

**Horton & Chalbury Village Hall
Charity Registered Number 301142**

Report of the Trustees

and

Financial Statements

For

The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Status	Horton & Chalbury Village Hall is a registered Charity, numbered 301142 governed by a scheme of 4 th August 1977 with administrative amendments accepted by the Charities Commission and passed by a resolution dated 19/9/2011
Trustees	David Lyn Arthur Dennis Edward Holford Rosalind Nash (Chairman) Colin Agnew Claire Robinson (Treasurer)
Principal Office	Horton and Chalbury Village Hall Horton Wimborne BH21 7JA
Independent Examiner/ Accountant	Mr A G Chamberlain, Island View, Chalbury, Wimborne, BH21 7EZ.

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**Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees present the report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management.

Governing Document

Horton & Chalbury Village Hall is a registered charity governed by a scheme on 4th August 1977 as an unincorporated charity with administrative amendments passed by a Resolution dated 19th September 2011

Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity shall be:-

- i) the elected members of the Committee of Management; and
- ii) if they so consent, the representative members.

Committee of Management

The Committee when complete shall consist of:-

- (a) up to 6 elected members;
- (b) two representative members, one appointed by each of the Knowlton Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council of Horton and Chalbury (the Councils);
- (c) up to 4 co-opted members provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed the number of elected members at any time.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity shall be:

1. The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parishes of Horton and Chalbury and surrounding areas 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.
2. The land and buildings shall be held upon trust for the purpose of a village hall.

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)
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Chairman's Report for Horton & Chalbury Village Hall 2024

Our lovely hall continues to be a popular venue. At weekends it is booked out for yoga days, parties, naming ceremonies and such like as well as events held by local organisations eg the Rotary Club, Classic Car Club and local Choral Society. Weddings continue to be a major source of income and there were seven in 2024. It has been the venue for the Indian festival of Durga Pula held in late September/early October for the past 10 years (with the exception of 2020)

Our weekday regular hires include Pilates sessions, art & dance groups, first aid training, band practice, mindfulness sessions & Parish Council meetings. Some are held weekly or fortnightly, others monthly. We realise the importance of keeping some weekday time available for hirers who return to us time after time such as Julia's House who hold their trainings sessions in our hall, and other organisations, as well as for the occasional hirer requiring the hall for a specific event. Our local community policeman also held a drop in session for Horton and Chalbury residents, as did our local MP and Wessex Internet used the hall for a Community presentation.

Once monthly, Friday evening is available for local families to come along to get together, play a variety of games or simply meet up for a catch up. The Christmas Pop up pub which included a family friendly quiz proved popular, as did the summer one when we ran a skittles evening. We also had a lasagne night. On several Friday evenings a group of villagers brought along their sewing machines and made some lovely bunting which is used to decorate the hall for various events.

Fundraising is a necessary source of additional income and we are very grateful to our Social Team for their valuable contribution. Events organised included the always popular quiz night, Simon Lane's – 50s Swing & Rock & Roll evening and, for the second year running, Christmas Wreath making. It proved so popular that both a morning & afternoon session was arranged and it's in the diary for 2025! Our monthly Cream tea afternoons held from March till October are well established and people come from far afield. For the second year running a Christmas Cream Tea was held. This was a particularly special one as we welcomed members of the Ringwood Musical & Dramatic Society who entertained us for the afternoon with their wonderful singing.

The Village Fete in July was again an enjoyable community event. Obviously raising money is a major aim with the proceeds shared between the hall and the Village Churches, but it's also an opportunity for local residents to meet up and for visitors to see our amazing facilities. The added attraction of a dog show, which was held for the first time in 2023, brings in different people.

I appreciate the amount of time given to the organisation of all the events so a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Our hall is now over 15 years old and generally looking good! Our cleaner Amanda

keeps the hall looking spick & span so thank you to her. Understandably, however, it is becoming increasingly necessary to replace equipment and carry out more repairs. Maintenance is an ongoing issue and obviously comes at a price. To keep the running costs down we started to hold in-house maintenance days in 2023 and then held several more in 2024.

Committee members and a few volunteers tackled some of the less specialist jobs around the hall such as touching up paint, repairing door handles, hoovering curtains & distributing gravel on the driveway.

We always welcome volunteers from the community – the more people who can help out with the upkeep of the hall the better.

The operation of the Hall continues to develop thanks to our Trustees, and hard-working Management Committee, and our conscientious Administrator Sophie, who competently manages hires and bookings as well as taking on aspects of the caretaking role. The online booking system is now well established and has proved to be an excellent resource; a valuable tool for both our Administrator and our Treasurer. Particular thanks must go to Claire, our Treasurer, for, not only her prudent financial management, but for everything else she does to support the operation of the hall.

I'd like to express heartfelt gratitude to each of our valued community volunteers, committee members, hirers, suppliers & all who have supported our wonderful hall. In this ever changing world village halls are more than just a building: they provide a vital community space where people can come together & connect.

We hope you will continue to support & maintain our beautiful hall.

R Nash
July 2025

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Treasurer's Report

Hire income in 2024 was up by 13% on 2023 and 2024 was the first year that hire income reached pre-pandemic levels. There were seven weddings in 2024, two more than in 2023.

Now the hall runs an automated online booking system, the decision has been made to reserve seven weekends per year for weddings starting in 2026, rather than allow bookings upon request. There were more enquiries than could be accommodated for weddings in 2025 due to the slots already being booked which has meant only being able to take bookings for four weddings.

A surplus of £1,000 was forecast for 2024, the result was a surplus of £3,304.

Fundraising continues to be the key to achieving a surplus. The Social Events Team has excelled in 2024, putting on a variety of events. This continues into 2025.

Advertising of events has been improved, resulting in a greater attendance, particularly at Cream Teas which are held in conjunction with Horton and Chalbury churches.

The administrator continues to have a positive impact on improving occupancy and events attendance, in addition securing additional regular hirers.

It is sensible to retain as many of our reserves as possible to cover any future deficits but also to allow repairs and replacements as required to equipment that is now more than fourteen years old. There are already costs coming into 2025 for replacement of some of the electrical light fittings and a requirement to repair and upgrade the waste water and sewage system.

Recruiting volunteers continues to be a challenge.

We have held recruitment drives at the fete, have adverts in the hall and on our website and hope that regular community events help us reach new potential volunteers.

Our voluntary positions are not necessarily a large time commitment; making a cake, helping at cream teas, some minor maintenance at the hall and of course a little more in terms of time, becoming a committee member.

Claire Robinson (Treasurer)
February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For year ending 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	31/12/2023 Funds £
Incoming Resources					
<u>Grants and Donations</u>					
Grants		0	0	0	1,039
Donations		<u>169</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>118</u>
Total Grants & Donations		169	0	169	1,157
<u>Investment Income</u>					
Bank & Other Interest		<u>636</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>473</u>
Total Investment Income		636	0	636	473
<u>Incoming Resources and Charitable Activities</u>					
General Hiring Charges		17,738	0	17,738	15,714
Wedding Hirings		7,400	0	7,400	4,350
Fundraising Events		<u>6,256</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>5,531</u>
Total		31,394	0	31,394	25,595
Total Incoming Resources		<u>32,199</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,199</u>	<u>27,225</u>
Resources Expended	3	<u>28,895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>26,977</u>
Net Incoming resources before other gains/losses		<u>3,304</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,304</u>	<u>248</u>
Other recognized Gains/(Losses)		<u>(467)</u>	<u>(6,767)</u>	<u>(7,234)</u>	<u>(7,151)</u>
(Depreciation)					
Net movement in Funds		2,837	(6,767)	(3,930)	(6,903)
Reconciliation of Funds		<u>85,335</u>	<u>274,866</u>	<u>360,201</u>	<u>367,104</u>
(Total Funds brought forward)					
Total Funds carried Forward		<u>88,172</u>	<u>268,099</u>	<u>356,271</u>	<u>360,201</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements.

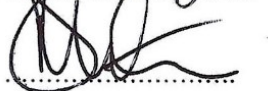
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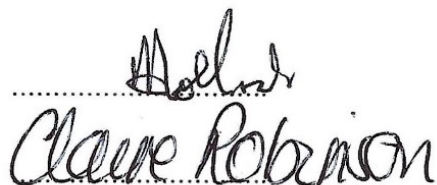
Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	31/12/2024 £	31/12/2023 £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	2	<u>299,065</u>	<u>305,473</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors	5	0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand.		<u>57,206</u>	<u>54,728</u>
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<u>Creditors</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year.	4	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>57,206</u>	<u>54,728</u>
Total Assets less		<u>356,271</u>	<u>360,201</u>
Current Liabilities			
Net Assets		<u>356,271</u>	<u>360,201</u>
Funds	7,8,9	<u>356,271</u>	<u>360,201</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on the 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

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 Claire Robinson

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

1) Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for small entities (effective January 2007) and follow the recommendations in Accounting and reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued (revised 2005).

Income

- a) Grants and donations are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.
- b) All other income is recognised in full when received.

Expenditure

- a) All expenditure is recognised in the period in which it occurred.
- b) All expenditure is allocated to the activity to which the costs relate.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation over 125 years has been provided for the long lease.
Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings has been provided at 10% per annum.
Depreciation of the Refrigerator has been provided at 10% per annum.
Depreciation of all other Plant and Equipment has been provided over 15 years.

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2) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Plant & Equipment £	Long Leasehold £	Total £
COST				
01 January 2024	42,966	60,187	333,942	437,095
Additions in year	-	826	-	826
At 31 December 2024	<u>42,966</u>	<u>61,013</u>	<u>333,942</u>	<u>437,921</u>
DEPRECIATION				
As at 01 January 2024	40,166	51,834	39,622	131,622
Charge for year	467	4,095	2,672	7,234
At 31 December 2024	<u>40,633</u>	<u>55,929</u>	<u>42,294</u>	<u>138,856</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 01 January 2024	<u>2,800</u>	<u>8,353</u>	<u>294,320</u>	<u>305,473</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,333</u>	<u>5,084</u>	<u>291,648</u>	<u>299,065</u>

3) Resources Expended

	Charitable £	Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Insurance	2,372	0	2,372	2,195
Light & Heat	4,096	0	4,096	5,596
Rates	142	0	142	147
Repairs & Maintenance *	13,495	0	13,495	13,400
Miscellaneous	54	0	54	198
Hall running **	7,200	0	7,200	4,400
Bank charges	60	0	60	0
Licences	<u>1,476</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>991</u>
	<u>28,895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,895</u>	<u>26,977</u>

***Minor capital expenditure & Asset Replacement treated as Repairs and Renewals**

*** includes cesspit, consumables, cleaning, garden**

**** Administrator / Caretaker**

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4) Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year.	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Hall running	0	0
Repairs/maintenance /renewals	0	0
Loan	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0

5) Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Hire charges	0	0
Bowls	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0

6) Related Parties

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees.

7) General Fund

The general fund is in credit by **£ 88,172** at 31 December 2024

8) Restricted Fund

The restricted fund is in credit by **£ 268,099** at 31 December 2024

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9) Fund Balances & Movements during Year

	Balance 1/1/2024 £	Incoming Resources 2024 £	Resources Expended 2024 £	Balance at 31/12/24 £
General Unrestricted Funds	85,335	32,199	29,362	88,172
Restricted Funds	<u>274,866</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,767</u>	268,099
Total Funds	<u>360,201</u>	<u>32,199</u>	<u>36,129</u>	<u>356,271</u>

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions 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 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 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.

A.G. Chamberlain,
Island View,
Chalbury,
Wimborne,
Dorset,
BH21 7EZ



Date: 6 JULY 2025