

BLEDLow VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 300232

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-09-28

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

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Activities

Objects: PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A VILLAGE HALL

Activities: Management of Village Hall

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF BEDLOW AND VICINITX
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£41,066	£13,899	-	-
2024-10-31	£55,305	£58,988	-	-
2023-10-31	£19,638	£11,646	-	-
2022-10-31	£29,877	£14,887	-	-
2021-10-31	£73,225	£58,951	-	-
2020-10-31	£22,347	£17,411	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Belinda Sloots-Majumdar		2025-10-19
James Neville Wiseman-Clarke		2021-04-26

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Accounts



IN THE HEART OF BLEDLOW

Trustees' Annual Report For the year ending 31 October 2025

1. Charity Details

Registered Charity Name: Bledlow Village Hall

Registered Charity Number: 300232

Description: Unincorporated charitable trust

Address: Chinnor Road, Bledlow, Princes Risborough HP27 9QF

Trustees during the year to 31 October 2025:

- Jessica Bryant (chair until 1 December 2025)
- James Neville Wiseman-Clarke (chair from 1 December 2025)
- Carol Belinda Sloots-Majumdar (trustee from 19 October 2025)

The hall is volunteer-run by a management committee, with the trustees overseeing the hall's operation and governance.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document:

Bledlow Village Hall is governed by its constitution, known as "The First Schedule", originally adopted in 1931 and amended from time to time, most recently on 10 September 2020.

Trustee recruitment and appointment:

Trustees are appointed by a majority of the existing trustees, and with the approval of the current chair of the management committee, for a five-year term. Trustees may offer to stand for re-election for one further five-year term, after which they must retire from office. There are no policies or procedures in place for the induction and training of trustees.

Organisational structure:

The management committee oversees the following in respect of the hall:

- bookings and use;
- maintenance, upkeep and improvements;
- financial stewardship; and
- Health & Safety compliance.

Operational tasks may be delegated to volunteers or contractors (e.g., cleaning, routine repairs, grounds maintenance).

3. Objectives and Activities

Charitable purpose:

To allow the hall to be used and enjoyed for:

- physical and mental recreation;
- spiritual, social, moral and intellectual development; and
- any other purpose at the management committee's discretion,

for the benefit of the inhabitants of the ecclesiastical parish of Bledlow with Saunderton and Horsenden and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious creed or political or other opinions.

Use of the hall includes:

- classes and educational activities, including use by Bledlow Pre-school;
- regular hirings by local groups (e.g. the Women's Institute, dance classes, clubs, societies and parish council meetings);
- community events;
- private hire for family gatherings and celebrations; and
- hosting of local polling station activities

Public benefit statement:

The trustees confirm they have complied with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Bledlow Village Hall provides an affordable, accessible, and inclusive space for local residents, clubs, societies, and service providers.

4. Achievements and Performance

During the year, Bledlow Village Hall continued to be a valued community hub, including being the location of the local pre-school. Notable achievements include:

- completing the renovation of the hall's playground, which is open to the general public; and
 - the Chiltern Rangers holding a Children's Art Show in September in the garden of the Village Hall.
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5. Financial Review

Overall financial position:

- Total income for the year was **£41,066**, from hall hire fees, fundraising activities, grants, donations and investments and interest.
- Total expenditure was **£13,899**, covering utilities, insurance, maintenance, professional costs and other operational costs.

Reserves policy:

- The trustees aim to hold a reserve of **£30,000** in its bank accounts to safeguard against unexpected costs such as urgent repairs, with the balance of the hall's funds invested in an investment account.
- At year end, total reserves held in bank accounts and the hall's investment account stood at **£96,988** (with a liability (deposit owed) of £310).

Going concern statement:

The trustees consider that the charity's financial position remains stable and that Bledlow Village Hall is a going concern for the foreseeable future.

6. Plans for Future Periods

Future plans include continuing routine maintenance and pursuing larger improvements such as upgrading the kitchen. The management committee is currently in the process of developing a 5 year plan of works.

The management committee has also implemented an on-line booking system and is in the process of refining the booking process.

7. Reference and Administrative Information

Bankers: TSB

Independent Examiner: Sarah Moore

Insurers: Ansvar

8. Approval of the Trustees' Report

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Signature: 

Full Name: James Neville Wiseman-Clarke

Position: Chair

Date: 7 May 2026



Notes to the Accounts for the 12-month period from 1st Nov 2024 to 31st Oct 2025

Income

- **The total income for the 12-month reporting period was £41,066 (See Income and expenditure table).**
- This was comprised of
 - Income from Hire of the Hall of £24,511 (after return of deposits and cancellations). A further £80 was received for hire of the car park and tables;
 - £255 from fundraising activities;
 - £14,224 from Grants (Buck Community Award paid after completion of the Playground works); and
 - £1,995 from investment dividends and interest.
- Of the income from the Hall, £19,277 (79%) was from groups considered under ‘Regular Hire and Hire from Organisations’ and in scope of PPL & PRS (Performing Rights Society)/ (Phonographic Performance Limited) payments.

Expenses

- **Total net expenses for the 12-months were £13,899 (See Detailed (net) Expenditure table),** comprising
 - Operational expenses of £11,318;
 - Insurance and Subs of £1,595;
 - Professional Costs of £315; and
 - Fundraising costs of £670 (reflecting fund raising income received in the previous reporting year but reimbursed during the current period (due to a cancelled event)).

Surplus of Income over Expenditure

- **A surplus of income over expenditure was recorded of £27,167 (See Income and expenditure table).**
- **Excluding income from Grants, Donations, and Investments, and Income/Costs from Fundraising, the Operating surplus was £11,363.** Note, to match reporting for previous years, Operational Costs are reported as net figures and both income and expenditure are adjusted to account for a payment of £933 received from residents of Ridgeway Meads (which neighbours the hall) as a contribution towards tree works (i.e., total operation expenses of £12,251 are reported as £11,318 and the payment of £933 is not reported as income). In the Detailed (net) Expenditure table, this adjustment is reflected in the figure for Grounds Maintenance reported as £3,201 (from £4,134.00 - £ 933).

Income and Expenses for 2024/2025 relative to previous years

- **Hall rental income rose by 34% from £18,331 in 2023/24 to £24,511 for 2024/25 (See Income and expenditure table).** This was primarily from increased use by 'Regular Hire and Hire from Organisations' groups. Income from 'Private and Domestic Hire' rose by 11% from the previous year (£5,234 for 2024/25 vs £4,697 for 2023/24).
- Operational costs were 37% higher for 2024/25 relative to 2023/24, although were generally consistent with other previous years (See Detailed (net) Expenditure table). A significant part of the increase from 2023/24 was from Grounds Maintenance and money spent on tree work (£2,244 of the total Ground Maintenance costs of £4,134, of which £933 was covered by Ridgeway Meads).
- Costs of all utilities increased from the previous year (Electricity (+19%), Water (+22%), Oil (+7%), Wet Waste (inc. Sanitary) (+58%).
- Council Tax rose by 200%.
- No costs were incurred for Capital Expenditure in the current reporting year.

Current, Savings and Investment Accounts

- **Total net assets increased by 48% from £65,527 to £96,678 (See Statement of Assets & Liabilities),** reflecting the surplus of income over expenditure of £27,167, made up of operating surplus, interest, and investment growth within the M&G Charifund Investment Account.
- Investment returns included interest of £787 (TSB Savings Account), M&G dividends of £1,208 paid as cash, and investment growth of £3,985
- No shares within the M&G Charifund were sold for planned improvements or capital expenditure.

Movements of money between accounts and closing comments

- **Overall, 2024/2025 has been a very positive financial year. The operational surplus and increased reserves place the hall in a strong financial position.**
- Given the surplus in the current finances, the Hall's Committee may consider whether M&G Charifund dividends should be reinvested rather than taken as income. This would require a switch to a different Charifund product.
- Throughout the year, money was moved from the low interest Current Account to the higher returning Savings Account (see Statement of Assets & Liabilities).
- In September 2025, the Committee recommended to retain approximately £30,000 within the Current/Savings accounts as a buffer for ongoing operational expenses, and any future (unexpected) repairs, maintenance and/or capital expenditure. Money within the Savings Account is accessible within seven working days.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name:
Bledlow Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31 October 2025

**Charity no
(if any)** 300232

Set out on pages

3-5

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 10 / 2025**.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: *SR Moore*

Date: *30/04/2026*

Name: Sarah Moore

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

Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

Address:

Old Seven Stars, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow

Princes Risborough

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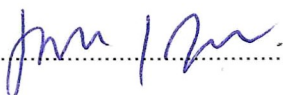
BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
 BALANCES ON 31 OCTOBER 2025

<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
TSB Current Account	£	8,351	£	8,281
TSB Savings Account	£	35,452	£	38,666
Total Cash	£	<u>43,803</u>	£	<u>46,947</u>
M&G Charifund Investment Account	£	<u>53,185</u>	£	<u>19,200</u>
Total Assets	£	<u>96,988</u>	£	<u>66,147</u>
Liabilities - deposits owed	£	<u>(310)</u>	£	<u>(620)</u>
Total Net Assets	£	<u>96,678</u>	£	<u>65,527</u>

Note - Reconciliation of Cash Funds

Cash funds at 31st October of previous year	£	46,947	£	51,010
(Definicit)/Surplus in current year	£	27,167	£	(3,684)
Cash invested in M&G Charifund	£	(30,000)	£	-
Movement in liabilities	£	<u>(310)</u>	£	<u>(380)</u>
Cash funds at 31st October of current year	£	<u>43,803</u>	£	<u>46,947</u>

Signed by the Treasurer on behalf
 of the Trustees

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JOHN LOGIE

Date 30/4/2026

BLEDLLOW VILLAGE HALL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

	2024_2025	2024_2025	2023_2024	2023_2024
	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income
<u>Rental income</u>				
Regular Hire and Hire from Organisations		£ 19,277		£ 13,634
Private Domestic Hire		£ 5,235		£ 4,697
Total Net Hire Fee - Hall		£ 24,511		£18,331.00
Hire Fee - Car Park		£ 25		£ 432
Hire Fee - Tables		£ 55		
Total rental income		£ 24,591		£ 18,762
 <u>Fundraising and donations</u>				
Grants		£ 14,224		£ 30,000
Amazon		£ -		£ -
Private donations		£ -		£ 555
Fundraising		£ 255		£ 4,059
 <u>Investments & interest</u>				
M & G Charifund Dividend		£ 1,208		£ 1,124
TSB Savings Interest		£ 787		£ 805
Total Income		£ 41,066		£ 55,305
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Operational Expenditure	£ 11,318		£ 8,251	
Subscriptions	£ 228		£ 273	
Insurance	£ 1,367		£ 1,289	
Professional Costs	£ 315		£ 147	
Capital Expenditure	£ -		£ 48,339	
Fundraising Costs	£ 670		£ 690	
Total Expenditure	£ 13,899		£ 58,988	
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		£ 27,167		£ (3,684.00)

BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL
 DETAILED (NET) EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Council Tax (Rates)	£	220	£	73
Electricity	£	1,059	£	893
Water Charges	£	232	£	191
Oil	£	1,330	£	1,239
Wet Waste (inc. Sanitary)	£	397	£	251
Broadband	£	363	£	359
Grounds Maintenance	£	3,201	£	1,569
Cleaning	£	2,518	£	2,211
Repairs & Maintenance	£	1,592	£	1,010
Miscellaneous	£	405	£	454
Total Operational Expenditure	£	11,318	£	8,251
Subscriptions	£	228	£	273
Insurance	£	1,367	£	1,289
Professional Costs and Fundraising	£	12,914	£	9,813
Professional Costs	£	315	£	147
Capital Expenditure	£	-	£	48,339
Fundraising Costs	£	670	£	690
Total Expenditure	£	13,899	£	58,988

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Bledlow Village Hall

Notes for the accounts for the period

1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024

The Bledlow Village Hall owns its own freehold which includes the car park and grounds surrounding the hall, with the whole cost having been written off. The property is currently insured with Ansvar Insurance, under their Charity and Community Connect scheme, with the current buildings cover totalling **£891,904**, with the main hall building being insured at **£833,353** and the playground and pavilion, each within the grounds of the Bledlow Village Hall, being, respectively, insured at **£47,238** and **£11,313**.

The Bledlow Village Hall also owns fixtures, fittings and equipment, with the whole cost having been written off. These are insured at **£38,348**.

The Bledlow Village Hall Charity is governed by the guidelines set out in a document known as The First Schedule, originally written in 1931 but updated and approved in September 2020.

Income & Expenditure

Income

The charitable income for the year was: **£18,762**, this income is from the hire of the hall to local service providers such as preschool, local clubs and organisations as well as hiring it to private individuals for parties and weddings. The hall has a strong link with the local WI and it received a generous donation from them of £500, they also contributed to the tuning of the piano.

During the summer the renewal of the playground was undertaken; to this end the hall successfully applied for the following grants:

- A National Lottery grant of £15,000;and
- A Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council grant of £15,000.

Concerted efforts to fundraise by local community events raised, after costs, **£3,369**.

Bledlow Village Hall is also currently applying for a further grant from the Bucks Community Board to help cover the remainder of the cost of the playground and support new signage and some community children's art we hope to display at the playground.

The construction of the playground is now completed and was successfully inspected. It is now open to the public. The committee are proud to have attained their objective of providing the village with a more modern playground facility with play equipment which is more attractive for the younger children of the surrounding area.

Total Gross receipts for the year were **£55305**

Expenditure.

The Playground

The total cost of the groundworks, construction and delivery of the new playground was **£48,339**

For the balance of the cost not covered by the grants and fundraising, the committee used the village hall's savings.

Hall Running Costs

This was similar to last year at **£9,813** for general expenditure - showing a consistent spend. The cost of repairs and maintenance was **£1010**

Total Expenditure was **£58,988** for the FY. Therefore a deficit of **£(3684)** was recorded.

Cash balances

The cash position in the current FY decreased from **£51,010 to £46,947** - a decrease of 8%. This is a reflection of the extra cost to the hall of providing the new playground facility representing a large capital expense this year.

This cash position means we have reserves to pay at least one year's bills should business continuation be interrupted and also have enough funds to repair or replace an ageing oil tank and septic tank should they show signs of failing - the cost of such repairs/replacement potentially totalling £20,000. The financial position of the hall is therefore sound.

There was one outstanding creditor: we held £1k from Deanfield Homes as a Performance Bond Retention for the Car park hire. This amount was repaid in December 2023.

Charifund Investment

This investment is currently run on a distribution basis to help boost income. This year the value showed an increase from **£17,858 to £19200**- a gain of 7%. This fund will remain intact for the foreseeable future to be held as a strong contingency fund. No shares were sold for planned improvements or capital expenditure this year.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Bledlow Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 **Charity no (if any)** 300232

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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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Sarah Moore **Date:** 7/3/25

Name: Sarah Moore

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

Address: Old Seven Stars, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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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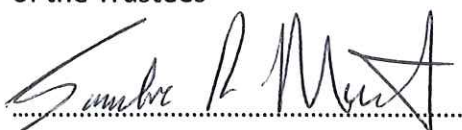
Bledlow Village Hall
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31st October 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Cash Funds		
TSB Current account	8,281	15,029
TSB Deposit account	<u>38,666</u>	<u>35,981</u>
	46,947	51,010
M&G Fund current valuation	19,200	17,858
Total Assets	<u>66,147</u>	<u>68,868</u>
Liabilities - deposits owed	(620)	(1,000)
Total Net Assets	<u>65,527</u>	<u>67,868</u>

Note - Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£	£
Cash funds at 31 October 2023 (2022)	51,010	43,018
(Deficit)/surplus in year	(3,684)	7,992
Movement in liabilities	(380)	-
Cash funds at 31 October 2024 (2022)	<u>46,947</u>	<u>51,010</u>

Signed by the Treasurer on behalf
of the Trustees



SANDRA NEWITT

Date 7:03:2025

BLEDLow VILLAGE HALL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2023_2024 12 months	2023_2024 12 months	2022_2023 12 months	2022_2023 12 months
	£	£	£	£
<u>Rental income</u>				
Regular hire & hire from organisations		13,634		13,599
Private domestic hire		4,697		3,391
Net hall rental income		<u>18,331</u>		<u>16,990</u>
Car park rental		432		0
Total rental income		<u>18,762</u>		<u>16,990</u>
<u>Fundraising and donations</u>				
Grants		30,000		0
Amazon		0		21
Private donations		555		1,213
Fundraising activities		4,059		0
<u>Investment income & interest</u>				
M & G		1,124		1,098
Interest		805		317
Total Income		<u>55,305</u>		<u>19,638</u>
Expenditure				
Operational expenditure	8,251		9,191	
Bucks CA & PPL	273		278	
Insurance	<u>1,289</u>		<u>1,209</u>	
	9,813		10,678	
Professional fees	147		-	
Capital expenditure	48,339		968	
Fundraising costs	<u>690</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total expenditure	58,988	(58,988)	11,646	(11,646)
(Deficit)/Surplus of income over expenditure		<u>(3,684)</u>		<u>7,992</u>

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DETAILED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2023-2024 12 months £	2022-2023 12 months £
<u>Operational expenditure</u>		
Council Rates	73	70
Electricity	893	562
Water Charges	191	147
Oil	1,239	1,747
Wet Waste	251	483
Broadband	359	483
Grounds Maintenance	1,569	1,197
Cleaning	2,211	1,974
Repairs & Maintenance	1,010	2,050
Miscellaneous	454	480
	-	-
Total operational expenditure	<u>8,251</u>	<u>9,191</u>
Bucks Community Action subscriptions	273	278
Insurance	1,289	1,209
	-	-
Total expenditure before Capital costs	<u>9,813</u>	<u>10,678</u>
Professional costs	147	-
Capital costs re Playground	48,339	968
Fundraising costs	690	-
	-	-
Total expenditure	<u>58,988</u>	<u>11,646</u>

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Bledlow Village Hall

Notes for the accounts for the period

1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022

The Bledlow Village Hall owns its own freehold which includes the car park and grounds surrounding the hall, with the whole cost having been written off. The property is currently insured with Ansvar Insurance, under their Charity and Community Connect scheme, fixed until 24 March 2023, with the current cover at £612,213 for the main hall building. The playground and pavilion, each within the grounds of the Bledlow Village Hall, are, respectively, insured at £41,559 and £9,953.

The Bledlow Village Hall also owns fixtures, fittings and equipment, with the whole cost having been written off. These are insured at £32,171.

The Bledlow Village Hall Charity is governed by the guidelines set out in a document known as The First Schedule, originally written in 1931 but updated and approved in September 2020.

Income & Expenditure

Income

The charitable income for the year was: £25,265, this income reflects the natural potential of the facility without the benefit, for example, of the grants afforded to us during the pandemic. It is also reassuringly in excess of expenditure. Following the pandemic, we have lost some of our regular users but the hall's facilities are being utilised by new emerging groups. It has been heartening to see that for them the hall is a venue of choice.

The hall has a relatively large car park which has attracted use independent from the hire of the hall. This year a substantial contract has been arranged for the use of part of the car park by a local building firm that is building new houses adjacent to the car park. The firm is using the car park for use of their team's and contractors' light vehicles, which ensures that the vehicles are not parked on the village lanes during the construction activities. The firm will also repair wear to the car park caused by the use of the car park. This arrangement benefits the hall financially and local residents with safer roads.

Fundraising activities this year by the committee were, of course, focused on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee's street party, a whole-village venture run with village partner organisations. All monies raised were for the Ukrainian appeal. The management committee of the Bledlow Village Hall is proud that

its members contributed with their time and experience alongside other village partners to enable such a wonderful village event and raise money totalling £2883 for such a worthy cause.

The hall benefited from a generous donation of £500 from a local craft group early in the period while we were still finding our feet post-pandemic and in turn we donated £1000 to the Preschool that supports the village hall as its main user and helped us run the village fete the previous year.

With a residue Covid grant, donations and the other income the hall received, the total gross receipts for the year was **£29,877**.

The focus for next year will be to consolidate our regular users and attract new ad hoc users of the hall, enough to cover the general outgoings. We have plans to begin fundraising to raise funds and attract grants sufficient to update the playground with more modern play equipment and make it a more attractive and safer venue for the younger children of the surrounding area.

Expenditure. Hall Running Costs This was slightly lower than the prior year at £11,357 for general expenditure. All costs decreased except costs for cleaning and heating oil. The cost of repairs and maintenance was £2491.

Clearly the current economic climate will have an impact on the cost of electricity and oil that the hall requires to run and associated costs for the service providers to the hall. For this reason, with effect from 1 January 2023, we have had to increase the hire charges for hall but hope the increases to be modest enough to be able to continue to be competitive enough to attract hall users that have modest budgets to run their community or private ventures at the hall.

Total Expenditure with improvements was **£14,887** for the FY.

Cash balances

The cash position in the current FY increased from £26,981 to £43,018 - an increase of 59%. This reflects our ability to hire again post-Covid and no large capital expenses this year.

This cash position means we have the ability to hold reserves to pay one year's bills should business continuation be interrupted and hold funds to repair an ageing oil tank and septic tank should they show signs of failing - the cost of such repairs potentially totalling £20,000

There were two outstanding creditors 1) BEP Contracting Ltd to the value of £1051.77, a sum held as a retention on satisfaction of the completion of the new roof. 2) £1k from Deanfield Homes as a Performance Bond Retention for

the Car park hire.

Charifund Investment

This investment is currently run on a distribution basis to help boost income. This year the value dropped following a post-covid boost from £20,213 to £18,121 - a loss of 10%. This fund will remain intact for the foreseeable future to be held as a strong contingency fund. No shares were sold for planned improvements or capital expenditure this year.

Bledlow Village Hall Chairperson's Report - 5th December 2022

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for attending this year's Annual General meeting and a warm welcome to the members of the public.

I would like to thank all committee members for their commitment and hard work over the last year. It has been a year where we have seen a few changes to the committee with Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown taking on the role of Booking Secretary, Allen Eden stepping down as Treasurer and Sandy Newitt temporarily taking on this role. We also welcomed Claire Skilbeck to the committee as the WI Representative. The role of Secretary is currently being rotated amongst the Committee.

Due to the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations the committee agreed that it would not be possible to hold a large fundraising event in the summer as it would be too close to these celebrations. Unfortunately we have not been able to hold any fundraising events this year.

I am delighted to say that our regular users are still using the hall which include Pre-school, Allstars and Bledlow WI and we have seen an increase in the number of Adhoc hirers.

We have been very fortunate to have Deansfield homes hiring the car park from us for a year which has generated additional income for us.

Over the last couple of months we have been looking at what our next fundraising project should be. This is likely to be an upgrade of the playground area as this is widely used by the Preschool children and the local community.

We are close to launching an Online Booking System to reduce the amount of time our Booking Secretary spends securing each booking.

Jess Bryant
Chairperson - Bledlow Village Hall

BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2022

	2021_2022 12 months	2021_2022 12 months	2020_2021 12 months	2020_2021 12 months
<u>Rental income</u>				
Hall hire	20,463		15,103	
Less				
Cancellations & deposits	(2,698)		(468)	
Net hall rental income	17,765		14,635	
Car park rental	7,500		1,750	
Total rental income	25,265		16,385	
<u>Fundraising and donations</u>				
Grants	2,667		39,954	
Amazon	29		5	
Private donations	790		11,150	
Fundraising activities	0		4,798	
<u>Investment income & interest</u>				
M & G	1,026		883	
Interest	100		51	
Total Income	29,877		73,226	
Expenditure				
Operational expenditure		10,316		10,705
Bucks Community Action subscriptions		65		60
Insurance		976		847
		11,357		11,612
Professional fees		1,037		0
Capital expenditure		1,493		46,238
Fundraising costs		0		1,101
Donation to Pre-school		1,000		0
Total expenditure	(14,887)	14,887	(58,951)	58,951
Surplus of income over expenditure	14,990		14,275	

BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL

DETAILED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2022

	2021_2022 12 months £	2020_2021 12 months £
<u>Operational expenditure</u>		
Council Rates	131	66
Electricity	823	644
Water Charges	89	95
Oil	1,566	1,270
Wet Waste	200	-
Broadband	559	526
Grounds Maintenance	1,528	2,688
Cleaning	2,176	1,918
Repairs & Maintenance	2,491	2,595
Miscellaneous	754	847
Covid 19	-	56
Total operational expenditure	<u>10,316</u>	<u>10,705</u>
Bucks Community Action subscriptions	65	60
Insurance	976	847
Total expenditure before refurbishment	<u>11,357</u>	<u>11,612</u>
Legal costs	1,037	-
Refurbishment costs	1,493	46,238
Fundraising costs	-	1,101
Donation to Pre-school	1,000	-
Total expenditure	<u>14,887</u>	<u>58,951</u>

Bledlow Village Hall
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31st October 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Cash Funds		
TSB Current account	13,886	1,693
TSB Deposit account	29,132	25,288
	<u>43,018</u>	<u>26,981</u>
M&G Fund current valuation	18,121	19,971
Total Assets	<u>61,140</u>	<u>46,952</u>
Liabilities	(1,047)	-
Total Net Assets	<u>60,093</u>	<u>46,952</u>

Note - Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£	£
Cash funds at 31 October 2021 (2020)	26,981	12,706
Surplus in year	14,990	14,275
Add back Liabilities	1,047	-
Cash funds at 31 October 2022 (2021)	<u>43,018</u>	<u>26,981</u>

Signed by the Acting Treasurer on
 behalf of the Trustees



SANDRA NEWITT

Date 29 Jan 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bledlow Village Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 October 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

300232

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 10 / 2022**.

**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:

SR Moore

Date:

29/1/23

Name:

Sarah Moore

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

Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

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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.

N/A

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BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 300232

Accounts

Bledlow Village Hall

Notes for the accounts from 1/11/19 to 31/10/20 FY219-2020

The Bledlow Village Hall owns its own freehold which includes the car park and grounds surrounding the hall, with the whole cost having been written off many years ago. The buildings are currently insured with Ansvar Insurance, under their Charity Connect scheme, fixed until 2022 with the current cover at £600,000

The Bledlow Village Hall also owns fixtures, fittings and equipment, with the whole cost having been written off. These are insured for £29,400. The playground and Pavilion cover is included in the £600,000 cover.

The Bledlow Village Hall Charity is governed by the guidelines set out in a document known as The First Schedule, originally written in 1931 but updated and approved in September 2020.

Income & Expenditure

Income The various enforced lockdowns in 2020/21 and restrictive use thereafter has greatly affected our income stream compared with pre Covid year 2018/19 although our rental income was 57% up on prior year. For the period our rental income was **£17,318.28** which was an increase over the prior period of 2019/20 of some £6,259, as I mentioned earlier a 57% increase.

As our goals during this financial year was twofold:

- a) Maximise the use of the hall were possible with a positive cash position and
- b) Raise funds for hall's roof to retile and add current uprated insulation in the roof and walls.

The maximise utilisation of the hall is an ongoing goal but through the hard work of some committee members led by our booking secretary our booking revenue exceeded budget which gave us the confidence to push ahead with the project of the roof replacement during these Covid times and to honour our past chairman Bill Bendyshe Brown wish and desire. To encourage use of the hall we have held our standard weekly and weekend rates firm for the third year running in 2022.

The cost for the roof and insulation budget was set at £55,000 of which we had just £11,000 towards the target from prior year's cash generation. Total costs to date is £46,238 with retentions to be paid at a later date.

Raising a further £44,000 was no easy task but a gratefully received grant of £30,000 came from the Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council, coupled with a very generous gift of £10,000 from Lord Carrington, plus a

further £9,954 from national/local government and additional private donations from a past chairman and a private donor. Finally we held (despite the weather forecast) the 3B fun day celebrating our past chairman which raised some £3,600 after expenses from which the trustees donated a sum to the village hall's Pre-School for their equipment replacement programme.

We started the FY with a reserve of £15,635 in the M&G Investment Account, due to the world pandemic and stock market revivals the current value of our fund is £19,971 reaching now our prior Covid levels. Although dividends did dip slightly.

Total revenue including private donations and public grants was **£73,225.58**, a commendable effort despite Covid restrictions, this I believe is a record for Bledlow Village Hall.

Expenditure. Hall Running Costs This was lower than prior year at **£11,611** (excluding the refurbishment cost in 2019/20) for general expenditure including refunds. All costs decreased were possible except cleaning and oil ahead of prior year due to increased use of the hall. The cost of repairs and maintenance was half of that in prior years but ground maintenance did increase due to repairs carried out in the playground. Broadband costs was up slightly but electricity costs were down compared to prior year. Total Expenditure was **£58,951.16** for the FY.

In the next few weeks I would like to ask all committee members to make comments and contribution to formulate the budget numbers for the current year but I feel with an uncertain future due to the pandemic better option would be just to keep a tight control and management of our costs.

Cash

Despite the expenditure on the roof, cavity wall installation and roof installation our cash position in the current FY increased from £12,706.95 to £26,981.37, an increase of some 112% which is very commendable as our total expenditure including the refurbishment cost was £58,951. There were no outstanding creditors.

Bledlow Village Hall 31/10/21

Income & Expenditure Account

	2020/2021 12 months	2019/2020 12 months	2018/2019 12 months	2017/18 12 months	Expenditure	2020/2021 12 months	2019/2020 12 months	2018/2019 12 months	2017/18 12 months
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Income									
Regular Clients									
Pre-school	8,512.00	4,388	10,120	6,125	Cleaning	1,918.31	1,185	1,715	1,185
Parish Council	80.00	494	49	216	Electricity	643.67	790	633	808
W.I.	-	352	404	419	Insurance	846.91	909	854	882
Tractor Club	-	190	114	288	Oil	1,270.17	1,040	2,038	1,602
CPRRA	38.00	570	-	324	Water rates	94.75	127	12	114
Mindful Minds	-	360	440	250	Grounds Maintenance	2,687.50	1,923	3,213	3,585
Village Voices	-	90	270	270	Council Rates	66.02	-	257	251
LLMC	300.00	372	-	-	Adverts	85.00	25	136	199
Misc bookings:	4,789.50	3,683	5,773	3,516	Loan Repayments	-	-	2,000	1,000
Interest	50.54	38	-	-	Repairs & Maintenance	2,595.22	5,586	1,541	7,146
Fund Raising	-	-	3,487	5,601	Miscellaneous + PHS	761.96	707	493	907
AllStars	1,383.00	-	-	-	Broadband	525.89	476	852	540
Midsomer Murders	1,750.00	-	1,400	-	Survey of Village Hall	-	990	1,354	-
Shamanic	-	-	1,820	-	Income Refunds	-	-	1,320	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	100	-	Covid 19	56.29	220	-	-
M&G Income	883.24	1,046	1,059	994	Adjustment - BCA	60.00	-	594	-
Refunds	468.00	523	-	-					
Total income before fund raising & donations	17,318.28	11,060	25,036	18,003	Total expenditure before refurbishment	11,611.69	13,978	18,280	18,220
Committee Loan	-	-	-	3,000					
Amazon	5.00	-	-	-					
Fund Raising	4,798.30	1,122	-	-	Fund raising costs	1,101	-	-	-
Private Donations	11,150.00	-	-	-	Refurbishment costs	46,238	2,745	7,699	-
Public Donations	39,954.00	10,000	-	-					
Total income	73,225.58	£ 22,181.40	25,036	21,003	Total expenditure	58,951.16	16,723	25,979	18,220
Excess of expenditure over income	-	-	943	-	Excess of income over expenditure	14,274.42	5,459	-	2,783
	73,225.58	22,181	25,979	21,003		73,225.58	22,181	25,979	21,003
Cash funds last year end	12,706.95	7,248.14							
Surplus/(deficit) in year	14,274.42	5,458.81							
Cash funds this year end	26,981.37	12,706.95							

SR Moore 5/12/21



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Sarah Moore

Date:

4/12/21

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