

STOKE GOLDINGTON VILLAGE HALL
Registered Charity No. 300332

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Address:

4 High Street
Stoke Goldington
Newport Pagnell
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MK16 8NR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Chisholm	Chairperson	
2	Jennifer Dudman	Treasurer	Office from 04/03/24
3	Nicholas Allan		
4	Roy Baker		
5	Wendy Baker		
6	Margaret Chisholm		
7	Michael Dancy		
8	Tanya Potts		
9	John Rutherford	Treasurer	Office to 04/03/24
10	Gillian Sapwell		
11	Angela Eales		from 08/08/2024
12	Hollie Russell		from 08/08/2024
13	Mark Russell		from 08/08/2024
14	Chris Letts		to 29/08/2024
15	Michael Cartwright		to 04/03/2024

Structure, governance and management

The governing document is a Lease and declaration of trust originally dated 02/04/1971 and amended on several dates subsequently.

Stoke Goldington Village Hall is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners.

New Trustees are elected by existing trustees. Specified local organisations can have representation as a trustee.

Objectives and activities

The village hall is for the use of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Stoke Goldington and Gayhurst in the County of Buckingham without distinction of political religious or other opinions including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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Objectives and activities (cont.)

The village hall acts as a community centre.

Hire of the hall facilities can be by regular users, typically during the week, or for adhoc special occasions.

Events are held during the year aimed at the local community to participate in and enjoy.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

We greatly appreciate the small number of volunteers who help us on the well attended events we hold.

Achievements and performance

We were saddened with the closure of our main village regular hirer the Stoke Goldington Pre-school early in the year and tried hard to support them within the remit of our charitable status. Another potential village regular user of the hall approached us very shortly after the Pre-school closure but unfortunately this did not work out.

A little later in the year the NHS approached us re. use of the hall for diabetic screening, after some small modifications to the hall to meet their needs a number of sessions were held.

Later in the year a child-minding group approached us and they now use the hall daily during school term time dates.

In addition to the hall being hired out a number of events are staged which the trustees believe are of benefit and interest to the local community and in general are well attended. These include a Classic car show (now an annual favourite), a Fun day, a Craft fayre and bingo and race nights.

Financial Review

Despite losing our historic main regular hirer we adapted and eventually found a replacement to maintain our letting income.

An increase in the number of events increased the surplus funds.

Maintenance activities continue to maintain the hall, we have been lucky to have had a number of young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards who have taken on painting activities. Other routine maintenance continues such as boiler maintenance, gutter cleaning, roof tile replacement following the high winds etc.

In line with legal requirements, we have kept our Portable Appliance Testing, Fire Extinguisher Certification up to date.

During last year we undertook a major look at the needs of the hall from a maintenance and renewal programme and have created a list of likes and musts through which we are working. One of those major projects can be demonstrated with the refurbishment of the bar area which planning started late 2024 and execution started in 2025.

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Financial Review (cont.)


Surplus funds are invested in low risk savings accounts, which benefitted from higher interest rates than last year.

The charity holds sufficient reserves to cover any emergency or short-term needs. The building continues to be well maintained.

No funds have been raised or are designated for any specific purposes.

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

Signature:



Name: David Chisholm

Position: Chairperson

Date:

29-9-2025

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Income & Expenditure Summary Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Outside Lettings	8,425.01	3,135.62
Village Lettings	7,853.75	11,411.50
Events	9,201.26	5,752.53
Bank Interest	2,299.01	1,164.04
Donations Received	40.00	83.66
Solar Panels - sale of electricity generated	2,297.56	2,269.38
	<u>30,116.59</u>	<u>23,816.73</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Establishment	16,311.64	18,392.41
Administration	196.83	451.04
Events	3,416.80	3,086.81
	<u>19,925.27</u>	<u>21,930.26</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	<u>10,191.32</u>	<u>1,886.47</u>

Report for the Year

The Charity's purpose is to administer a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Stoke Goldington and Gayhurst.

The Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Refurbishment projects are written off immediately.

Material income and expense items (>£5k) are spread over the estimated / actual period applicable.

General

Late in 2023 we were informed by our main regular hirer that they would cease trading after many years of using the hall and they ceased early 2024. This set the committee looking for replacement streams of income and in the later half of the year another regular hirer was found. Events numbers were increased.

Income

Whilst our historic main regular hirer was lost early in 2024 there was still income from them for the first quarter, along with compensation payments. A new regular hirer was found later in 2024 to replace the lost income stream. More events were arranged than previous years, which proved successful.

Expenditure

As always costs are scrutinised to ensure value for money and no wastage. Our waste disposal contract was cancelled and regular cleaning costs cut back to suit demand. Our electricity supplier was changed at the end of the fixed contract in order to reduce future costs.

Balance Sheet

The total funds remain healthy at £102,863

Conclusion

The committee was agile in seeking out replacement hirers of the hall when our main hirer ceased and monitored costs to suit new circumstances. Events were increased and proved very successful. We continue to strive to offer facilities that hirers want and continue to put on events that the community participate in and enjoy.

J. Rutherford

Trustee, Stoke Goldington Village Hall

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash at bank				
Current Account & Cash in Hand	6,002.28		1,975.81	
Savings accounts	96,072.33		90,034.23	
Bar Stock	860.00		0.00	
Pre-payments	500.00		1,100.00	
Total Assets		103,434.61		93,110.04
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Prepaid Lettings Deposits	571.50		438.25	
Total Liabilities		571.50		438.25
Net Assets less Liabilities		<u>102,863.11</u>		<u>92,671.79</u>
Financed By				
Fund Account				
Retained Earnings				
Balance brought forward	92,671.79		90,785.32	
Surplus for the year	10,191.32	102,863.11	1,886.47	92,671.79
Balance carried forward		<u>102,863.11</u>		<u>92,671.79</u>

Accounts Prepared by J. Rutherford (Trustee)

The Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

I have prepared these accounts accurately and to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: 

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Income & Expenditure

Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Hire of Facilities & Equipment		
Village Lettings	1,357.50	2,665.25
Village Regular Lettings	6,496.25	8,746.25
Outside Lettings	5,685.01	2,595.62
Outside Regular Lettings	2,740.00	540.00
	<u>16,278.76</u>	<u>14,547.12</u>
Events		
Classic Car Show	3,285.98	1,975.24
Bingo Nights	2,094.65	911.64
Queens Jubilee	0.00	0.00
Wreath Making	644.29	357.34
Kings Coronation	0.00	1,742.05
Fun Day	1,111.23	0.00
Men's Euro Football Night	621.79	0.00
Disco Night	222.56	0.00
Craft Fayre	412.50	0.00
Race Nights	808.26	766.26
	<u>9,201.26</u>	<u>5,752.53</u>
Other Income		
Solar Panels Feed In Tariff	2,297.56	2,269.38
Donations received	40.00	83.66
Bank Interest	2,299.01	1,164.04
	<u>4,636.57</u>	<u>3,517.08</u>
Total Income	<u>30,116.59</u>	<u>23,816.73</u>

Expenditure		
General		
Rent	550.00	0.00
Insurance	1,144.76	1,036.47
Utilities	7,550.67	6,711.98
Telephone & Communications	466.65	278.56
Repairs & Maintenance	2,280.69	1,285.71
Cleaning & Waste Removal	3,814.87	7,245.30
Support Services	504.00	545.39
Miscellaneous Projects		
Refurbishment Projects	0.00	990.00
White Goods	0.00	299.00
	<u>16,311.64</u>	<u>18,392.41</u>
Events		
Classic Car Show	635.70	789.61
Bingo Nights	1,555.14	449.48
Wreath Making	149.65	71.00
Kings Coronation	0.00	1,256.79
Fun Day	283.46	0.00
Men's Euro Football Night	557.21	0.00
Disco Night	0.00	0.00
Craft Fayre	18.99	0.00
Race Nights	216.65	519.93
	<u>3,416.80</u>	<u>3,086.81</u>
Administration		
Bank Charges	82.88	85.60
Licensing	0.00	360.00
Miscellaneous	113.95	5.44
	<u>196.83</u>	<u>451.04</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>19,925.27</u>	<u>21,930.26</u>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>10,191.32</u>	<u>1,886.47</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STOKE GOLDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Act and th

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of 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 & 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 material matter has come to my attention 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 accounting 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 the 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.

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Date: 30/9/25

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