

# **Bledlow Village Hall**

## **Notes for the accounts for the period**

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **£58,98 8** 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### 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

Set out on pages

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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 / 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

*SR 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.**

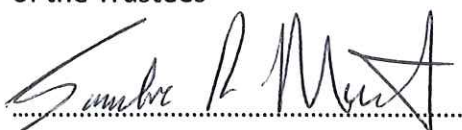
**Bledlow Village Hall**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**  
**as at 31st October 2024**

|                             | 2023/24<br>£  | 2022/23<br>£  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Cash Funds</b>           |               |               |
| 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        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>         | <u>66,147</u> | <u>68,868</u> |
| Liabilities - deposits owed | (620)         | (1,000)       |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>     | <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              | <u>(380)</u>  | <u>-</u>      |
| Cash funds at 31 October 2024 (2022) | <u>46,947</u> | <u>51,010</u> |

Signed by the Treasurer on behalf  
of the Trustees



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Date 7:03:2025

**BLDLOW VILLAGE HALL**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2024**

|   | <b>2023_2024</b> | <b>2023_2024</b>      | <b>2022_2023</b> | <b>2022_2023</b>     |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|   | 12 months        | 12 months             | 12 months        | 12 months            |
| <b><u>Rental income</u></b>                         | £                | £                     | £                | £                    |
| 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><b>18,762</b></u>  |                  | <u>16,990</u>        |
| <b><u>Fundraising and donations</u></b>             |                  |                       |                  |                      |
| Grants  |                  | 30,000                |                  | 0                    |
| Amazon  |                  | 0                     |                  | 21                   |
| Private donations                                   |                  | 555                   |                  | 1,213                |
| Fundraising activities                              |                  | 4,059                 |                  | 0                    |
| <b><u>Investment income &amp; interest</u></b>      |                  |                       |                  |                      |
| M & G   |                  | 1,124                 |                  | 1,098                |
| Interest  |                  | 805                   |                  | 317                  |
| Total Income  |                  | <u><b>55,305</b></u>  |                  | <u><b>19,638</b></u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                  |                  |                       |                  |                      |
| 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           | <b>(58,988)</b>       | 11,646           | <b>(11,646)</b>      |
| <b>(Deficit)/Surplus of income over expenditure</b> |                  | <u><b>(3,684)</b></u> |                  | <u><b>7,992</b></u>  |

## BLEDLOW VILLAGE HALL

### DETAILED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

|  | 2023-2024<br>12 months<br>£ | 2022-2023<br>12 months<br>£ |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>Operational expenditure</u></b>  |                             |                             |
| 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                       |
|  | <u>-</u>                    | <u>-</u>                    |
| 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                         | -                           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>               | <b><u>58,988</u></b>        | <b><u>11,646</u></b>        |