

VILLAGE HALL, BRANSCOMBE

England & Wales · Charity number 300776

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-08-27

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

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL

Activities: Provision and maintenance of the village hall for the use of the inhabitants and visitors of the Parish of Branscombe Devon.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF BRANSCOMBE AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,299	£38,228	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,818	£28,629	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,922	£18,778	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,622	£17,148	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,353	£21,169	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Lamb	Chair	2020-10-01
Abigail Fuell		2016-04-26
CATHERINE ELIZABETH NEWMAN		2022-07-20
MICHAEL FIELDEN		2020-08-01
RALPH WILLIAM COX		
Robert Kerr		2018-09-10

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Accounts

BRANSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Trustees Report for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

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Charity's principal address: Branscombe Village Hall
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Trustees: A Fuell
D Lamb
R Kerr
M Fielden
C Newman
R Cox

Bankers: Lloyds Bank
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Independent Examiner: Westcotts (SW) LLP
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Achievement and performance

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The annual firework displays experienced poor weather still gaining praise from attendees, notably from visitors. Sufficient funds are set aside as restricted in advance for 2025.

The new pavilion has seen its first full cricket season. It was the venue for twelve private primarily social functions with very positive feedback.

The playground improvement centred on a replacement swing for younger children. The committee was grateful to receive support funding from the Parish Council and able to absorb the expenditure during the year.

The new website operated throughout the year becoming the principal mode of hall bookings.

The outcome for unrestricted funds was a deficit of £9,209 marginally better than anticipated. The principal income streams continue to be well donations and hall rent with a pleasing contribution through the bar.

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Income for the year totalled £31,299. Donations for specific purposes amounted to £2,456. Regular Hall operations generated an income of £29,019 (2023 - £22,929).


Expenditure before provisions totalled £28,786 (2023 - £19,813). Refurbishment of the playground, hall furniture, and elsewhere on the premises was expensed in the year.

Electricity costs were stabilised by active market search for suitable contract. Buildings insurance cost increased due to climate change risks and construction cost escalation affecting the market, and survey revaluation of Hall rebuild requirement.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Charity and developed appropriate procedures to mitigate and control those risks.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and the financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.



Chairman

Dated 14 MAY 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Branscombe Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Branscombe Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Branscombe Village Hall you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Signed:

Mandy French FCCA

Westcotts (SW) LLP
30 St Peter Street
Tiverton
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Date: 4 JUNE 2025

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Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income					
Donations		795	-	795	16
Rent of Hall & Pavillion		7,827	-	7,827	5,253
Playground Donations		-	-	-	500
Pavilion Donations	5	-	2,456	2,456	20,900
Firework Display Donations		-	(176)	(176)	(511)
Tennis		25	-	25	54
Snooker		1,069	-	1,069	886
Christmas Trees		274	-	274	253
Public Toilet		217	-	217	164
Lottery		272	-	272	335
Bar/Social Club		4,458	-	4,458	1,649
Branoc Well	6	9,962	-	9,962	10,446
Bank Interest		954	-	954	1,364
EDF energy		2,571	-	2,571	2,438
BT/Sweb poles		71	-	71	71
Other		524	-	524	-
Total Income		29,019	2,280	31,299	43,818
Expenditure					
Cleaning		5,755	-	5,755	5,187
Electricity		4,528	-	4,528	4,707
Water		1,016	-	1,016	967
Insurance		2,606	-	2,606	1,444
Licenses		982	-	982	179
Repairs and Renewals		3,975	-	3,975	2,481
Equipment		-	-	-	203
Grass Cutting/ Hedging		561	-	561	884
Telephone		-	-	-	72
Coronation Event		-	-	-	294
Legal & Professional		1,620	-	1,620	-
Car Park		204	-	204	-
Toilet maintenance		1,513	-	1,513	369
Playground Repairs and Inspection		3,531	-	3,531	98
Cricket Pavilion Maintenance		432	-	432	309
Website		182	-	182	1,457
Wi-fi		292	-	292	159
Miscellaneous Expenditure		1,589	-	1,589	1,003
Hall renovation sinking fund	2.2	2,902	-	2,902	2,293
Depreciation	2.1	6,540	-	6,540	6,523
Total Expenditure		38,228	-	38,228	28,629
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(9,209)	2,280	(6,929)	15,189
Transfers between funds		2,956	(2,956)	-	-
Balance Brought Forward		214,002	2,281	216,283	201,094
Balance Carried Forward		207,749	1,605	209,354	216,283

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts

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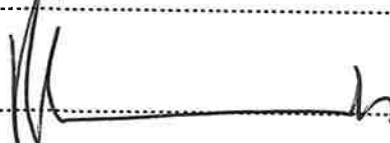
Asset Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
	3				
Hall		64,960	-	64,960	66,313
Car Park		1,891	-	1,891	1,891
Sports Field & Pavilion		52,772	-	52,772	54,491
Playpark & Tennis Court Equipment		34,706	-	34,706	37,376
		4,523	-	4,523	5,321
		158,852	-	158,852	165,392
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank					
Hall Current Account		4,846	-	4,846	2,510
Hall Savings Account		48,832	1,605	50,437	27,983
Branscombe Social Club		10,445	-	10,445	6,994
Term Deposits		-	-	-	30,000
		64,123	1,605	65,728	67,487
Debtors					
Hall Rental Debtors		477	-	477	298
Social Club		4	-	4	823
Prepayments		1,744	-	1,744	-
Branoc Well		227	-	227	336
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and deposits held		(1,919)	-	(1,919)	(5,196)
Net Current Assets		64,656	1,605	66,261	62,432
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		223,508	1,605	225,113	229,140
Provisions	2.2 & 4	(15,759)		(15,759)	(12,857)
Total Net Assets		207,749	1,605	209,354	216,283
Represented by					
Accumulated Funds					
Unrestricted Funds				207,749	214,002
Restricted Funds				1,605	2,281
Balance Carried Forward				209,354	216,283

Approved by the trustees on

14 MAY 2025

Signed on their behalf by



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1 Principal Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as Expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis.

1.4 Taxation

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

1.5 Value added tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

1.6 Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

1.8 Fund accounting

The unrestricted fund has arisen through general fundraising, unrestricted donations and surpluses from pursuing the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

2.1 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value, of all tangible, movable fixed assets over their expected useful lives as follows:

Hall	Straightline basis over 50 years
Sports Field Shed	Straightline basis over 15 years
Pavilion	Straightline basis over 40 years
Playpark	Straightline basis over 15 years
Equipment	15% reducing balance basis

2.2 Renewals

Following the completion of the renovation of the Hall the trustees are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to set funds aside to meet future obligations of a similar nature. A sinking fund was initiated in 2011 with £2,500. Approximately 10% of Total Incoming Resources is added each year. In 2024 this amounts to £2,902. The amount has been determined on the basis of the nature and amount of the expenditure, its estimated economic life and the anticipated level of funding from grants etc achieved historically, as follows:

	Expenditure £000	Grants £000	Life Years £000
Roof	100	80	50
Heating System	100	80	20
Kitchen	35	28	10
Floor	15	12	30
Other	15	12	10

3 Fixed Assets

	Hall	Car Park	Sports Field	Playpark	Equipment	Total
Cost at 01.01.24	67,666	1,891	56,052	40,046	22,820	188,475
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31.12.24	<u>67,666</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>56,052</u>	<u>40,046</u>	<u>22,820</u>	<u>188,475</u>
Accumulated						
Depreciation at 01.01.24	1,353	-	1,561	2,670	17,499	23,083
Depreciation for year	1,353	-	1,719	2,670	798	6,540
Acc. Depreciation at 31.12.24	<u>2,706</u>	-	<u>3,280</u>	<u>5,340</u>	<u>18,297</u>	<u>29,623</u>
Net Book Value at 31.12.24	<u>64,960</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>52,772</u>	<u>34,706</u>	<u>4,523</u>	<u>158,852</u>
Net Book Value at 31.12.23	<u>66,313</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>54,491</u>	<u>37,376</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>165,392</u>

4 Provisions

	2024 £	2023 £
• Hall renovation sinking fund opening balance	12,857	33,700
• Renovation of facilities in year	-	23,136
• Provision in year	2,902	2,293
• Closing Balance	<u>15,759</u>	<u>12,857</u>

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5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds at
	General	31 December 2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	158,852	158,852
Current Assets	66,575	68,180
Current Liabilities	(1,919)	(1,919)
Provisions	(15,759)	(15,759)
Total Net Assets	207,749	209,354

5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds at
	General	31 December 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	165,392	165,392
Current Assets	66,663	68,944
Current Liabilities	(5,196)	(5,916)
Provisions	(12,857)	(12,857)
Total Net Assets	214,002	216,283

6 Funds

	Balance at 1	Incoming	Resources	Transfer	Balance at
	January 2024	Resources	Expended		31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	214,002	29,019	38,228	2,956	207,749

	Balance at 1	Incoming	Resources	Transfer	Balance at
	January 2023	Resources	Expended		31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	196,223	22,929	28,629	23,479	214,002

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Pavillion donations	-	2,456	-	(2,456)	-
Firework display donations	1,781	-	(176)	-	1,605
Playground Gift Aid reclaim	500	-	-	(500)	-
	2,281	2,456	(176)	(2,956)	1,605

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Pavillion donations	2,579	20,900	-	(23,479)	-
Firework Display Donations	2,292	-	(511)	-	1,781
Playground Gift Aid Reclaim	-	500	-	-	500
	4,871	21,400	(511)	(23,479)	2,281

8 Branoc Well

Donations are received through the deposit of cash into the Village Hall well which are unable to be separately categorised. The majority of this income will relate to parking and use of the tennis court.

9 Staff Costs

The Hall has no employees (2023 nil). Wages are paid to self-employed for bar management, casual kitchen, and casual bar staff. All other work is undertaken on an unremunerated volunteer basis.

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No travel or subsistence payments have been made to Trustees. Trustees are reimbursed for specific purchases on behalf of the Hall using personal debit or credit cards (the Hall has neither facility).

11 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023 – nil)

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Extensive refurbishment of the hall rest rooms and public facility has been done, £ 23,136 being charged against the sinking fund.

Attention will be given to the playground area in 2024.

Improved accessibility and content of the hall website is in hand and together with the build investment, the Trustees anticipate wider and further diverse use of the facilities.

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Income for the year totalled £ 43,818. Donations for specific purposes amounted to £ 20,889. Regular Hall operations generated an income of £ 22,929 (2022 - £ 24,551).

Expenditure before provisions totalled £ 19,813 (2022 - £ 14,773). Electricity costs increased as the fixed price contract expired, and renewal rates were impacted by the fuel crisis.

Whilst the market is evaluated to minimise cost, price will persist at higher levels into the future. Improving the website incurred cost during the year with further cost in 2024. The website cost will then revert to ongoing maintenance. Other expenditure was of an ongoing nature.

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 , DAVID LAUB,

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Dated 24.7.24

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Date: 12 August 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

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Incoming resources					
Donations		16	-	16	429
Rent of Hall		5,253	-	5,253	5,999
Playground Donations		-	500	500	-
Pavilion Donations	5	-	20,900	20,900	2,079
Firework Display Donations		-	(511)	(511)	2,292
Tennis		54	-	54	22
Snooker		886	-	886	888
Christmas Trees		253	-	253	335
Public Toilet		164	-	164	334
Lottery		335	-	335	339
Bar/Social Club		1,649	-	1,649	3,600
Branoc Well		10,446	-	10,446	9,908
Bank Interest	6	1,364	-	1,364	130
EDF energy		2,438	-	2,438	2,496
BT/Sweb poles		71	-	71	71
Total Income		22,929	20,889	43,818	28,922
Resources Expended					
Cleaning		5,187	-	5,187	5,068
Electricity		4,707	-	4,707	2,310
Water		967	-	967	1,554
Insurance		1,444	-	1,444	1,364
Licenses		179	-	179	311
Repairs and Renewals		2,481	-	2,481	950
Equipment		203	-	203	735
Grass Cutting/ Hedging		884	-	884	442
Telephone		72	-	72	287
Coronation (Jubilee 22) Event		294	-	294	270
Toilet maintenance		369	-	369	621
Playground Repairs and Inspection		98	-	98	250
Cricknet Pavilion Maintenance		309	-	309	-
Website		1,457	-	1,457	101
Wt-fi		159	-	159	242
Miscellaneous Expenditure		1,003	-	1,003	268
Hall renovation sinking fund	2.2	2,293	-	2,293	2,900
Depreciation	2.1	6,523	-	6,523	1,105
Total Expenditure		28,629	-	28,629	18,778
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(5,700)	20,889	17,821	10,144
Transfers between funds		23,479	(23,479)	-	-
Balance Brought Forward		196,223	4,871	201,094	190,950
Balance Carried Forward		214,002	2,281	216,283	201,094

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts

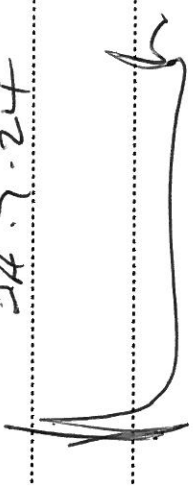
Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Asset Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	3				
Hall		66,313	-	66,313	67,666
Car Park		1,891	-	1,891	1,891
Sports Field & Pavilion		54,491	-	54,491	25,116
Playpark & Tennis Court Equipment		37,376	-	37,376	40,046
		5,321	-	5,321	6,260
		165,392	-	165,392	140,979
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank					
Hall Current Account		2,510	-	2,510	6,207
Hall Savings Account		25,702	2,281	27,983	53,182
Branscombe Social Club		6,994	-	6,994	4,999
Term Deposits		30,000	-	30,000	30,000
		65,206	2,281	67,487	94,388
Debtors					
Hall Rental Debtors		298	-	298	307
Social Club		823	-	823	363
Prepayment		-	-	-	100
Branoc Well		336	-	336	308
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and deposits held		(5,196)	-	(5,196)	(1,651)
Net Current Assets		60,151	2,281	62,432	93,815
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		226,859	2,281	229,140	234,794
Provisions	2.2 & 4	(12,857)		(12,857)	(33,700)
Total Net Assets		214,002	2,281	216,283	201,094
Represented by					
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds				214,002	196,223
Restricted Funds				2,281	4,871
Total funds				216,283	201,094

Approved by the trustees on

24.7.24



Signed on their behalf by

DAVID LAMB

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts

1 Principal Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Income

All Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as Expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis.

1.4 Taxation

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

1.5 Value added tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

1.6 Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

1.8 Fund accounting

The unrestricted fund has arisen through general fundraising, unrestricted donations and surpluses from pursuing the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when fund are raised for particular restricted purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.1 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value, of all tangible, movable fixed assets over their expected useful lives as follows:

Hall	Straightline basis over 50 years
Sports Field Shed	Straightline basis over 15 years
Pavilion	Straightline basis over 40 years
Playpark	Straightline basis over 15 years
Equipment	15% reducing balance basis

2.2 Renewals

Following the completion of the renovation of the Hall the trustees are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to set funds aside to meet future obligations of a similar nature. A sinking fund was initiated in 2011 with £2,500. Approximately 10% of Total Incoming Resources is added each year. In 2023 this amounts to £2,293. The amount has been determined on the basis of the nature and amount of the expenditure, its estimated economic life and the anticipated level of funding from grants etc achieved historically, as follows:

	Expenditure £000	Grants £000	Life Years £000
Roof	100	80	50
Heating System	100	80	20
Kitchen	35	28	10
Floor	15	12	30
Other	15	12	10

3 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Hall	Car Park	Sports Field & Pavilion	Playpark	Equipment	Total
Cost at 1.1.23	67,666	1,891	25,116	40,046	22,820	157,539
Additions	-	-	30,936	-	-	30,936
Cost at 31.12.23	<u>67,666</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>56,052</u>	<u>40,046</u>	<u>22,820</u>	<u>188,475</u>
Accumulated Depreciation at 1.1.23	-	-	-	-	16,560	16,560
Depreciation for year	<u>1,353</u>	-	<u>1,561</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>6,523</u>
Accumulated Depreciation at 31.12.23	<u>1,353</u>	-	<u>1,561</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>17,499</u>	<u>23,083</u>
Net Book Values at 31.12.23	<u>66,313</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>54,491</u>	<u>37,376</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>165,392</u>
Net Book Values at 31.12.22	<u>67,666</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>25,116</u>	<u>40,046</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>140,979</u>

4 Provisions

	2023 £	2022 £
• Hall renovation sinking fund opening balance	33,700	30,800
• Renovation of facilities in year	23,136	-
• Provision in year	2,293	2,900
• Closing Balance	<u>12,857</u>	<u>33,700</u>

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds General	Total funds at 31 December 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	166,708	166,708
Current assets	66,663	68,944
Current liabilities	(5,196)	(5,196)
Provisions	(12,857)	(12,857)
Total net assets	215,318	217,599

5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds General	Total funds at 31 December 2022
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	140,979	140,979
Current assets	90,595	95,466
Current liabilities	(1,651)	(1,651)
Provisions	(33,700)	(33,700)
Total net assets	196,223	201,094

6 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	196,223	22,929	27,313	23,479	215,318
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	182,950	24,551	18,778	7,500	196,223

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Pavilion donations	2,579	20,900	(511)	(23,479)	-
Firework display donations	2,292	500			1,781
Playground Gift Aid reclaim	-				500
	<u>4,871</u>	<u>21,400</u>	<u>(511)</u>	<u>(23,479)</u>	<u>2,281</u>

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Pavilion donations	8,000	2,079	-	(7,500)	2,579
Firework display donations		2,292	-		2,292
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,371</u>	-	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>4,871</u>

8 Branoc Well

Donations are received through the deposit of cash into the Village Hall well which are unable to be separately categorised. The majority of this income will relate to parking and use of the tennis court.

9 Staff Costs

The Hall has no employees (2022: nil). Wages are paid to self-employed for bar management and casual kitchen / bar staffing. All other work is undertaken on a unremunerated volunteer basis.

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No travel or subsistence payments have been made to Trustees. Trustees are reimbursed for specific purchases on behalf of the Hall using personal credit cards (the Hall has neither Debit nor Credit card facility)

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year. (2022 – Nil)

VILLAGE HALL, BRANSCOMBE

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Accounts

BRANSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER: 300776

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2022

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Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Trustees Report for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Branscombe Village Hall

Registered number: 300776

Charity's principal address: Branscombe Village Hall
Branscombe
Seaton
Devon
EX12 3DB

Trustees: A Fuell
D Lamb
V Lamb (deceased July 2022)
R Kerr
S Bedford (resigned January 2022)
M Fielden
J Pickard (appointed January 2021, resigned May 2022)
C Newman (appointed July 2022)
S Hawkins (appointed July 2022)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank
Seaton

Independent Examiner: Jill Shorthouse FCA
Cott Hayes
Branscombe
EX12 3BH

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Trustees Report for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Structure Governance and Management

The charity is regulated by Trust Deed dated 31 August 1951, and Scheme document dated 5th August 1993. The management committee is assembled from Trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a Village Hall and grounds for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Branscombe.

The facilities include the main village hall as well as a playground, tennis court, snooker room, sports field, public toilets and car parking.

Achievement and performance

The Village Hall committee reopened its facilities in Spring 2022 retaining 2019 hire prices and saw a steady increase in hires. There has been an increase of income to £28,922 from activities and donations. Of this £4,871 was restricted in use for provision of a new sports pavilion and annual fireworks display. The Hall provided a focus for the Jubilee celebrations encompassing a number of village organisations, families, and friends. Unrestricted income was applied to necessary expenditure for the maintenance of hall and grounds resulting in a healthy surplus for the year of £5,773

The expectation is that Hall use will continue to expand. The Hall is taking a lead role with plans for the Coronation festivities. A new Cricket Pavilion is due to open in 2023 and refurbishment within the Hall is planned. The Hall committee wishes to engage a diversity of users and expand the activities supported by the facilities.

The Trustees are aware that energy costs will significantly increase with minimal support offered by Government. Mitigation of these costs is a priority whilst retaining competitive prices for hall rent.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

Unspent reserves at 31 December 2022 were £201,094, and net current assets were £93,815. This is considered to be adequate for the Charity's objectives.


Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the Charity and developed appropriate procedures to mitigate and control those risks.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and the financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Chairman

Dated


26.7.23.

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure. In preparing those financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the Trustees:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed and the rules of the Charity, within the framework of charity law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act; or

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

J. Shorthouse

Jill Shorthouse FCA

Date 25.7.23

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Income					
Donations		429	-	429	-
Rent of Hall		5,999	-	5,999	1,911
Hire of Hall equipment		-	-	-	20
Pavilion Donations	5	-	2,079	2,079	8,000
Firework Display Donations		-	2,292	2,292	-
Tennis		22	-	22	84
Snooker		888	-	888	504
Christmas Trees		335	-	335	260
Public Toilet		334	-	334	355
Lottery		339	-	339	414
Bar/Social Club		3,600	-	3,600	-
Branoc Well	6	9,908	-	9,908	10,643
Bank Interest		130	-	130	34
EDF energy		2,496	-	2,496	2,326
BT/Sweb poles		71	-	71	71
Total Income		24,551	4,371	28,922	24,622
Expenditure					
Cleaning		5,068	-	5,068	4,995
Electricity		2,310	-	2,310	2,903
Water		1,554	-	1,554	(288)
Insurance		1,364	-	1,364	1,319
Licenses		311	-	311	499
Repairs and Renewals		950	-	950	805
Equipment		735	-	735	-
Grass Cutting/ Hedging		442	-	442	605
Telephone		287	-	287	265
Jubilee Event		270	-	270	-
Toilet maintenance		621	-	621	353
Playground Repairs and Inspection		250	-	250	91
Website		101	-	101	78
Wifi		242	-	242	246
Miscellaneous Expenditure		268	-	268	1,577
Hall renovation sinking fund	2.2	2,900	-	2,900	2,400
Depreciation	2.1	1,105	-	1,105	1,300
Total Expenditure		18,778	-	18,778	17,148
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		5,773	4,371	10,144	7,474

Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Asset Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
	3				
Hall		67,666	-	67,666	67,666
Car Park		1,891	-	1,891	1,891
Sports Field & Pavilion		25,116	-	25,116	7,616
Playpark & Tennis Court Equipment		40,046	-	40,046	40,046
		6,260	-	6,260	7,365
		140,979	-	140,979	124,584
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank					
Hall Current Account		6,207	-	6,207	5,642
Hall Savings Account		48,311	4,871	53,182	90,552
Branscombe Social Club		4,999	-	4,999	500
Term Deposits		30,000	-	30,000	-
		89,517	4,871	94,388	96,694
Debtors					
Hall Rental Debtors		307	-	307	670
Social Club		363	-	363	-
Prepayment		100	-	100	-
Christmas Fayre		-	-	-	225
Branoc Well		308	-	308	407
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and deposits held		(1,651)	-	(1,651)	(830)
Net Current Assets		88,944	4,871	93,815	97,166
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		229,923	4,871	234,794	221,750
Provisions	2.2 & 4	(33,700)		(33,700)	(30,800)
Total Net Assets		196,223	4,871	201,094	190,950
Represented by					
Accumulated Funds					
Balance Brought Forward		182,950	8,000	190,950	183,476
Transfer between funds		7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Excess of income over expenditure		5,773	4,371	10,144	7,474
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Approved by the trustees on

Signed on their behalf by

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Branscombe Village Hall (Charity Number 300776)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

2.1 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value, of all tangible, movable fixed assets over their expected useful lives.

The rate applicable is 15% on a reducing balance basis.

2.2 Renewals

Following the completion of the renovation of the Hall the trustees are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to set funds aside to meet future obligations of a similar nature. A sinking fund was initiated in 2011 with £2,500. Approximately 10% of Total Incoming Resources is added each year. In 2022 this amounts to £2,900. The amount has been determined on the basis of the nature and amount of the expenditure, its estimated economic life and the anticipated level of funding from grants etc achieved historically, as follows:

	Expenditure £000	Grants £000	Life Years £000
Roof	100	80	50
Heating System	100	80	20
Kitchen	35	28	10
Floor	15	12	30
Other	15	12	10

3 Fixed Assets

	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Car Park</u>	<u>Sports Field</u>	<u>Playpark</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 01.01.22	67,666	1,891	7,616	40,046	7,365	124,584
Additions	-	-	17,500	-	-	17,500
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	1,105	1,105
As at 31.12.22	<u>67,666</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>25,116</u>	<u>40,046</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>140,979</u>

4 Provisions

	2022 £	2021 £
Hall renovation sinking fund	<u>33,700</u>	<u>30,800</u>

5 Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds relate wholly to donations received in respect of a new sports pavilion due to be completed in 2023.

6 Branoc Well

Donations are received through the deposit of cash into the Village Hall well which are unable to be separately categorised. The majority of this income will relate to parking and use of the tennis court.