

OAKLEY VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 300054

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1961-08-21

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

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: Management of village hall hired to local groups and general public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF OAKLEY
- Bedford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£37,035	£33,639	-	-
2024-08-31	£29,146	£26,913	-	-
2023-08-31	£21,919	£32,041	-	-
2022-08-31	£21,491	£21,295	-	-
2021-08-31	£31,341	£22,927	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Simon Daniel	Chair	2021-11-16
David Cooke		2014-11-10
Dr Ruth Bender		2016-03-14
JOAN THOMAS		2012-01-18
JULIA MARY NICHOLAS		
Katie Foskett		2021-12-21
PAUL WHITE		
Stephanie Blackwell		2023-11-21

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Oakley Village Hall Chairman's Report for 2025

It has been another successful year, with our regular bookings on an even keel we have seen a small increase in the number of children's party bookings.

Again, we have carried out some internal enhancements this year, mainly new kitchen cupboards and a radiator, this has improved the look of our kitchen immensely.

We have only carried out essential external repairs, one pothole in the drive was patched and one of the bollards has been replaced due to vehicular damaged. We still have ongoing repairs to complete on the AC system.

We are progressing a change to our structure as a charity, but not without significant thanks to Ruth for her commitment and usual dedication, we will become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which will bring our status more in line with best practice; this is scheduled to take place next year.

Unfortunately, after this is done Ruth has decided to step down and take more time out for herself.

Along with myself and I'm sure the rest of the committee we will all miss her greatly she has and still is a monumental force in keeping us operating so smoothly.

The Hall was once again home to The Oakley Show, yet again another well run and supported event, thanks to Julia and her exceptional Show committee colleagues. We were also lucky enough to host the monthly Quiz run by Richard Worker for the Parish Council; this is again proving to be a huge success, filling the Hall to capacity once a month.

Thank you to the whole of the Management Committee who continue to work hard with everybody contributing, but I need to single out few people, to Simon for supporting me in my occasional absences and also for bringing his HS knowledge, to Julia for keeping us on a stable financial footing, to Ruth again, for all her exceptional secretarial skills, to both David and Jane Cooke, who still assist in the general day to day running of the hall. To Jules Taylor who not just took on the role of our Bookings Secretary but went above and beyond to completely update the way we now operate, dragging us albeit (for some that is) shouting and screaming into this modern Techno world with the 'Hall Master' online booking system. She too is now leaving us but as I've said having made it so much easier for us to tackle the future better prepared. Continuing this theme, to Katie for maintaining our presence in these 'Social Media' driven times and to Joan for supporting us all in all that we do.

Finally on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Steph for her many contributions, including keeping the building clean and for providing a valuable link to our hirers - and to them, thank you, without whom we have no purpose.

Good luck for the coming year.

Paul A White
Chairman for 2025

Oakley Village Hall Treasurer's Report - 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Income:

This year our income was £37,035.09, £7,889.10 higher than last year.

Lettings income was £25,699.35, £1,558.11 more than last year, partly due to the increase in hiring fees for non Oakley residents and a small rise in the number of hirings.

We received a grant of £2,967.00 from the Borough Council towards the cost of the new stage curtains.

Oakley Show made a profit of £711.22, and OSSC paid us £110 as per their access agreement.

We received £167.52 in interest on our bank accounts and £7,380 in security deposits.

Expenditure:

Our expenditure was £33,638.89 which is £6,725.65 higher than last year.

Our utility bills amounted to £3,779.00 which is £240 lower than last year. We have been on fixed rate tariffs for gas and electricity and had built up some credit last year due to the way the direct debits are calculated, this will rise next year as we have new tariffs for gas and electricity both of which are higher than our previous ones.

Our music licence was £221.86, £60 less than last year due to changes in the way the charges are calculated.

Our repairs and maintenance costs decreased by £255.75.

Our cleaning costs increased by £788.50, due to increased wage rates and more hours cleaning being needed due to the number of hirings.

We spent £3,763.01 replacing the stage curtains, £120 for a key safe which is to the requirements of our insurance company, £85 for a Vax so that the upholstered chairs can be cleaned as required, £1,595 to repaint the walls under the stage and the kitchen hatch and then fit coverings to those walls to prevent further damage.

The kitchen units and radiator were replaced at a cost of £3,063.20 and we purchased a fan for £49.99 to be used in the committee room as there is no air conditioning in there.

£313.68 was paid in council tax but this is due to be refunded as we have now received discretionary relief in addition to the mandatory relief which brings our bill down to zero.

We paid £253 annual fee to use the Hallmaster booking system and £600 solicitors fees for assistance with setting up the CIO.

We paid £1,862.10 for buildings insurance.

We refunded ££6,060 in security deposits.

Investments

The overall value of our investments decreased by £81.63 due to the market price of our share account.

Summary

Overall this year our income has exceeded our expenditure by £3,396.20.

We increased the cost of hiring the hall by non-residents during this year and have advised our regular hirers that the costs for them and Oakley residents will increase from 1st January 2026 as we will need to cover the cost of increasing electricity and gas charges in the coming year.

We received the grant from Bedford Borough Council towards the cost of replacing the stage curtains which has completed our renovation of the main hall.

Now that the kitchen cabinets and radiator have been replaced we will need to decorate the kitchen to complete the refurbishment.

Accounts and report prepared by Julia Nicholas, Treasurer.



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Income and Expenditure for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Balances Brought Forward

Community Account	£5,271.55	
Cheques not presented	-£16.56	
Deposit account	£10,228.34	
Cash	£80.20	£15,563.53

Income

Lettings	£25,699.35	
Key Deposits	£7,380.00	
Interest	£167.52	
Grants	£2,967.00	
OSSC Access agreement	£110.00	
Oakley Show	£711.22	£37,035.09
		£52,598.62

Total

Expenditure

Electricity	£2,103.00	
Gas	£1,079.00	
Water	£597.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	£1,892.21	
Cleaners	£8,012.00	
Housekeeping	£1,398.24	
Booking Line Telephone	£197.46	
Postage & Stationary	£26.14	
Premises, Lottery & Music Licences	£421.86	
Key Deposits	£6,060.00	
Insurance	£1,862.10	
BRCC subscription	£35.00	
Hallmaster	£253.00	
Stage Curtains	£3,763.01	
Key safe	£120.00	
Vax	£85.00	
Paint & panels under stage & hatch	£1,595.00	
CIO Solicitor fees	£600.00	
Refund	£112.00	
Fan for committee room	£49.99	
Kitchen upgrade	£3,063.20	
Council Tax	£313.68	-£33,638.89
		£18,959.73

Total

Balances Carried Forward

Community Account	£5,999.11	
Cheques not presented	-£2,530.02	
Deposit A/C	£15,395.86	
Cash	£94.78	£18,959.73

W. J. Challen
27/9/25.

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Other Assets

COIF Investment Fund	£13,909.93
COIF Investment Fund	£115.47
COIF Deposit Account	£570.34
	£14,595.74

Total Investments at 31 August 2025

Accounts prepared by J Nicholas – Treasurer

J Nicholas
27/9/25.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Oakley Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Oakley Village Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

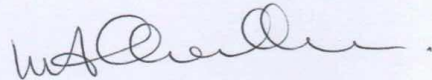
Independent examiner's statement

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 Trust 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.

Signed:



Name:

William Alan Chalker

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers;
Association of Corporate Treasurers: Certificate
of International Cash Management

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13 Bevery Close
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Bedfordshire MK43 7SH

Date:

27th September 2025.

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Chairman's Report for 2024

It was a successful year, with increased bookings and more improvements to the fabric of the Hall.

Having done a lot of both internal and external enhancements last year, again this year we were faced with external repairs and improvements - work on the rain gullies in the car park and underground pipework at the front of the building to prevent flooding, plus pothole repairs in the drive.

Since the year end, we have put in the new stage curtains, which improve the atmosphere and look of the Hall, and have drawn very positive comments from everyone. Unfortunately, the proposed works to protect the paintwork around the stage and kitchen hatch are still to be completed.

The Hall has been used a lot for 'whole village' activities this year. The Oakley Show yet again attracted a high quality of entrants and a lot of attendees. We are pleased to host the new monthly Quiz run by Richard Worker for the Parish Council; this has been a huge success, filling the Hall to capacity each month.

Whilst mentioning Richard Worker, I must thank him for putting together the archive of our history from 1943 to 1974. This splendid book was on display at the Oakley Show and provided some fascinating insights into our past.

The Management Committee have continued to do sterling work with everybody contributing, but I need to give special thanks to Julia for keeping us on a stable financial footing as well as organising the Oakley show, Ruth for all her online research, exceptional secretarial skills, keeping us all updated and in the picture and to both David and Jane Cooke, who are standing down from their joint role of Lettings Secretary. They have been the public face of the Hall for many years, managing our relationships with hirers and contractors alike and so many other things. No one person could replace what David and Jane were doing, so from this year Jules Taylor will act as our Bookings secretary, with the rest of the Committee sharing all the other roles.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Steph and Emily who do such an excellent job of keeping the building clean, and who have been so supportive of our needs.

And I would of course like to thank all our hirers, without whom we are just a building.

Thank you, and good luck for the coming year.

Paul White

Chairman for 2024

Oakley Village Hall

Treasurer's Report - 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Income:

This year our income was £29,145.99 which is £7,226.59 higher than last year.

Lettings income was £24,141.24, £6,150.25 more than last year, this was mainly due to the increase in our hiring fees from January.

We received £1380.00 from the Parish Council towards the additional fencing put up to prevent access to the side of the hall and we received £500 from the Sports and social club towards the pothole repairs on the driveway.

Oakley Show made a profit of £782.40, and OSSC paid us £110 as per their access agreement. We received £138.35 in interest on our bank accounts, £18.45 less than last year due to the fact that our balances have reduced following expenditure on repairs to the hall.

Expenditure:

Our expenditure was £26,913.24 which is £5,127.57 lower than last year.

Our utility bills amounted to £4,019 only £67 more than last year as we have been on fixed rate tariffs for gas and electricity.

Our music licence was £282.28, £6 more than last year.

Our repairs and maintenance costs increased by £166.13 mostly due to the microphone and amplifier repairs.

Our cleaning costs increased by £700.75, due to increased wage rates.

We spent £1,215 inspecting and repairing the rain gullies at the front of the hall to prevent flooding, and replaced the water heater and the expansion vessel for the heating. Pot hole repairs cost £1,585.48 and the side fence and gates cost £1,380. We also paid £359 for a laptop in order that we can automate the booking and invoicing systems to save time and to make it easier to manage the bookings now that David and Jane are stepping down from the Letting Secretary's post which they have done admirably for a long period of time, I don't know what we would have done without them keeping such a close eye on the hirings and the hall.

We paid £2,854.22 for buildings insurance, a big increase on last year but this covered £1,810.22 for the 2022/23 insurance which was paid at the start of this financial year and £1,044 for the 2023/24 insurance paid at the end of the financial year.

Investments

The overall value of our investments increased by £1450.86 making a return of approximately 10%.

Summary

Overall this year our income has exceeded our expenditure by £2,232.75 due to the increase in hiring fees in January 2023, and this is now covering our ongoing costs for maintaining the hall.

We have obtained a grant from Bedford Borough Council towards the cost of replacing the stage curtains which will complete our renovation of the main hall, all the work has made a huge difference to the hall and the hirers' comments have been very favourable.

During the next financial year we are hoping to replace the kitchen cabinets, which are the original ones put in when the hall was built, they are now looking their age and starting to fall to pieces, we hope to be able to obtain a grant to cover at least some of the cost to minimise the need to use our investments.

Accounts and report prepared by Julia Nicholas, Treasurer.



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Income and Expenditure for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Balances Brought Forward

Community Account	£3,458.34	
Cheques not presented	-£320.26	
Deposit account	£10,089.99	
Cash	£102.71	£13,330.78

Income

Lettings	£24,141.24	
Key Deposits	£2,074.00	
Interest	£138.35	
Grants	£1,380.00	
OSSC Access agreement	£110.00	
Donation	£500.00	
Advertisement	£20.00	
Oakley Show	£782.40	£29,145.99
	Total	£42,476.77

Expenditure

Electricity	£1,775.00	
Gas	£1,680.00	
Water	£564.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	£2,147.95	
Cleaners	£7,223.50	
Housekeeping	£1,379.11	
Booking Line Telephone	£176.36	
Postage & Stationary	£41.19	
Premises Licence	£180.00	
Village Directory	£20.00	
Music & Lottery Licences	£302.28	
BRCC subscription	£35.00	
Key Deposits	£1,844.00	
Insurance	£2,854.22	
Web site	£103.42	
Rain gully works	£1,215.00	
Water heater & expansion vessel	£1,946.93	
Lap top for bookings	£359.00	
Pot hole repairs	£1,585.48	
2 key safes	£100.80	
Side fence and gate	£1,380.00	-£26,913.24
	Total	£15,563.53

Balances Carried Forward

Community Account	£5,271.55	
Cheques not presented	-£16.56	
Deposit A/C	£10,228.34	
Cash	£80.20	£15,563.53

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Other Assets

COIF Investment Fund	£14,023.15
COIF Investment Fund	£108.88
COIF Deposit Account	£545.34
	£14,677.37

Total Investments at 31 August 2024

Accounts prepared by J Nicholas – Treasurer

J Nicholas
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18th October 2024

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Date:

18th October 2024

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Balances Brought Forward	
Community Account	£10,378.11
Less cheques not presented	-£665.31
High Interest Deposit A/C	£5,061.52
Cash	£68.71
	£14,843.03
Income	
Lettings	£3,304.25
Interest on HID a/c	£1.09
Grants	£20,236.00
OSSC Access agreement	£800.00
COIF Investments	£7,000.00
	£31,341.34
	Total
	£46,184.37
Expenditure	
Electricity	£510.00
Gas	£1,431.00
Water	£328.00
Repairs & Maintenance	£5,588.16
Cleaner	£1,356.00
Housekeeping	£982.48
Booking Line Telephone	£170.99
Postage & Stationary	£7.80
Premises Licence	£180.00
Village Directory	£20.00
Music & Lottery Licences	£196.72
BRCC subscription	£35.00
Council Tax	£590.00
Fans	£2,340.00
Cooker and fridge	£1,659.75
Roof clean and treatment	£1,500.00
Energy Performance Cert	£420.00
Insurance	£2,666.21
Web site	£70.00
Car park bollards	£2,875.50
	-£22,927.61
	Total
	£23,256.76
Balances Carried Forward	
Community Account	£10,174.31
cheques not presented	-£2,047.07
High Interest Deposit A/C	£5,062.61
Cash	£66.91
Hampshire Trust Bank	£10,000.00
	£10,000.00 Total
	£23,256.76

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8/11/21

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Other Assets

COIF Investment Fund	£12,724.69
COIF Investment Fund	£109.68
COIF Deposit Account	£500.09
	£13,334.46

Total Investments at 31 August 2021

Accounts prepared by J Nicholas – Treasurer

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8/11/21

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Date:

8th November 2021

Oakley Village Hall Treasurers Report - 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

Income:

This year our income was £31341.34 which is £6948.54 higher than last year.

Lettings income was down by £9490 on last year which was also considerably reduced from normal due to the COVID lockdowns.

We received £19,393 in COVID grants from from Bedford Borough Council, a grant from the Parish Council towards the cost of new fans to help with ventilation in the main hall to keep us COVID safe and a grant from Bedford Borough Council of £175 towards the cost of an energy certificate for the hall which can be used to enable us to obtain future grants towards making the hall more energy efficient.

We received £800 from OSSC which covers our access agreement with them for the 8 years to date.

The total income also includes £7000 which we withdrew from our COIF and put towards a £10,000 fixed rate bond with the Hampshire Trust Bank to keep the funds protected under the FSCS scheme.

Expenditure:

Our expenditure was £22,927.61 which is £153.08 higher than last year.

Our utility bills decreased by £1766.50 mostly due to the fact that the hall was unused for a large part of the year, we have built up credit on our gas and electricity which will help with next years' bills.

Our music licence decreased by £190.70 due to the lack of lettings income.

Our repairs and maintenance costs increased by £3244.46 due to the additional cost of an electrical inspection and necessary upgrading work and a check to locate a gas leak.

Our cleaning costs decreased by £3810 as we only had cleaners in once a week during the COVID closure period.

We spent £2340 to fit additional fans in the main hall, replaced the fridge and cooker at a cost of £1659.75 and now have an electric cooker as the old one was the cause of the gas leak. Bollards were installed in the rear car park to prevent it being used for illegal drug activity and also to guarantee some parking for our hirers when there is an event being held at OSSC. We spent £1500 having the considerable amount of moss removed from the roof and the roof treated to prevent regrowth for a while as the moss was falling from the roof and blocking the gullies.

The insurance figure is much higher at £2666.21 as it covers 2 years' premiums, our insurance renewal date is 31st August and last year was paid at the beginning of September and this year we paid at the end of August.

Investments

The overall value of our investments decreased by £4800.72 but taking account of the £7000 we withdrew has still produced an excellent return.

Summary

Overall this year our income has exceeded our expenditure by £8413.73, some of which is going to be spent in the near future upgrading the lighting in the corridor and committee room.

It is also going to be necessary for us to spend on sorting out the drains at the hall, we have had 2 blockages recently and we cannot inconvenience hirers again. Following an inspection it appears that tree roots have grown into the drain at the front of the hall and the drain will need to be repaired/replaced.

We are currently in a good financial position but have decided that we need to increase our hiring fees from 2022 as we have not increased them for a few years and now need to cover both the