

Chairman's Report for the AGM of South Brent Village Hall 2024-25

Once again welcome to the AGM of the Village Hall.

The Hall continues to thrive. Bookings are excellent, both by regular hirers and one off hirings. The users are almost unanimous in their appreciation of our Hall and its facilities, particularly the condition and cleanliness of the building. Much of this is due to the hard work of our Caretaker, George Watson and his assistant, Steve Jones. My grateful thanks are, as always, due to them and to the members of the Trustee Committee. Sue Astal-Stain has rejoined us, as the Parish Council representative, following the resignation of Katie Armstrong. We hope to be able to sign up another member in the near future. The trustees, as always, would welcome new members to help with the task of running the Hall.

Our financial situation has improved since the dark days of Covid, but there is no room for complacency, we still have to pay our way and set aside funds for repairs and renewals. The Hall is in a sound condition both physically and financially, for which we are grateful to everyone. We changed our power supplier, during the year, having sourced a better rate. There was a possibility that we would have to register for trade waste, particularly recycling, but as we have less than 10 employees, this proved not to be the case. The Solar panels continue to provide very useful income. Our problem with alarm call outs is fixed, we hope, and various electrical problems has also been attended to. John Shepherd will give you a fuller picture when we discuss the Finances under the next item.

During the year we appointed SJR Services, a local company, as our bookkeepers. This decision was made to simplify matters for the Trustees. They now deal with matters to do with payroll, with our Treasurer, having been working on our behalf with matters related to HMRC. They are now also our Auditors. Geoff Addy who had for many years acted in this capacity, decided to retire after last year's AGM. This arrangement has proved to be very beneficial to the smooth running of the Hall's finances.

Discussions have started with others who run Community Buildings in the Village, to see if there are ways we can work together for the common good. I am attending a meeting to-morrow at the Old School Centre hosted by South Hams Village Hall Cluster Group, at which future collaboration is likely to be discussed, so, watch this space.

This report covers the period up to the end of March this year, so several items which have happened since then will not be reported until next year's AGM.

Once again thank you for your attendance this evening and your ongoing support of the Village Hall.

Cathie Pannell. Chair.

**SOUTH BRENT VILLAGE HALL
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 300970**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts for the above year as set out on the attached financial statements:

1. Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025 showing a total surplus of £2,463
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025 showing Net Funds of £21,248

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by South Brent Village Hall and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and I have sought explanations where necessary and appropriate.

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 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 need:
 - (a) to keep reasonable accounting records, and,
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records,

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.



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Sarah Reynolds

Date: 8 October 2025

SOUTH BRENT VILLAGE HALL - REGISTERED CHARITY NO 300970

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
GENERAL		
Income		
Rental	31887	30616
Donations	60	160
Miscellaneous	198	1508
Solar Panel Feed In	<u>766</u>	<u>954</u>
	32911	33238
Expenditure		
Gross Wages	10482	15328
Casual Labour	<u>1270</u>	<u>0</u>
	11752	15328
General Running Costs		
Premises Repairs	7123	5306
Heat Light Power	3437	6004
Water Rates	918	0
Waste Removal	668	0
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	678	0
Housekeeping Services	1230	2683
Housekeeping Supplies	853	0
Insurance	1773	1549
Licences	751	220
Telephone and Broadband	587	931
Print Post Stationery	260	0
Data Protection	0	0
Accountancy	<u>418</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>18696</u>	<u>16693</u>
	2463	1217
GRANTS & FUNDRAISING		
Income		
Fundraising	0	0
	0	0
Expenses		
Fundraising	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) - Unrestricted Funds	£ <u>2463</u>	<u>1217</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
Hall Fixtures & Fittings	2526	2526
Stock	100	100
Debtors	0	0
Bank Balances	16984	16159
Prepayments	<u>2460</u>	<u>0</u>
	22070	18785
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	22	0
Accruals	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
	822	0
Net Funds	<u><u>21248</u></u>	<u><u>18785</u></u>

NET FUNDS REPRESENTED BY

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance	18785	17568
Surplus (Deficit) In Year	2463	1217
Transfers to Restricted Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	21248	18785
Total	<u><u>21248</u></u>	<u><u>18785</u></u>

Approved By:

Chris Pannell

Chairman

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Secretary

Date:

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