

**Worth Matravers Village Hall
Trustees Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2025**

Registered Charity no. 301207

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Trustees Annual Report

Objectives

The Village Hall and School House are owned by the Worth Matravers Village Hall Trust which is a Registered Charity No. 301207. The Trust is constituted under a Scheme approved by the Charity Commission dated 30 June 1998 which replaced the original Trust Deed dated 30 January 1950.

The principal objective of the Trust is:

".... the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Village of Worth Matravers (hereinafter called the area of benefit) without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including 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"

The Trust is managed by a Management Committee, and the members of the Committee are trustees of the Trust. A number of local organisations have the right to nominate trustees, including the Worth Parish Council and the Worth Parochial Church Council. Other trustees are elected by the residents of Worth Matravers at the Trust's Annual General Meeting. The Committee has the power to co-opt trustees to fill casual vacancies.

Management Committee & Trustees

The trustees who served during the period were:

J Ross - Chair	
D Ainscough	
A Arnold	
C Bonfanti	
R Clerici	(appointed 28 January 2025)
D Cosh	
F. Dinnick	(appointed 28 January 2025)
S Dinnick	(appointed 28 January 2025)
R Gould	
J Hynan – Treasurer	
R Lobley	
P Newton	
N Viney	(appointed 23 December 2025)

All the trustees who served are Elected Members.

Activities

To meet its objectives the Trust maintains and seeks to improve the Hall to make it available to as wide a range of people as possible. The usage of the Hall in 2025 was impacted by the closure of the Hall for three months to carry out repairs and improvements. Despite this closure total hirings amounted to £4,124 compared to £4,455 in 2024. To encourage use lower hiring rates are offered to the village community, and no charge is made for use by village groups such as the Cinema Club, the Snooker Group and Sustainable Worth. In 2024 and 2025 the parish church, St Nicholas of Myra, used the Hall as repairs were undertaken on the church roof.

The Trust has continued to invest in the maintenance and improvement of the Hall and School House and in 2024 agreed a project to renovate the main hall, update toilets, passageways and complete the replacement of guttering. The budgeted cost of these works was £70,000. Work started in September 2025, and most of the work was completed by 1st December. The remaining work of replacing two windows will be undertaken in 2026. Expenditure to date amounts to £58,802.

In addition, following a change of tenant in the School House, repairs and improvements were undertaken to update the property. The cost of these works was £10,754.

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To finance the improvement project, the Trust launched a fundraising appeal in December 2024. During 2025 this appeal, which was very generously supported by villagers, raised £18,670 (2024 £1,427). These sums were in addition to those raised by the Fete and other events which amounted to £9,902 (2024 £6,924).

The Trust also applied for grants from a number of organisations to help fund the proposed work. Grants totaling £31,565 were made by:

Worth Matravers Parish Council
Dorset County Council – Capital Improvements Fund
The Bernard Sunley Trust, and
ACRE - Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund

Financial Review

Receipts for the year amounted to £72,679 (2024 £21,747), expenditure was £77,756 (2024 £14,376) resulting in a deficit for the year of £5,077 (2024 surplus £7,371). Income included rental from the School House £6,830 (2024 £6,930) and hall hire income of £4,124 (2024 £4,455). Included in payments is £69,556 (2024 £5,181) for repairs and improvements, relating to the Hall improvement project and the School House mentioned above.

The deficit of £5,077 has reduced the cash resources of the Trust to £50,423 (2024 £55,500).

The Trustees review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that currently its resources are adequate to meet reasonably foreseeable adverse costs.

The Trustees believe that there has been no impairment in the Hall and School House and that the Hall has been maintained during the year so that the Trust can meet its objectives.

The Financial Statements were approved on 23rd February 2026 and signed on behalf of the Committee by:

J Ross
Chair



J Hynan
Treasurer



Date 23rd February 2026

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") set out on page 5 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


John David Cole BA FCA
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Date

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Financial statements
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Receipts & payments account

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Fund	Fund
	£	£
Receipts		
Rental income	6,830	6,930
Hall hire income	4,124	4,455
Events and fundraising	9,902	6,924
Wayleave fees	355	355
Donations and Gift Aid	18,670	1,427
Grants	31,565	500
Investment income	1,233	1,156
Total receipts	<u>72,679</u>	<u>21,747</u>

Payments

Events and fund-raising expenses	1,013	607
Property expenses	4,274	4,378
Repairs & improvements	69,556	5,181
Insurance	220	1,519
Website & internet	1,635	1,470
Equipment	-	-
Licenses & permits	186	287
Other expenses	872	934
Total payments	<u>77,756</u>	<u>14,376</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	-5,077	7,371
Cash funds at 1 January 2025	55,500	48,129
Cash funds at 31 December 2025	<u>50,423</u>	<u>55,500</u>

Statement of assets & liabilities at 31 December 2025

Cash funds

Bank current account	2,303	2,604
Deposit accounts	48,112	52,885
Cash	8	11
Total cash funds	<u>50,423</u>	<u>55,500</u>

Other monetary assets

Film hire deposit	150	150
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Assets retained for the charity's own use

Village Hall & School House	1,000	1,000
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Liabilities

Provisions for repairs to property	486	486
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