

## Mosterton Village Hall

### Trustees' Report to Charity Commission for Year 2024

#### DETAILS

Name:	Mosterton Village Hall
Addresss:	Main Road Mosterton Beaminster Dorset DT8 3HG
Registration Number:	301156
Trustees:	Ms Wendy Benge Ms Sarah Childs-Chaffey Ms Jeanette Snook

#### STRUCTURE

The Village hall is maintained by a small management committee. Recruitment onto the committee is made when volunteers in the village are forthcoming and new residents are invited to attend any meeting. Information of committee activity is reported on the Village Hall notice board, our Website and Facebook page, in the monthly Parish magazine and the Village newsletter. New members may become Trustees of the Village Hall after a spell on the Committee.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our objectives for this year reflect our main aims and objectives as set out in our brochure. Our over-riding objective is to provide and maintain a safe, secure and welcoming Village Hall for the use of residents of Mosterton and the surrounding neighbourhood.

This year we have installed a much-needed new kitchen, thanks to the Lottery Grant received. Alongside this we have restructuring our storage facilities to provide a better space for the KCR group equipment, a small space for the Village Volunteers, as well secure space for some of our new equipment.

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#### ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year we have supported our long-standing regular groups, who provide vital social, creative and recreational activities for the community, mainly by not increasing our hire charges. They all continue to attract new members. The visiting Post Office van and the Police Liaison officer continue to provide services to the community.

As a committee we have increased the number of social activities; we have put on three new Quiz nights, two Brunch events, two special food evenings: a curry night and an Irish evening, and our Summer Vintage tea. The annual Santa event in December was as ever very popular.

We have supported a group of 6th form students raising money to embark on a trip to Ghana to provide sporting activities for a village.

Our Thursday Lunch club has been popular throughout the winter months providing hot meals and social company for some elderly residents.

We are now planning for our 60th Anniversary Weekend to take place in June 2025, which will include a Dog Show. Local resident, Martin Clunes has agreed to open the show and judge.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As a committee we have continued to maintain the Village hall to a very high standard and strive to include as many villagers as possible. A small census undertaken in one week in May showed over 250 people attended activities or events in that week alone. The notes under the Activities section show how the Village Hall has benefitted the community this year.

We have restructured roles and responsibilities on the committee to enhance the skill base of members. We have developed a constructive development plan. We are particularly keen to pursue a marketing structure, make plans to improve the website and launch a project for a hall rebuild sometime in the future.

We have rewritten and reviewed our Policies and intend to review them again every February so they are available at the AGM each year.



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#### Chair's Annual Report for Annual General Meeting March 2025

At last years AGM we were able to announce that we had just secured the money from the National Lottery to fully refurbish the Hall kitchen. Most of the time between March and September focused on planning and executing that project, alongside the tidying-up of the contents of the sheds.

My thanks go to all the contractors and businesses who supplied and worked on the project almost seamlessly to complete the works within the short summer break from normal Hall activities. Of course, the main and enormous thanks go to Ray Goode for his skills in fitting the kitchen, with some assistance from Bill.

We now have a fabulous kitchen, fit for the next 15 (or so) years and with the shed tidying, a space for a much-needed larger freezer, the Wine cooler and some of our equipment in the middle right shed. The KCR dog group have new space in the righthand shed and the Volunteers a small space in the middle left shed. The Art group continue to have the use of the lefthand shed.

The Village Hall continues to be well used with our regular groups, although the popular Bootcamp fitness class has ceased as Laurie has now moved away from the Village. The Tai Chi classes came and went largely due to inconsistent participant numbers, but the Yoga classes have continued to grow and thrive. Everyone has accepted our new contracts, which means groups basically pay for what they use, fitness and activity classes that do not need the kitchen, do not have access to it. The new water container in the Lobby provides them with constant cool water. The Art and KCR groups pay for their storage monthly. The Art Group, Gardening Club and the Craft Group pay extra for their use of the kitchen. All in all, it seems a fairer system and the new kitchen should last longer without so much unnecessary traffic, which at times was abused.

The Monday Post Office van visits continue, and it quite well used. My thanks to all volunteers who "open up" for this and offer support to residents; it is appreciated. Our local Police support officer, Alex, is often on hand to offer support and advice in many matters. Booking for parties, meetings, and the odd election all continue to contribute to the use and finances of the hall. Finances are in a healthy position.

Special Events have continued to be an important part of the Calendar and are all very well supported by residents of the Village. We are mostly at capacity of 50 for Quiz Nights and the recent Special Event- Moroccan Evening, although numbers have been slightly lower for Breakfast/Brunch this year.

That brings me to the most important event for the coming year – Our 60th Anniversary celebration weekend in June. We are going to have a ball! On the Saturday, planned events include a dog show, activities for children, side shows, grand raffle, bar, ice cream and BBQ and finishing off with a live band. On the Sunday we shall have out normal traditional Vintage Tea in the garden marquee and a draw for the Raffle.

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The Village Hall first opened its doors in July 1965, and as I write this report, I am minded to think of, and thank, all the people who have, in the past sixty years, given so much time to ensure it is not just maintained, but used for its original purpose... providing a space for residents to enjoy in so many ways. Long may that continue!

So finally, I would like to thank all the current management committee members for their consistent hard work ensuring events run as smoothly as possible.

Chair: Wendy Bengé

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a surplus for the year of £6,272.78 compared to £1,260.07 for the previous year.

At the year end the charity had cash balances totalling £42,287.73

(2023: £34,164.40)

The trustees seek to maintain a level of reserves that enough short-term funds would be available such that the ongoing operations of the hall would not be affected by the risk of incurring significant unforeseen expenditure or the risk of suffering significant unforeseen loss of income which cannot be replaced in the short term.

## DECLARATIONS

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee' Report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s) Wm Bengé



Full Name(s) WENDY M. BENGE SARAH CHILDS-CHAFFEY

Position CHAIR

SECRETARY

Date 27/10/25

27/10/25

**Mosterton Village Hall**  
**Income & expenditure statement for the year ended 31st December 2024**

	Year ended 31.12.24		Year ended 31.12.23	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Hire of hall		8,133.25		6,234.00
Lottery grant		18,000.00		-
Fundraising events		2,336.35		1,167.81
Donation		1,525.00		900.00
Electricity		139.00		159.00
Interest		626.05		235.44
		<u><b>30,759.65</b></u>		<u><b>8,696.25</b></u>
 <b>Expenditure</b>				
Maintenance	1,066.50		1,605.83	
Utilities	3,021.76		2,384.93	
Insurance	640.75		588.96	
Cleaning	999.27		978.72	
Refurbishment of kitchen	18,000.00		-	
Fund raising	44.55		-	
Kitchen equipment	333.04		421.00	
Other	381.00		1,456.74	
		<u><b>24,486.87</b></u>		<u><b>7,436.18</b></u>
 Surplus for the year		<u><u><b>6,272.78</b></u></u>		<u><u><b>1,260.07</b></u></u>

**Registered charity number 301156**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

MOSTERTON VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st. December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

301156

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st. December 2024.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*S. Brown*

Date:

28/10/25

Name:

SHARYN JULIET BROWN FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTS IN  
ENGLAND AND WALES

(if any):

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MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER,
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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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