

Charity number: 300285

The New Village Hall Iver Heath

**Trustees' Annual Report And Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 August 2024**

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Financial Review

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The New Village Hall Iver Heath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The New Village Hall Iver Heath for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directors 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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:  Signed by:
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Relevant professional qualification: ACA, 5210379, ICAEW

Address: 21 Lincoln Hatch Lane, SL1 7HA

Date: 24th June 2025