



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Dumbleton Village Hall

Charity registration number: 299528

## Objectives and Activities

|  | SORP reference     |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document  | Para 1.17          | The Hall is to be held in trust for the benefit of the residents of Dumbleton for use for meetings, lectures and classes, recreation and leisure activities for the purpose of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.   |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | Hire of the hall is open to residents and non-residents with the former having preferential rates. Regular bookings currently include Table Tennis, Badminton, Book Club, WI, Pilates, Yoga, Indoor Bowls and Radio-Controlled society. The committee run monthly coffee mornings, regular wine bars, Christmas Tree light up with Food and free drinks and an annual big event such as a New Year's Dance – the most recent being an anniversary ball celebrating 125 years since the village hall was built. Events are also held in conjunction with other village organisations. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit   | Para 1.18          | It is confirmed that the trustee's decision-making process has regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit.  |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|  | SORP reference |     |
|--|----------------|-----|
| Policy on grant making   | Para 1.38      | N/A |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      | N/A |

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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | Primary contribution by volunteers is time in running events and our regular community coffee mornings, although volunteers also personally contribute items like cake for the coffee mornings and raffle prizes on a voluntary basis. |
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## Achievements and Performance

|   | SORP reference |   |
|---|----------------|---|
| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p>The Trustees continued to meet the challenge of running and maintaining the Village Hall.</p> <p>The Christmas Tree light up event in December 2024 was run as a non-profit making event for the benefit of the local community. At this event 12 crates of food and gifts were collected for the Caring-Hands-In-The-Vale charity.</p> <p>The main annual fundraising event held in January was in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Village Hall and was a great success. More than 80 guests from the local community attended, including many who had not been to a Village Hall event before.</p> <p>The event was the first opportunity to use the Hall's new ticketing platform in partnership with Ticket Tailor and achieved its goal of reducing costs of event ticket management.</p> <p>The monthly Pop-Up Café is now part of the village calendar and is the Hall's most regular source of self-generated revenue. This uses a considerable number of volunteers over and above the Trustees to ensure its success.</p> <p>The regular bookings by local clubs has continued to grow with additional clubs from around the local area being attracted to the great facilities the hall provides.</p> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                     |           |  |
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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The 5-year programme of improvement and maintenance objectives continued throughout the year with the installation of new windows and entrance doors in the Main Hall. The feedback has been excellent, and it is hoped that the energy costs will reduce. |
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| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The 5-year plan included objectives of marketing the Hall for additional fund-raising activities to help fund the annual maintenance and programme of improvements. As a result, some new fundraising events such as Wedding Parties have proved very successful and have helped increase the reserves for future funding of improvements. |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 | N/A  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | <p>The Balance Sheet shows Total Assets of £46,048, up by £5,855 on previous year. This was due to increased fund generation from Pop-Up Cafes, one-off events and Hall bookings.</p> <p>As of 31 March 2024, the balance of the Hall's bank accounts was £42,335.</p> <p>The Hall's Gross income for the financial year was £45,262 which was made up of the following.<br/> Hall Hire - £11,896<br/> Fund Raising events - £9,168<br/> Monthly Pop-Up Café - £5,843<br/> Grants for Window replacement - £17,509<br/> Other (Donations &amp; Bank interest) - £846</p> <p>The Hall's total outgoings were £39,408 which is broken down as follows.<br/> Annual Operating Costs - £11,944<br/> Cost of Fundraising events - £5,800<br/> Capital Expenditure (Hall maintenance &amp; improvements) - £21,664</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | Specific reserves are held for large maintenance projects and improvement projects.  |
| Amount of reserves held  | Para 1.22 | £17,524 is held in reserves for emergency maintenance and re-siting of the village Telephone Box.  |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves  | Para 1.22 | N/A  |
| Details of fund materially in deficit  | Para 1.24 | N/A  |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | N/A  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <p>The general sources of funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire of the venue to local clubs, classes, individuals, Wedding party hire</li> <li>• Fundraising events open to the public and local community such as monthly coffee mornings, Christmas tree light up, Annual Anniversary party</li> <li>• Donations from the public</li> </ul> |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | N/A  |

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| <p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p> | <p>Para 1.46</p> | <p>Significant damage to the building, for example a fire, preventing its continued use</p> <p>Major repair/maintenance work to the building beyond the level of reserves held</p> <p>Increase of operating costs particularly around utility costs in the colder months.</p> <p>Loss of hire revenue to cover the annual operating costs</p> <p>Insufficient number of Trustees or volunteers preventing fundraising events from being held to cover operating costs</p> <p>Loss of all Executive officers at the same time</p> <p>Closure of the Hall for a significant period without the ability to generate revenue</p> |
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## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts:  |           |   |
| Type of governing document  | Para 1.25 | Trust Deed  |
| How is the charity constituted?   | Para 1.25 | Unincorporated association  |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Trustees and officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting<br><br>Trustees are co-opted from the parish and as noted, officers such as Chair and Treasurer are proposed and duly elected at the AGM. |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 | Trustees are background checked prior to co-option and election<br><br>No specific induction or training policies exist<br><br>Trustees are provided with informal, ongoing training on the work of the Hall<br><br>Trustees agree and follow the Hall Finance Policy.  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary form the Executive Committee providing oversight of the work of the Hall<br><br>Other trustees fulfil non-executive roles including Vice Chair, Bookings and Events, Marketing & Grants, Health & Safety and Maintenance.<br><br>The Trustees hold regular meetings to review progress against objectives, setting of new objectives and the 5-year business plan and the management of the funds.<br><br>An Annual General Meeting, open to the whole parish, reports on the business and financial statements for the Hall and elects the Trustees |
| Relationship with any related parties   | Para 1.51 | N/A   |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name                | Dumbleton Village Hall   |
| Other name the charity uses | N/A  |
| Registered charity number   | 299528   |
| Charity's principal address | Dumbleton Village Hall<br>Dairy Lane<br>Dumbleton<br>Glos.<br>WR11 7TP<br>(For administrative / correspondence purposes: )<br>Mr P Anderson (Treasurer),<br>Rose Cottage,<br>Main Street,<br>Dumbleton<br>WR11 7TH |

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name          | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | Jim Harmsworth-Cowles | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 2  | Claire Stanley        | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 3  | Robert Mercer         | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Ruth Seward           | Vice Chair      |                                   |   |
| 5  | Paul Crowther         | Bookings        |                                   |   |
| 6  | Robin Philips-Lamb    |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Jane Anderson         |                 |                                   |   |
| 8  | Joanna Brett          |                 |                                   |   |
| 9  | Tracey Thompson       |                 |                                   |   |
| 10 | Kate Hending          |                 |                                   |   |
| 11 |                       |                 |                                   |   |
| 12 |                       |                 |                                   |   |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity   | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         | N/A |

## Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


|                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | Philip Anderson   |  |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Treasurer   | Current Treasurer Elected at AGM on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 |
| Date                                | 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025  |  |



# Dumbleton Village Hall Profit and Loss 2024-2025

Twelve Months to 31 March 2025

|  | 2025             | 2024              |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sales / Income</b>                          |                  |                   |
| Donations                                      | -                | 1,454.20          |
| Grants   | 17,509.75        | -                 |
| Income Generation - Hall Rental                | 14,324.72        | 12,936.19         |
| Income Generation - Fund Raising               | 12,483.76        | 7,071.19          |
| Other Income                                   | 944.71           | 2,812.85          |
|  | <u>45,262.94</u> | <u>24,274.43</u>  |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>                         |                  |                   |
| Cost of Community Events                       | 356.84           | 743.87            |
| Costs of Fund Generation                       | 5,443.40         | 4,157.81          |
|  | <u>5,800.24</u>  | <u>4,901.68</u>   |
| <b>Gross Profit/(Loss):</b>                    | <u>39,462.70</u> | <u>19,372.75</u>  |
| <b>Overheads</b>                               |                  |                   |
| Rates  | 439.95           | 409.24            |
| Heat, Light and Power                          | 3,412.39         | 5,932.85          |
| Printing and Stationery                        | -                | -                 |
| Telephone and Computer charges                 | 798.80           | -                 |
| Hall Improvements                              | 21,664.27        | 15,672.39         |
| Hall Maintenance                               | 3,033.08         | 2,039.33          |
| General Expenses                               | 1,769.30         | 376.50            |
| Management & Admin - Bank Charges and Interest | 64.52            | 208.54            |
| Management & Admin - Bad Debt                  | -                | -                 |
| Licences and Insurance                         | 2,236.41         | 2,030.51          |
| Donation Moved to Phone Box Fund               | -                | 337.00            |
| Payment Processing Fees                        | 188.91           | -                 |
| Depreciation                                   | -                | -                 |
|  | <u>33,607.63</u> | <u>27,006.36</u>  |
| <b>Net Profit/(Loss):</b>                      | <u>5,855.07</u>  | <u>- 7,633.61</u> |


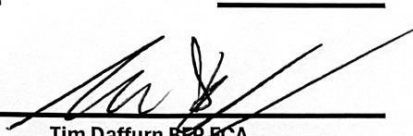
  
Philip Anderson  
Honorary Treasurer

Date: 22nd July 2025

  
Tim Daffurn BFP FCA  
Honorary Auditor

Date: 22nd July 2025

## Dumbleton Village Hall Balance Sheet 2024-2025

|   | 31-Mar-25        | 31-Mar-24  |
|---|------------------|--|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>   |                  |  |
|   | -                | -  |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |                  |  |
| Stock   | 3,679.96         | 1,422.90   |
| Debtors   | 5,631.25         | 329.00   |
| Bank Account  | 3,721.27         | 4,745.32   |
| Deposits & Cash   | 38,614.48        | 39,884.54  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>51,646.96</b> | <b>46,381.76</b>   |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>  |                  |  |
| Expenses Owed   | 4,921.77         |  |
| Creditors: Short Term   | 676.25           | 6187.89  |
|   | 5,598.02         | 6,187.89   |
| <b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities</b>                                      | <b>46,048.94</b> | <b>40,193.87</b>   |
| <b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>  | <b>46,048.94</b> | <b>40,193.87</b>   |
| <b>Long Term Liabilities</b>  | -                | -  |
| <b>Total Assets Less total Liabilities</b>  | <b>46,048.94</b> | <b>40,193.87</b>   |
| <b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>   |                  |  |
| General Fund  | 38,846.17        | 46,479.78  |
| P&L Account   | 5,855.07         | 7,633.61   |
|   | 44,701.24        | 38,846.17  |
| Phone Box Appeal  | 1,347.70         | 1,347.70   |
|   | <b>46,048.94</b> | <b>40,193.87</b>   |
|  |                  |  |
| Philip Anderson   |                  | Tim Daffurn BPP PCA  |
| Honorary Treasurer  |                  | Honorary Auditor   |
| Date: 22nd July 2025  |                  | Date: 22nd July 2025   |



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

|   |  |                                |        |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Report to the trustees/<br/>members of</b> | Charity Name<br>Dumbleton Village Hall |                                |        |
| <b>On accounts for the year<br/>ended</b>     | 31 March 2025                          | <b>Charity no<br/>(if any)</b> | 299528 |
| <b>Set out on pages</b>                       | Two and Three                          |                                |        |

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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:**

**Date:**

10 June 2025

**Name:**

Timothy Roger James Daffurn

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

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