

HAMBLEMEN VILLAGE HALL

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Registered Charity Number: 300275

Inland Revenue Ref: XN 40129

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Trustees

Anne Del Greco	Charlie Lumley
Dick Fletcher (Chairman)	Dawn Murton (Secretary)
Sarah Horner	Evelyn Robinson
Fran Keene	Steven Skelton (Treasurer)

The freehold of the Village Hall is vested in the Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden.

The day to day running of the Hall is in the hands of the Trustees

The main objectives of the Hall

- Provision of a hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hambleden and the neighbourhood
- For use by the Church when required
- For any other purpose the committee may allow as long as it does not interfere with the above

Specific investment powers

The Trustees' investment powers are conferred by the Trustees' Act 2000.

Chairman's Report

Hambleden Village Hall is run by a group of volunteer Trustees, as listed above and elected at an AGM. The Caretaker, Jamie Baker, attends all meetings of the Trustees.

In 2024 Hambleden Village Hall continued to be a popular focus for community events and for personal use by residents in the local area. We are heavily dependent for our financial security on funds raised by volunteers. This brings two benefits – the community coheres around the events, and without the funds raised, this 200-year-old building would rapidly decline. We were particularly fortunate also to benefit from a month-long booking from a film company.

Regular events organised by volunteers for community participation included:

- Coffee Mornings (first Wednesday of each month),
- Men on Tuesdays (a men's lunch club the second Tuesday of every month),
- Hambleden Cinema (once a month on Saturdays outside the summer season),
- Bridge Club (weekly on a Friday)
- Alcoholics Anonymous (weekly on a Wednesday)
- Yoga (weekly on Thursday)

Regular annual events included:

- Christmas Market
- Open Gardens
- Quiz Night

Private hirings included: Pilates, Trade Sales, Wedding Receptions and Children's Parties

Additional noteworthy and locally organised events which raised funds for the Village Hall included a coffee morning for a local cycling group, organised by the cinema group.

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The bulk of the income for the Hall comes from letting out the cottage and the office, and without these sources the Hall would not be able to survive.

The outside toilet continued to be open for public use during the day.

We have not undertaken any major repairs during the year. Damp continues to be present under the floor, but the monitors tell us that it is not getting worse. The Heritage Officer of Bucks County Council has refused to countenance the replacement of the existing windows with similar looking thermally efficient and low maintenance replacements. We are therefore stuck with having to spend a very considerable sum to sand down the existing diamond frames and replace small broken panes. if we can find someone to do the work. The Heritage Officer of Bucks County Council has advocated the installation of secondary glazing – an unsatisfactory and unsightly alternative.

Special thanks are due to our caretaker, Jamie Baker, for the extremely high standard of daily upkeep of the hall, his continuing diligent maintenance of the garden, and his extremely efficient administration of hall bookings.

Finally: Can you help? We are seeking volunteers to serve as Trustees and in particular an energetic and committed Chairman with vision who can lead us into the future.

Review of major risks

The Trustees review the major risks facing the Hall at least once a year. Health and safety issues are also kept under regular review.

Reserves policy

The Trustees’ objective is to maintain a sufficient balance to meet committed expenditure and to hold as a minimum capital of approximately 6 months running costs.

At 31 December 2024, reserves totalled £62,714 (2023 £46,099), which was appropriated as:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Capital	10,000	10,000
General reserve	<u>52,714</u>	<u>36,099</u>
	<u>62,714</u>	<u>46,099</u>

There is a concern over structural damage to the hall floor, which is still under investigation.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as Chairman, that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed:

Dick Fletcher

Date 4/02/25

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Operations		
Hire Charges	19,148	9,348
Fund Raising Events	Schedule 1 6,655	6,452
Donations	449	118
Cinema	2,255	2,351
Income from Operations	28,507	18,269
Other Income		
Cottage Rent	16,200	16,200
Office Rent	3,180	3,180
Interest Received	1,070	275
Total Income	48,957	37,924
EXPENDITURE		
Operations		
Heating and Lighting	5,076	4,769
General Rates & Water Rates	1,782	1,167
Insurance	1,547	1,290
Wages	10,033	9,919
Advertising	430	300
Repairs and Refurbishment	Schedule 2 4,476	5,745
Cleaning and Sundries	2,156	3,228
Gardening	1,609	1,605
Operations Expenses	27,109	28,023
Other expenses		
Cottage / Office expenses	5,233	1,458
Total expenses	32,342	29,481
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	16,615	8,443
SURPLUS brought forward	36,099	27,656
SURPLUS carried forward at 31 December 2024	52,714	36,099

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash & bank	63,663	44,757
Debtors	2,814	2,992
HMRC Gift Aid	468	660
Total Current Assets	66,945	48,409
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and Accruals	4,231	2,310
	4,231	2,310
Net Assets	62,714	46,099
FINANCED BY		
Capital	10,000	10,000
General fund	52,714	36,099
	62,714	46,099

Schedules to the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

Schedule 1 - Fundraising events	2024	2023
	£	£
Christmas Market	588	686
Quiz Night & Talks	775	585
Christmas Wreath Making	250	0
Pop up Café / Church Teas	348	674
Open Gardens & Market	2,572	2,065
Coffee Mornings	2,122	2,442
	6,655	6,452
 Schedule 2 - Repairs & Maintenance		
	£	£
Water Heater Replacement	908	0
Decorating	916	
Electrics	2,070	1,401
Window Repairs		174
Repointing Rear Wall	0	4,170
Dishwasher	582	0
	4,476	5,745

Trust Property

Hambleton Village Hall, office and adjoining cottage are currently insured for £1,515,000 (2023 £1,217,594).

These accounts were approved by the Trustees of the Village Hall at their meeting on 4/02/25

Signed:

S Skelton
Trustee & Treasurer



D Murton
Trustee & Secretary

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Hambleden Village Hall Management Committee

I report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met;

or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
P I Coxon, FFA

Date: 24/04/25