

**Silsoe Village Hall**

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

	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>29,931</b>	<b>29,910</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
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
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,555</b>	<b>29,580</b>
<b>Income Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>8,376</b>	<b>330</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**At 31st March 2025**

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

# **Trustees Annual Report**

## **For the period ending 31.3.2025**

Charity Name	SILSOE VILLAGE HALL
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Registered Charity Number 300067

<u>Charity's principal address</u>	School House Mews, High Street, Silsoe MK45 4DY
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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)
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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

Use of the Silsoe Village Hall is primarily reserved for personal and organised community activities and, of a secondary nature, for commercial users. The Trustees with the Management Committee oversee the day to day running of the Hall. The Trustees seek the views of members and Hall users in deciding how the Hall is operated. The Hall has developed a Health & Safety Policy, Data Protection Policy, Fire Safety Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy and Safeguarding Policy.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The object shall be the provision and maintenance of the Silsoe Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Silsoe and the neighbourhood without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the community.

Activities have included exercise classes for both adults and young people, dance classes, amateur dramatics by the Silsoe Drama Club, breakout space for local disabled peoples, indoor and outdoor activities for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, plus a variety of fund raising social events.

## **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**