

THE SILSOE VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 300067

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-01-20

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

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: Village Hall used for Community organisations

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF SILSOE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,931	£21,555	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,910	£29,580	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,169	£17,061	-	-
2022-03-31	£24,980	£37,374	-	-
2021-03-31	£35,608	£19,185	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Jefferies		2023-02-01
GILES PHILLIPS		2023-02-01
JAN JARRARD		
John Colleran		2017-09-06
PETER HADDON		2023-02-01
Philip Hammond		2018-04-01
SIMON NICHOLAS STRANKS		

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Accounts

Silsoe Village Hall

Receipts and Payments Accounts For the Year to 31st March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Hire Charges	25,079	25,575
Grants & Donations	250	306
Fundraising	1,143	1,272
Car Parking	1,550	1,460
100 Club	1,500	1,000
Interest	409	297
Total Receipts	29,931	29,910
<u>Payments</u>		
Light Heat & Water	3,817	10,100
Refuse Disposal	1,308	992
Cleaning	4,284	4,618
Insurance	1,699	1,552
Maintenance	7,867	8,730
Gardening	300	998
Licence Fees	1,284	974
Other	996	1,616
Total payments	21,555	29,580
Income Surplus/Deficit	8,376	330

Silsoe Village Hall

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Accounts	38,601	30,225
Debtors	0	0
Total	<u>38,601</u>	<u>30,225</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	0	0
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
	<u>38,601</u>	<u>30,225</u>
Surplus for the period	8,376	330
Funds brought forward	30,225	29,895
Funds carried forward	<u>38,601</u>	<u>30,225</u>

Trustees Annual Report
For the period ending 31.3.2025

Charity Name SILSOE VILLAGE HALL

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Charity's principal address School House Mews,
High Street,
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Philip Hammond	Chairman		
Elizabeth Jefferies	Secretary		
John Colleran	Treasurer		
Jan Jarrard			
Simon Stranks			
Peter Haddon			
Giles Phillips			

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document - Constitution adopted 24.5.1968
How the charity is constituted - Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods - Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in July.

Use of the Hall and Governance

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Achievements and Performance

Chairman's Report July 2025

Our Village Hall bookings have maintained a steady and consistent level over the recent months, and we now have an even greater number of regular hirers than in previous years. This has helped to maintain a healthy financial position. Due to the standard of maintenance and facilities we continue to attract a large number of one off bookings for various events and meetings.

At this point I would like to thank Liz Jefferies, our Bookings Officer, for the effort she has put into making this a success. My thanks also to Lemon, our platform provider for their continued support.

A special thank you to our caretaker/cleaning team of Laura and Malcolm. They both continue to keep the Hall looking its best as well as undertaking the odd repair and maintenance project.

Thanks to Chris Tarmu, who has continued to run the 100 Club in the most professional manner. This is such an important fund raiser for the Village Hall.

A special thank you also to John Colleran, our Treasurer. John does an excellent job in managing the Hall finances which are currently in an excellent position.

Thank you to Peter Haddon who continues to liaise with our web providers keeping the website fully operational.

The traditional Village Hall Quiz was yet again a resounding success and special thanks to Simon Stranks for setting the questions again this year. The event was a sell out and all those present had an enjoyable evening.

The Boxing Day Mummers Play & Morris Dancers performed in our Car Park again and the attendance was even higher than before. This has now become established as a

Village Hall event and not only does it raise monies for the Hall we are also able to contribute to the chosen charity of the performers.

Another success in the past months has been the monthly Film Afternoons in partnership with SOS. This venture was originally a “warm space” initiative but due to the popularity of the events they have continued throughout the year and will do so for the foreseeable future.

I must also thank the Parish Council for their continued financial support for various projects, which in the last twelve months helped to pay for the new fire alarm and smoke detectors.

I'd also like to thank all the committee members for their support and efforts over the last 12 months and would hope they continue in their roles for the next 12 months. The Hall continues to be an invaluable asset for the Village.

It is a privilege and a challenge being Chairman, a task I approach willingly.

However this enthusiasm for the role has been somewhat dented over recent months by the worry of the constant complaints regarding noise. As you know we have curtailed certain bookings but still the complaints continue. Personally I am at a loss as to how to solve if indeed it is solvable to the benefit of all. I do not want the Hall's usage to be restricted by the constant complaints of one individual which in my view seems totally unreasonable. It does seem that common sense nor community spirit play any part in this issue. I only mention this at this meeting to ensure that the wider community are aware and would personally welcome any advice/guidance/suggestions from anyone. Thank you.

Phil Hammond
2nd July 2025

Financial Review

The charity's policy is to retain sufficient funds in reserve to cover a minimum of one year's ongoing operating costs.



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Auditors Report

I confirm I have audited the Income and Expenditure Account for Silsoe Village Hall for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 and that I am satisfied that the figures provided, show a true reflection of the Income and Expenditure for the Year

Dated: 29 January 2026

I J. Foxley

Mr I J. Foxley
on behalf of IJF Accounting Services

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Accounts

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A special thank you to our caretaker/cleaning team of Laura and Malcolm. They both continue to keep the Hall looking its best as well as undertaking the odd repair and maintenance project. This year we did have the Hall flooring stripped, cleaned and polished by an outside contractor which has enhanced the look of the building.

Thanks to Chris Tarmu, who took over the running of the 100 Club from Derek Hardy and is such an important fund raiser for the Village Hall.

A special thank you also to John Colleran, our Treasurer. John does an excellent job in managing the Hall finances which are currently in an excellent position. We did also manage to allocate two more resident parking spaces earlier this year which has now maximised the allowable area within the car park.

Thanks to the efforts of Peter Haddon we have been able to improve our website which now includes an excellent video of the Hall which helps future hirers.

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I must also thank the Parish Council for their continued financial support for various projects, which in the last twelve months helped to pay for the new wall in our car park.

Finally I'd like to thank all the committee members for their support and efforts over the last 12 months and would hope they continue in their roles for the next 12 months. The Hall continues to be an invaluable asset for the Village.

Phil Hammond
3rd July 2024

Financial Review

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Silsoe Village Hall

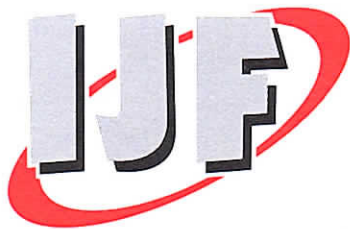
Receipts and Payments Accounts For the Year to 31st March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Hire Charges	25,575	16,822
Grants & Donations	306	543
Fundraising	1,272	1,903
Car Parking	1,460	1,074
100 Club	1,000	1,800
Interest	297	27
Total Receipts	29,910	22,169
<u>Payments</u>		
Light Heat & Water	10,100	5,261
Refuse Disposal	992	964
Cleaning	4,618	2,560
Insurance	1,552	1,524
Maintenance	8,730	4,439
Gardening	998	480
Licence Fees	974	930
Other	1,616	903
Total payments	29,580	17,061
Income Surplus/Deficit	330	5,108

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Accounts	30,225	29,895
Debtors	0	0
Total	<u>30,225</u>	<u>29,895</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	0	0
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
	<u>30,225</u>	<u>29,895</u>
Surplus for the period	330	5,108
Funds brought forward	29,895	24,787
Funds carried forward	<u>30,225</u>	<u>29,895</u>



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Dated: 15 January 2025

I J Foxley

Mr I J. Foxley
on behalf of IJF Accounting Services

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Philip Hammond			
Simon Stranks			
Lynda Timms			
Clare Burton			

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Achievements and Performance

Our Village Hall has just lived through probably its worst ever peacetime period because of the COVID pandemic. No one could ever have envisaged the effect a virus could have on the world and specifically on our own village hall. Virtually all use of the hall ceased although we were able to maintain our Post Office services and also continue to support the Royal Mail who serve our community.

COVID introduced a whole raft of changes with restrictions, new appropriate signage and the need for hand sanitisers at each of our hall entrance points. Over the COVID period we have been inundated with a constant barrage of guidelines, rules and legal advice. We have successfully completed all that has been required of us and, although we are currently in the process of reopening for organisations, there continues to be COVID restrictions in place.

Nevertheless, despite all that, we have successfully continued to further our aim of providing a high standard centre for the benefit of our community. We exist for that very purpose. Despite COVID, we have successfully completed -

- * A major redecoration of the Bar area
- * The replacement of the folding doors between the main hall and bar
- * Implemented the recommendations provided by an independent Fire Risk assessment
- * Raised over £24,000 in funds to carry out major roof work
- * Developed policies covering Data Privacy, Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities, and we have completed a COVID Risk Assessment.
- * The provision of land for a Scouts storage unit complete with external lighting.
- * A continuous programme to maintain internal decoration.
- * Totally revamped the first floor Lighting Room to a much higher standard.
- * Tree surgery work has been completed as part of the hall grounds development
- * Provided quality fencing to our north grounds boundary for improved security.
- * In the village hall grounds, we have continued to improve neglected areas.
- * We have been able to acquire a small piece of land that will enable us to develop a new access to the hall grounds on the north side.

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- * Being conscious of a need for environmental considerations we have successfully replaced all of the old wood framed single glazed windows in the main hall with double glazed units, introduced improved central heating controls, removed all traces of asbestos that had been incorporated within the first floor Lighting Room, ensured that 100mm of insulation was built into the new flat roof installed on the south side of our hall and we are currently replacing an old inefficient central heating boiler.

Financial Review

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Other Information

The ongoing effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic will continue to have a drastic curtailing affect upon our Hall activities and we will continue to search for new financial support enabling us to maintain and develop our Hall and grounds.

Silsoe Village Hall

Receipts and Payments Accounts For the Year to 31st March 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Hire Charges	2,650	17,176
Grants & Donations	29,220	20,262
Fundraising	424	2,246
Car Parking	1,861	1,042
100 Club	1,450	1,100
Interest	3	10
Total Receipts	35,608	41,836
<u>Payments</u>		
Light Heat & Water	2,772	3,619
Refuse Disposal	579	859
Cleaning	2,594	2,978
Insurance	1,312	1,304
Maintenance	11,070	28,739
Gardening	260	1,608
Licence Fees	180	555
Other	418	528
Total payments	19,185	40,190
Income Surplus/Deficit	16,423	1,646

Silsoe Village Hall

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank Accounts	37,636	21,213
Debtors	0	0
Total	<u>37,636</u>	<u>21,213</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	0	0
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>37,636</u>	<u>21,213</u>
Surplus for the period	16,423	1,646
Funds brought forward	21,213	19,567
Funds carried forward	<u>37,636</u>	<u>21,213</u>



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Dated: 21 January 2022

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