End</b>	<hr/>	<b>31,464.40</b>	<hr/>	<b>33,278.67</b>
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

St George's Hall (Blockley)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

292415

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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 or
- 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

CJ Rush

Date:

18/09/2025

Name:

Charles J Rush, BA MSc FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCA

Address:

Woodstock Accountancy

3A Market Place, Woodstock, Oxon

OX20 1SY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

The financial statements have been produced on a receipts and payment basis.

The Charity created a sinking fund during the financial year to 31 March 2013 for the purposes of meeting the cost of irregular items of maintenance, these funds are held in Fixed Term Deposit Accounts and Maintenance Account No. 27345368 and represent restricted funds.