

## **Farningham Village Hall ; Chair's Report - 87th AGM Feb.25th 2026**

The Hall is owned by the Farningham Parish Council and run by a Management committee of volunteers representing the main regular users of the hall - the Women's Institute, the Axstanes Players and the Guitar Club. These representatives are ; Terry Payne (Axstanes), Andy Lord (Guitar Club), Sally Socki and Linda Fitzsimons (Women's Institute); Carol Salmon and Daryl Burns represent and report to/ from the Parish Council. Three other essential members who volunteer a great deal of extra time, expertise and commitment are Mick Turpin -our treasurer, Debi, our bookings secretary and Vic Clarke our caretaker. The hall could not function without our excellent management committee.

The Village Hall is very busy and is booked for frequent weekly and one-off special events. The hire fees are required to meet all maintenance and running costs of the hall. Market Meadow may be hired, with the hall, for a maximum of 12 events yearly. Our website shows the main facilities and improvements made which include the following.

In April we replaced and significantly upgraded both main doors to the hall and reissued keys to all hirers entitled, and needing, to use them. Recently Sevenoaks discontinued collection of our waste and this meant finding a replacement (RTS). When our fire alarm servicing by the installer became erratic we reverted to Morgan Fire ( previously Victory ) who were dependable. Our website has a page link to FVH policies. Management and usage of water and power is monitored and heating controls devolved to rooms. New electric sockets were added to the stage area and all our exterior lighting was reviewed and supplemented. Installation of a radiator in the JA room has greatly improved its heating and hiring possibilities. We paid £1000 towards the refurbishment of the flint wall boundary to Market Meadow to limit its possible deterioration during the winter.

We have budgeted for the refurbishment of the main hall flooring and stage floor and arranged May 22-30<sup>th</sup> for this work by Elms Flooring, whose work we have experienced previously. This necessitated suspending all hall bookings for this period. The hall exterior was reviewed, refurbished and repainted during 2025, it now looks very clean and smart.

The committee still lacks a social secretary and would benefit from a regular committee secretary to service correspondence and meetings.

*Thanks are due to our committee members and all our regular hirers for their commitment to, and efforts spent on, running and contributing to a wide range of well attended village activities.*  
( Viv Parker Chair FVH 29.1.26)

# Farningham Village Hall

Charity Number 293265

## Receipts and payments accounts - 2025

For the period from 01/01/2025 To 31/12/2025

### A - Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds This year 2025 to the nearest £	Restricted Funds <sup>1</sup> This year 2025 to the nearest £	Total Last year 2024 to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Non Contract Hire - Non Residents	6,505		5,481
Non Contract Hire - Residents	2,508		1,743
<b>Sub total Non Contract hire</b>	9,013		7,224
Contract Hire - Non Residents	7,772		7,560
Contract Hire - Residents	7,176		6,273
<b>Sub total Contract hire</b>	14,948		13,833
<b>Sub total Hall hire</b>	23,961		21,057
Fundraising	0		-
Donations	0		-
Bank Interest	1,760		1,845
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	25,720	0	22,902

### Payments

Broadband	363		296
Cleaning & Materials	384		661
Contracted Services	11,561		10,122
Electric	1,697		1,258
Fundraising	0		-
Gas	2,789		3,575
Insurance	733		722
Postage & Stationery	50		49
Publicity	165		315
Repairs & Maintenance	12,910		7,970

Subs & Licences		273		166
Sundry		394		215
Trade Waste		584		676
Water		257		286
<b>Sub total</b>		32,160	0	26,309

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(6,439)	0	(3,407)
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	52,495	0	55,902
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	46,055	0	52,495
<b>Total restricted &amp; unrestricted</b>		46,055	

## B Assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### Cash funds

Details	This year 2025 to the nearest £
Bank Current Account	7,655
Charity 100 Day Notice Account	38,401
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<b>Total cash funds</b>	46,055

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

### Assets retained for the charity's own use <sup>2</sup>

Hall Contents	26,133
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### Liabilities

Deposits Held	250
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## C Notes

**1 Restricted Funds** refers to monies set aside for a particular purpose

**2 Assets** include the hall contents and the adjoining Market Meadow. The figures shown for hall contents represent the index-linked insurance cover as updated for 2025.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 1

Print Name

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Date of approval

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Signature 2

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Print Name

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Date of approval

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE**

**FARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Registered Charity No. 293265**

I report on the Accounts of the Farningham Village Hall for the year ended 31st December 2025.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner**

The Association's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


**Basis of the Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records; and
  - c) to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and the regulations made thereunder
2. 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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Date: 19th February 2026