



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

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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 / 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

HP27 9QQ

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
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	£	43,803	£	46,947
 M&G Charifund Investment Account	 £	 53,185	 £	 19,200
Total Assets	£	96,988	£	66,147
 Liabilities - deposits owed	 £	 (310)	 £	 (620)
Total Net Assets	£	96,678	£	65,527

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	£	(310)	£	(380)
Cash funds at 31st October of current year	£	43,803	£	46,947

Signed by the Treasurer on behalf
of the Trustees

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Date 30/4/2026

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BLEDLow 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)

BLEDLLOW 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