

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 300552

Details

Other names GEFFERY HALL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1968-04-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall
New Road
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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL

Activities: This is a village hall for the whole community for Landrake and surrounding areas. The activities are as follows- Badminton, Short mat bowls, Dog Classes, Bingo, Childrens Parties, Tabletop sales etc. The hall is hired out to the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF LANDRAKE AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£47,316	£46,970	-	-
2024-03-31	£73,696	£57,138	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,324	£41,244	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,866	£7,132	-	-
2021-03-31	£19,817	£7,955	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
landrake with st.erney parish council		2015-10-17

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Public meeting

14th May 2025

Annual report by the hall committee chairman Mervyn Gingell at the Parish Council Annual Public meeting held on the 20th May 2024, in the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall.

We have been operating as a committee now for nearly Four years since taking on the management of the hall, after the COVID epidemic and getting the hall into operation to the public again.

This year from May 2024 to May 2025, we have made good progress during the year with the Hall committee working together very hard to establish the Hall as a community asset, by keeping the hall hiring fee as affordable to the community as possible to encourage more use of the hall for sports events, parties, regular club activities like badminton Short Matt bowls, Young Farmer club activities, general meeting events for members of the public for coffee mornings, craft workshops and of course the library with its own coffee morning. A regular community lunch is cooked and provided on the premises for the community at a very affordable price for everyone on the second Tuesday of every month.

Recently we have welcomed a new group called Battling on into the hall on a regular weekly basis, this is a group of ex-military servicemen, who are supported by a specialist team to help them overcome various mental and physical issues. They use all three rooms and the kitchen of the hall, undertaking things like Cooking classes, Darts, Computer learning, building a Railway modelling system, and in the hall library will undertake private support meetings with counselling on a one to one basis. This group has also started supporting the Hall by organising BBQ sessions with public events.

The local village pub, The Bullers Arms has reopened in the last year after being closed for two year, although this is generally a good thing for the village, it has greatly affected the Sir Robet Geffery Memorial Hall's progression through the competition from the Bullers Arms on events that we as a Hall were undertaking, such as the regular monthly Quiz nights, the Sunday afternoon music concerts, The Bullers arms are now providing these items regularly with free entry to all, so we have had to stop undertaking the Sunday afternoon concerts as the musicians cast between £200 to £500 to book.

Tasks that we have undertaken in the last twelve months to ensure that the Hall is suitably safe and welcoming to all ages of our community are as listed -

We have applied for various grants to try and raise funding to help with the integration of The Soloman Browne room into the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall, making grant applications to the Clair Milne Trust, The Cornwall community Trust fund, The Cornwall Levelling up grant stage 3 government fund and the National Lottery, but unfortunately none of these applications were successful. This was a huge disappointment for all the committee, however now that we have successfully obtained the planning permission, and the solicitors have overcome the legal difficulties and the Soloman Browne room building being transferred to the Hall management committee. As the planning permission is set for the work to be undertaken in a three-year period, with the Hall committee

looking at other funding avenues for grants to assist with this work, and the Hall committee undertaking various other functions in the hall to help raise extra revenue to help aid the development and integration of the two buildings during this three-year period. We have agreed to break down the building task into small affordable sections to enable us to be able to move forward as and when finances allow rather than trying to complete the work as a large project.

Use of Local volunteer building contractors where possible have been involved in replacing and refixing slates on the main Hall roof, undertaking electrical installations and repairs, plumbing and heating issues. Also, the hall fire alarms are tested by a fire alarm specialist every six months, and the fire extinguishers are tested every year.

The defibrillator is on the outside wall of the Hall for suitable access by the members of the public when required in an emergency, and is connected by the Hall Wi-Fi system, and is maintained and checked weekly.

We have made significant improvements to the halls ageing gas central heating boiler, fitted it with a new pump and a valve system which will now work 3 different heating systems including the main hall, the annex, and the Solomon Browne room, either individually or altogether when needed, and added the new radiators to the Soloman Browne room in redencies for its opening.

We have completed the Solar Panel erection on the Annex roof and with a suitable intelligent solar powered battery storage system that will allow us to store energy from our overnight cheaper electric tariff to use cheaper stored electricity during the daytime openings of the hall during the winter months, and to enable us to maximise the use of the solar panels to be able to hopefully sell our access electricity to a electricity company, although this is proving difficult to get a company to buy our excess electricity at the moment, but will keep trying with other electricity companies.

Aims and Objectives for the next 12 months

To continue to advertise and get the hall fully used as much as possible, whilst maintaining current hire charges as possible.

To make a start on the integration of the Soloman Browne room into the Hall in the next Twelve months, hopefully starting work in Feb 2026 with a major effort being made to get the footings excavated for the new outside alterations of the warm roof sunroom connecting development, the new addition storeroom and the new disabled toilet all started and up to damp proof layer stage to ensure that the developments are completed in line with our planning permission which have eighteen months of planning permission left.

Ensure we continue to update and maintain the hall to ensure it is decorated and in suitable condition both inside and outside.

Hopefully we will be able to rebuild the back wall by the annex with cement and stone vertically to enable us to have a 300-millimetre wider footpath at the bottom of the wall so as to allow easier and safer wheelchair access for members of the community to the back patio courtyard.

I fully appreciate the very hard work that the hall committee has undertaken for the hall's progression during the last year, and I am looking forward to undertaking our aims and objectives as a committee over the next 12 months.

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This year from May 2023 to May 2024 has been a good year. We have had a good year with the Hall committee working together very hard to establish the Hall as a community asset, by keeping the hall hiring fee as affordable to the community as possible to encourage more use of the hall for sports events, parties, regular club activities like badminton, Short Matt bowls, Young Farmer club activities, general meeting events for members of the public for coffee mornings, craft workshops and of course the library with its own coffee morning. A regular community lunch is cooked and provided on the premises for the community at a very affordable price for everyone on the second Tuesday of every month. A major source of income from the year 2022 to 2023 for the Hall came from the Hall undertaking music concerts in the hall by local groups and individual singers on Sunday afternoons. This was by ticket or pay at the door and was very well supported by the local community. These Sunday music sessions and the regular clubs have helped to bring the community together with regular events being undertaken in the hall and uniting the community not just the adults but children as well.

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We have applied for various grants to try and raise funding to help with the integration of The Soloman Browne room into the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall. We have had a small success from applying for a £10,000 grant from the Cornwall levelling up grant system. This grant was eligible for specific financial tasks only, such as help setting up a business plan with an accountant, hiring legal help such as Solicitors to help transfer the Soloman Browne room into the Sir Robert Geffery Hall management committee. Also to Hire Architects to design the integration of the two buildings, and relevant building control systems and production of the buildings plans for the development and specifications and costings.

Following this we also applied to the Cornwall levelling up process for a grant to cover the building cost of the integration of the two halls, estimated at £120,000, but unfortunately we were let down in part by the original Architect who ceased work and we had to appoint another architect, and the Solicitors also ran into some unforeseen difficulties with the lease which dragged out the ownership transfer of the Soloman Browne room to the Hall committee. This caused our application for the grant to be held back for three months as we did not get the planning permission granted in a timely

time frame for the grant application, unfortunately then our application for the grant was unsuccessful. This was a huge disappointment for all the committee, however now that we have successfully obtained the planning permission, and the solicitors have overcome the legal difficulties and the Soloman Browne room building being transferred to the Hall management committee. As the planning permission is set for the work to be undertaken in a three-year period, with the Hall committee looking at other funding avenues for grants to assist with this work, and the Hall committee undertaking various other functions in the hall to help raise extra revenue to help aid the development and integration of the two buildings during this three-year period. We have agreed to break down the building task into small affordable sections to enable us to be able to move forward as and when finances allow rather than trying to complete the work as a large project.

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Aims and Objectives for the next 12 months.

To continue to advertise and get the hall fully used as much as possible.

To complete the integration of the Soloman Browne room into the Hall asap

Ensure we continue to update and maintain the hall to ensure it is decorated and in suitable condition both inside and outside.

To complete the Solar Panel erection on the Annex roof and with a suitable intelligent solar powered battery storage system that will allow us to store energy from our overnight cheaper electric tariff to use cheaper stored electricity during the daytime openings of the hall.

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It is our aim if we are successful with the integration of the Solomon Brown room into the hall, we will also renew the halls ageing gas central heating boiler and replace it with a much more modern and cost efficient gas boiler which will run 3 different heating systems for the main hall, the annex, and the Solomon brown room, either individually or altogether when needed.

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Ian J Biffen
30th May 2024

Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall Accounts

Summary 2023-2024

Main Account Year Total		
Income		
Grants & Misc	38,459	
Hall Hire	6,170	
Functions	2,300	
Bar	26,767	
Total Income		73,696
Expenditure		
Misc and Petty Cash	17,191	
Property	1,201	
Maintenance	3,362	
Functions	1,351	
Services	3,223	
Bar	18,168	
Rebuild	12,642	
Total Expenditure		57,138
Opening Bank Balance		38,239
Plus Income		73,696
		111,935
Less Expenditure		57,138
Closing Bank Balance		54,797
Bar Float		120
Plus value of Bar stock		2,703
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Bar Account Year Total		
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Expenditure		
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Bar Profit	38.84%	11,422

Capital Grant Funding		
Income		
Pillaton Grant	5,000	
Expenditure	0	
Remaining	5,000	
Income		
SP HSF Grant	10,000	
Expenditure	0	
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Income		
Levelling-Up Grant	10,026	
Total Income		10,026
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Vanguard Ac.	5,400	
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The present committee elected from the volunteers who filled out the Parish Council Survey plan, and confirmed an interest in forming a hall committee to run the village hall on behalf of the parish council, (who are the Trustees of the Hall), from which the required Management officers were selected and voted into the positions of chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, secretary, hall manager, booking officer/events manager.

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Tasks that we have undertaken in the last twelve months to ensure that the Hall is suitably safe and welcoming to all ages of our community are as listed -

We have spent £6,000 pounds having the main Hall electrics and consumer boxes checked changed and updated to conform to the relevant electrical safety standards required as at the present time.

To help with the running cost and the economy of the Hall in this difficult time of the fast-rising prices of electricity and gas which is affecting our running cost, and to play our part in helping to protect the environment, we have changed all our light bulbs and fire warning systems to LED light bulbs.

The exterior walls of the hall, including all the boundary and courtyard walls, were painted by volunteers from the hall committee and from the community to completely bring the outside of the hall into a very attractive and welcoming site to the community and its visitors, this was undertaken at an approximate cost of £980 for paint and materials whereby the lowest quote that we found for professional decorators to do the same task was £7,000.

We have successfully applied for an alcohol licence for the village hall and the Soloman Brown room, this has given us the flexibility to run a bar in the hall when we are undertaking various entertainment functions in the hall for the community.

Use of Local contractors where possible have been involved in replacing and refixing slates on the main Hall roof, undertaking electrical installations and repairs, plumbing and heating issues. Also the hall fire alarms are tested by a fire alarm specialist every six months, and the fire extinguishers are tested every year.

We are actively Looking at the viability of renting the Solomon brown room from the parish council with a view and hope of being in a position to attach it to the main part of the Sir Robert Geffery hall to enable us to have a medium size room with its own bar, so that it can be used as a separate entity by the hall for the community of Landrake to engage in coffee clubs, meet and greet, and of course another medium sized room that we can rent out to groups enabling more possibilities for the local community to meet and undertake group activities, as well as to be used when hiring out the main hall for parties and community dances. With this in mind we have already started fund raising to this goal to allow us to be in a position once we have reached an agreement with the parish council and legalised the hire position, to enable us to cover the cost and to be able to approach match funding bids.

Due to the fact the local pub has closed down, members of the community had asked the hall committee if the hall could be used as a pop-up bar on a regular night of the week to help the community through this period of not having a local pub. We have created a small mobile bar that we can move around the hall and the smaller annex to facilitate suitable use as and when required for various functions, and also as a regular Wednesday evening pop up bar, with the bar staff being all volunteers from the hall committee.

Aims and Objectives for the next 12 months.

To continue to advertise and get the hall fully used as much as possible.

Ensure we continue to update and maintain the hall to ensure it is decorated and in suitable condition both inside and outside.

To look at the possibility of solar panels on the roof to help us with our electrical running cost which are very high at the moment because of the volatile state of the energy supply market. If we go ahead with a solar panel plan and managed to get funding to help with this, we must also ensure that we have a suitable battery storage system so that we can store our own electricity from the use of the solar panels during the day to cut our nighttime running costs down.

We were looking at the Cornwall County Council government levelling up fund and applying for two grants from it to help us with the cost of legal advice, financial advice, architectural advice, and submission of plans to enable the integration of the Soloman Brown Room into the hall.

We will look at widening the access to the whole car park entrance to enable cars to come off the road into the Hall car park and out more safely rather than damaging the vehicles on the hall wall.

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It's a big ask for the next 12 months, indeed it's a very big project, I would like to thank the present committee for all their very hard work in the past 12 months and getting the hall into a position so that we can look to achieve our goals and aims for the next 12 months. I fully appreciate everything you have done, and I am looking forward to undertaking our aims and objectives as a committee over the next 12 months.

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Mervyn Gingell Chairman of the Sir Robert Geffery Hall committee.

Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall. Combined Bank Accounts 1 Apr 22 - 31 Mar 23

Income	Lloyds	Unity Current	Unity Instant	Totals	2021-2022
PCC & Misc	10,626.50	5,263.00	15,997.82	31,887.32	19,117.00
Coffee Clubs	392.00	332.00	158.00	882.00	40.00
SM Bowls Club	390.00	252.00	263.00	905.00	-
Wed Badminton	370.00	145.00	-	515.00	-
Thur Badminton	228.00	132.00	108.00	468.00	-
Young Farmers Club	-	48.00	-	48.00	-
Community Lunch Club	90.00	60.00	-	150.00	-
Hall Hire	331.00	220.00	1,768.07	2,319.07	2,709.00
Library	50.00	180.50	135.00	365.50	-
Function Profit	15.00	1,159.40	473.00	1,647.40	-
Property	-	251.96	-	251.96	-
Bar	-	-	885.60	885.60	-
Total	12,492.50	8,043.86	19,788.49	40,324.85	21,866.00
Expenditure					
Misc and Petty Cash	16,234.28	28.96	15,018.00	31,281.24	26,266.98
External Maintenance	1,354.14	-	-	1,354.14	2,384.50
Internal Maintenance	4,600.13	-	-	4,600.13	219.30
House Keeping	220.29	-	-	220.29	-
Bar	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Systems	874.20	-	-	874.20	228.74
PAT	41.00	-	-	41.00	-
PPL/PRS	66.00	-	-	66.00	25.15
Electric Supply	1,185.20	582.05	-	1,767.25	1,141.73
Water Supply	235.24	90.08	-	325.32	241.16
BT	282.84	-	-	282.84	17.74
Gas Supply	252.00	180.00	-	432.00	631.14
Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,011.66
Total	25,345.32	881.09	15,018.00	41,244.41	32,132.62
Excess	-12,852.82	7,162.77	4,770.49	-919.56	-10,266.62
Opening Bank Balance	14,158.15	0.00	0.00	14,158.15	24,424.77
Plus Income	12,492.50	8,043.86	19,788.49	40,324.85	21,866.00
	26,650.65	8,043.86	19,788.49	54,483.00	46,290.77
Less Expenditure	25,345.32	881.09	15,018.00	41,244.41	32,132.62
Closing Bank Balance	1,305.33	7,162.77	4,770.49	13,238.59	14,158.15
PCC Savings				25,000.00	
Total Worth				38,238.59	39,158.15

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