

ACLAND MEMORIAL HALL

Registered Charity Number: 300137

Report and Accounts for the year
1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Acland Memorial Hall
Hermitage Road
Cold Ash
Thatcham
Berkshire
RG18 9JH



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Acland Memorial Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

300137

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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 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.

Signed:

Wendy Stanway

Date:

28/7/2025

Name:

Wendy Stanway

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

MAAT

Address:

Stable Cottage, Upton Grey

Basingstoke

RG25 2RE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Accounts for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Treasurer's Report

I have prepared the accounts from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to me.

The records are available for inspection.

06th May 2025

Signed: Julia Winfield

Acland Memorial Hall

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Income and Expenditure Account 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Cash Basis

	Total			
	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025		Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PP)	
Income				
Bank Interest Earned		1,030.21		635.32
Fund Raising Events		11,981.51		1,280.00
Grants		50,718.00		
Hire Fees		29,312.26		31,407.59
Hiring Donations				300.00
Miscellaneous Income				20.00
Services				-34.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income		110.00		0.30
Total Income	£	93,151.98	£	33,609.21
Total	£	93,151.98	£	33,609.21
Expenditures				
Bookkeeping Fees		2,160.00		2,627.52
Caretaker and Bookings Costs		6,475.79		6,109.66
Cleaner Costs		2,340.00		2,943.00
Community Entertainment				899.20
Consumable Items		345.44		500.48
Equipment purchase				319.83
Heat and Light		2,762.11		3,239.97
Insurance Expense		1,165.25		1,211.07
Memberships and Subscriptions		1,190.49		1,021.70
Miscellaneous Expense				86.04
Office Expense		10.00		33.60
Professional Fees		150.00		150.00
Rent and Rates		100.41		94.87
Repairs/Renewals & Maintenance		43,934.82		6,562.09
Telephone & Broadband		418.00		504.45
TV Licence		169.50		159.00
Waste Collection		739.85		942.49
Water		559.12		296.52
Website Costs		98.14		89.95
Total Expenditures	£	62,618.92	£	27,791.44
Net Operating Income	£	30,533.06	£	5,817.77
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£	30,533.06	£	5,817.77

Acland Memorial Hall

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2025

	Total	
	As of Mar 31, 2025	As of Mar 31, 2024 (PP)
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Lloyds Bank	24,316.37	43,579.81
NBS 2469536001 Treasurer Plus	77,252.01	26,221.80
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£ 101,568.38	£ 69,801.61
Debtors		
Debtors - Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
Total Debtors	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Net current assets	£ 101,568.38	£ 69,801.61
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Trade Creditors	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Liabilities		
Deposits	2,796.94	1,563.23
VAT Liability	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	£ 2,796.94	£ 1,563.23
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£ 2,796.94	£ 1,563.23
Net current assets (liabilities)	£ 98,771.44	£ 68,238.38
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 98,771.44	£ 68,238.38
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 98,771.44	£ 68,238.38
Charity funds		
Called up share capital	0.00	0.00
Funds	5,826.60	5,826.60
Share Capital Account	25,359.49	25,359.49
Unrestricted Net Assets	37,052.29	31,234.52
Surplus/(Deficit)	30,533.06	5,817.77
Total Charity funds	£ 98,771.44	£ 68,238.38



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **The Acland Memorial Hall**

Other names charity is known by **none**

Registered charity number (if any) **300137**

Charity's principal address **Hermitage Road**

Cold Ash, Thatcham

Berkshire

Postcode

RG18 9JH

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	Richard Hanks	Chair		
2	David Silsby	Vice Chair		
3	Judy Connolly	Secretary		
4	Rachel Quartley	Honorary Treasurer		
5	Maureen Avens	Representative Trustee		
6	Caitlin Dalglish	Representative Trustee	1/4/24 - 30/9/24	
7	Gillian Hall	Representative Trustee	1/4/24 - 4/6/2024	
8	June Heaton	Representative Trustee		
9	Rosie Jardine	Representative Trustee	13/3/25 - 31/3/25	
10	Jarrold Price	Representative Trustee	30/9/24 - 31/3/25	
11	Paul Roberts	Representative Trustee		
12	Michelle Harrison	Non-representative Trustee		
13	Jackie Roberts	Non-representative Trustee		
14	David Silsby	Representative of Custodian Trustee (Parish Council)		

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of Name
adviser

Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Deed of Trust

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust comprising a management committee of volunteers

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

All Trustees retire from office at the end of the AGM but then may be re-elected. Co-opted members can be appointed at any regular meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Committee comprises voluntary Trustees representing hire groups and non-representative Trustees. Officers include Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary Treasurer and Secretary. Our Custodian Trustee is Cold Ash Parish Council.

New Trustees are provided with the following documents:

Our 'Deed of Assurance'

Document 'Trustees/Committee Members Responsibilities'

Document 'CC3 - The Essential Trustee'

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

'The provision of a village hall for the benefit of inhabitants of Cold Ash and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use of meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.'

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During this period the Acland Hall has continued to provide a venue for social and community activities - regular village groups (both charitable and profit-making) and occasional hires for parties and fundraising events.

The Trustees are aware of and have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

None

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Acland Hall has continued to provide a welcoming venue for many kinds of public groups and private gatherings. These include:

- Cold Ash Pre-school
- Cold Ash Parish Council
- Cold Ash Gardening Club
- Cold Ash Women's Institute
- Ashmore Green Women's Institute
- Phoenix Flower Arrangers
- Cold Ash Parish Greening Group
- Cold Ash Football Club
- Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society
- Exercise classes including Tai Chi, circuit training, yoga, jump and Pilates classes.

Our resident Pre-school provided around one third of our hire income. Non-regular community gatherings (mostly children's parties) accounted for a quarter of our hire income. Regular profit-making groups (such as exercise classes) provided a further quarter of our income. The remainder of our hire income was provided by regular non-profit making local social groups (eg. The WI). Non-regular hires were mainly comprised of children's birthday parties, but we have also hosted film nights, quiz nights, wine tasting, theatre performances, rug and furniture sales and charitable fundraisers. The hall is also used as a Polling Station.

Our financial year to 31st March 2025 was a successful one with our hire income at just over £29,000 – down 7% on the previous year. £62,700 of fundraising and grants to finance new cloakrooms made up a large proportion of our income. This left us with a net income of £30,533 compared with £5,800 previous year. This was ring-fenced for the cloakroom renovation work in FY25-26. Our assets in the bank increased by this amount to £98,771 by the end of the Financial Year.

We spent just under £11,000 on cleaning, bookkeeping and Hall Management, 6% less than last year. A further £7,400 was spent on utilities and other running costs (power, heat, rates etc.): down 10% on the previous year – mostly due to falling energy prices and changing our waste supplier. We spent £44,000 on maintenance, renewals and repairs to the building, along with costs related to the new cloakrooms. This compared with £6000 in the previous year.

The hall has again maintained to a high standard. Significant improvements to amenities and the fabric of the building included:

- A new security door lock for our Pre-school
- LED panels to replace the Committee Room's fluorescent lighting
- New curtains throughout
- double glazed uPVC windows to replace wooden ones in the cloakrooms
- Replacing the felt flat roof over the main hall alcove
- Planning and deposit for cloakroom renovation in FY25-26

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

In 2018 our formal Reserve Policy was agreed and formally adopted as £20,000. This figure was increased to £25,000 at our AGM on 29th June 2023. This figure is reviewed annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The majority of our income is received from regular hire groups and children's parties.

We occasionally receive fundraising income from film and theatre nights.

Expenditure this year has focused on energy efficiency, thus helping to minimise utility costs and keep hire charges competitive.


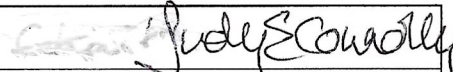
Our Deed of Trust states:

"Any sum of cash at any time belonging to the charity and not needed as a balance for working purposes shall (unless otherwise directed by the Charity Commissioners or the Secretary of State) be invested"

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Hanks	JUDY CONNOLLY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	SECRETARY
Date	23 JAN 2025	