Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	May	2023	To	30	April	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	**The Morden Recreation Ground and Village Hall**
Other names charity is known by	**Morden Village Hall**
Registered charity number (if any)	**301154**

Charity's principal address	**Morden Village Hall**	
	Morden	
	WAREHAM, Dorset	
	Postcode	**BH20 7DL**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rob Brenton	Chairman		Representing the Public
2	Claire Beveridge	Vice Chair		Representing the Public
3	Mary Mathers	Treasurer		Representing the Public
4	Muriel Neumann	Secretary	From 12/07/2023	Appointed
5	Lynne Amey			Lytchett Girl Guiding
6	Elizabeth Moorey			Short Mat Bowls
7	Maxine Clews			Representing the Public
8	Kathryn Rowat			Morden Minis
9	Andy Johns		To 12/07/2023	Greywood Football
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Morden Parish Council Custodian Trustee	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Auditors		
Accountants & Independent Examiners	Lynne Bramwell	67A Kings Road West, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1HH
Bankers	Lloyds TSB	3 South Street, WAREHAM, Dorset BH20
	CAF Bank	5 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA
	Cambridge & Counties Bank	Charnwood Court, 5B New Walk Leicester LE1 6TE

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Governed by a scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education & Science under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960. The governing document is dated 15 May 1970.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Local organisations are entitled to nominate 1 or 2 Trustees. 6 Trustees are elected by the general public at the AGM. 2 Trustees may be co-opted by the other Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is affiliated to the Dorset Village Halls Association.

Review of major risks: The most significant potential risks are in the operation of the building. These are reduced as far as possible by adhering to Health and Safety and Fire regulations and observing statutory inspection requirements. Financially the buildings are covered by insurance. Other risks include food safety and child safety. The charity has a published policy on Child Protection which all trustees and hirers are made aware of. The kitchen is inspected by the Local Authority. The playground is inspected annually by RoSPA.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The provision and maintenance of a Recreation Ground and facilities thereto and a Village Hall, for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Morden and the neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, or of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	Maintaining the Recreation Ground as an open space for general recreation with facilities of a Playground for small children and football fields for the use of local teams. Maintaining a Village Hall suitable for village events, clubs, educational activities, sports and private hire. Organising village events, social, educational and recreational activities Fundraising as necessary to maintain and improve the facilities offered.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers.	The charity does not make grants to other organisation or individuals. The charity has no significant liquid assets. Cash not required for immediate use is saved in an interest bearing account. The contribution of volunteers is absolutely vital to the maintenance of the hall and grounds and the continuing success of the community activities and events organised. See below for details.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Chairman's report

Another year another report, my tenth!

I start as usual by giving many thanks to all Committee members for their continued support and hard work over the past year, particularly Mary Mathers, who continues to do several jobs that keeps the hall running smoothly.

Since my last report a number of changes and projects have taken place, firstly after many years we decided that 2023 would be the last time we would run car boot sales, a lack of sellers and helper fatigue being the major reason.

Autumn 2023 saw the completion of our major play equipment project, the Recreation area now has a zip wire, bouldering wall and rope walking pieces. The solar panels for the Hall roof will become a reality later this year, thanks in part, to a grant from Dorset County Council and yet again the hard work of MM chasing the planning department for advice and guidance.

We continue to hold a variety of social events throughout the year which are generally well supported and help to raise money for the hall and local charities that also benefit.

As ever, the work never stops and the need for more volunteers does not go away.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The charity aims to hold cash reserves of a minimum of 1 year's operating costs to cover any major unexpected building repairs and loss of income.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In a normal year. the charity's three principle sources of funds are

- hire of the hall for local groups and clubs, public meetings and private events
- fundraising events
- running the bar

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rob Brenton	Mary Mathers
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer

Date 8 January 2025

Morden Recreation Ground & Village Hall	No: 301154	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/05/2023	To	30/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants & Donations	11	-	-	11	10,000
Functions & Fund Raising	5,025	-	-	5,025	7,963
Hall Hire External	28,696	-	-	28,696	14,208
Hall Hire groups	1,088	-	-	1,088	1,547
Hall & Grounds Hire Sports	333	-	-	333	590
Other	-	-	-	-	56
Interest on deposits	3,003	-	-	3,003	619
Items refunded	5,399	-	-	5,399	4,763
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	43,555	-	-	43,555	51,184
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,555	-	-	43,555	51,184
A3 Payments					
Function expenses	2,458	-	-	2,458	4,444
Hall Maintenance	19,681	-	-	19,681	7,601
Insurance & Utilities	14,364	-	-	14,364	8,433
Cleaning & Supplies	2,513	-	-	2,513	3,677
Professional fees & Licences	746	-	-	746	729
Other	3	-	-	3	176
Refunds	8,819	-	-	8,819	6,271
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,583	-	-	48,583	31,330
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,583	-	-	48,583	31,330
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,028	-	-	- 5,028	19,854
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	141,107	-	-	141,107	121,253
Cash funds this year end	136,079	-	-	136,079	141,107

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank accounts	135,397	-	-
	Cash	682	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	**136,079**	**-**	**-**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Morden Recreation Ground	Unrestricted	-	-
Morden Village Hall building	Unrestricted	-	-
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
Sports hut	Unrestricted	-	-
Playground equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
Tennis Court	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Uncashed cheques	Unrestricted		
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Brenton	**08/01/2025**
	Mary Mathers	**08/01/2025**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Morden Recreation Ground & Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	30 April 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	301154
Set out on pages	1 and 2 of CC16a 1 to 5 of Trustees Annual Report		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2024**.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

Signed:	R U Bramwell	**Date:**	25/11/24.
Name:	ROSEMARY LYNNE BRAMWELL (MRS.)		
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