

SUNDON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity Number 300076

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

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Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

Heather Baker
Karen Milloy (Treasurer)
Emily Gibbons (Secretary)
Hilary Ashworth [Resigned 08/05/24]
Alison Taylor [Resigned 08/11/23]

Principal Address:

Sundon Village Hall
Streatley Road
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Independent Examiner:

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Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 May 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Sundon Village Hall Management Committee was established under a trust deed dated 1st March 1967. The committee may comprise of three elected members, a number of members appointed by specified organisations, and up to two co-opted members. The elected members are elected at an annual general meeting at which inhabitants of the area of benefit who are over eighteen years of age are entitled to vote. The organisations currently entitled to appoint members to the committee are:

- Sundon Parish Council
- Sundon Parochial Church Council

There are currently no appointed members to the committee.

Any competent member of the committee may be re-elected or re-appointed.

Objectives and Activities

Sundon Village Hall is operated for the use of the inhabitants of Sundon Village and the neighbourhood, in particular for meetings, lectures and classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure activities, with the object of improving life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in organising activities for the year. During the year the hall has been used for clubs, community meetings, religious meetings, fitness and dance classes, village choir and social events.

The Trustees have relied on the help of volunteers from time to time to check and maintain the hall and surrounding grounds. This help has been invaluable in keeping the hall open for use.

Achievements and Performance

The hall has continued to be a key amenity for Sundon Village, used by many residents and others from outside the village. During the year the hall has provided a regular weekly meeting place for older residents of the village and neighbourhood. The choir, arts club, fitness and dance classes are open to village residents and others in the wider community. The church groups are open to all.

As well as the regular weekly activities, the hall has been used as a polling station, and for meetings of the Parish Council and local businesses. It has also provided a venue for social events such as the popular annual village race night, as well as private parties and gatherings for residents of the village.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

In January 2024 the hall was subject to an arson attack. The damage was significant and resulted in closure for four months. The extensive repair work required was paid for by an insurance settlement.

Financial Review

The principal source of income continues to be hire fees from the regular weekly and monthly activities, supplemented by ad-hoc bookings for social events and meetings. Hire fees were lower than anticipated at £7,767 (2023: £8,805), due to the period of closure following the arson attack. Expenditure excluding the arson attack repairs was down on the previous year at £6,950 (2023: £12,498). This was in part due to the period of closure, but also because the previous year included planned refurbishment work to the hall floor of £3,888, and other planned maintenance. Net surplus for the year was £602 (2023: deficit £3,680).

Repairs following the arson attack totalled £23,715, and this was paid for by an insurance settlement of £23,405, the difference being the policy excess.

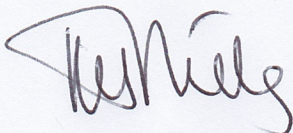
Cash reserves held at the end of the period amounted to £11,076. Sufficient reserves are held to cover any period of temporary closure, and to ensure that essential maintenance and refurbishment can be carried out as and when required.

The key risks to operating the hall are identified as (a) lack of usage (b) poor maintenance and safety procedures (c) lack of volunteers. Following the maintenance in 2023 and repairs in 2024, the hall is in an excellent condition. Fire safety assessments are up to date and all insurance requirements have been complied with. New regular bookings have been received for 2024/25 which means that income looks secure for the medium term. It remains challenging to attract new volunteers and trustees.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Karen Milloy
Treasurer

Date: 12/01/25

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sundon Village Hall for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

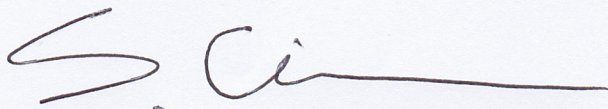
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 charity 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.



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Date: 12/01/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Hall hire fees	7,767		8,805	
Insurance settlement	23,405		-	
Interest	95		13	
Total receipts		31,267		8,818
Payments				
Cleaning	1,852		2,922	
Utilities	2,176		3,021	
Insurance	1,139		1,082	
Licences	155		182	
Arson repairs	23,715		-	
Other maintenance and equipment	1,327		4,966	
Administration costs	271		300	
Donations	30		25	
Total payments		30,665		12,498
Net receipts/(payments)		602		(3,680)
Funds brought forward		10,474		14,154
Funds carried forward		11,076		10,474

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 May 2024

	£
Assets	
Cash funds	
Cash at bank	11,076
Assets retained for the charity's own use	
Buildings (insurance value)	455,954
Furniture and equipment (insurance value)	8,559
Liabilities	
Unbilled electricity costs (estimate)	300