



Four Marks Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 301828

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2025

OPERATING ACCOUNT

2023/24	INCOME	2024/25
	Club hirings	8,125.10
	Private hirings	12,089.90
	Miscellaneous	679.95
	Grants	17,882.14
	Roof fund	2,500.00
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		41,277.09
		23,394.95
	EXPENDITURE	
	Maintenance	17,247.84
	Cleaning	4,339.62
	Cleaning materials	2,624.68
	Office expenses	42.50
	Telephone	567.45
	Electricity	2,742.43
	Gas	870.94
	Gas maintenance	0.00
	Water rates	524.83
	Insurance	0.00
	PRS licence	0.00
	Miscellaneous	1,423.62
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		30,383.91
	Operating surplus/deficit	10,893.18

8,125.10	9718	-1,592.90			
12,089.90	15922	-3,832.10			-0.2407
679.95	1041.57	-361.62	12,089.90	15,922.00	
17,882.14	5018	12,864.14			
<u>2,500.00</u>					
		0.00			
41,277.09					

17,247.84	36926	-19,678.16			
4,339.62	5314	-974.38	13,136.07	18,733.45	
2,624.68	2215	409.68			
42.5	37	5.50			
567.45	712	-144.55			-0.3262
2,742.43	4070	-1,327.57	2,742.43	4,070.00	-0.6657
870.94	2605	-1,734.06	870.94	2,605.00	
0	0	0.00			
524.83	632.45	-107.62			
0	2060	-2,060.00			
0	203	-203.00			
<u>1,423.62</u>	885	538.62			
		0.00			
30,383.91	22433	-19,678.16			



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

FOUR MARKS VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

FEBRUARY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

301828

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

G Edwards

Date:

23/APR/25

Name:

GLENDIA JEAN EDWARDS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.



Four Marks Village Hall

Lymington Bottom, Four Marks GU34 5AA

Registered Charity - Number 301828

Deputy Chairman's Annual Report

Year Ended 28th February 2025

Announcement

It would be remiss of me not to open this report on the past year without mentioning the untimely passing of our Chairman, Chris Lake, who died in Basingstoke Hospital on Thursday, 12th March 2025, just after the end of our reporting year.

He was Mr Village Hall.

Chris had been Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for over 25 years, and had been ably supported by his wife, Jenny, as the Booking Secretary throughout his term, and holding the same role for some 5 years before Chris took on the Chairmanship.

He had managed the Village Hall, and its Committee, through various crises- the failure of the Large Hall heating and the Covid Pandemic. It was Chris who secured the Government grants that kept the Hall solvent when it had no income.

He will be missed.

Annual Report 2024 to 2025

The Four Marks Village Hall Management Committee exists to maintain and operate Four Marks Village Hall, situated in Lymington Bottom within the Parish of Four Marks in the County of Hampshire. The Management Committee consists of trustee members appointed by Affiliated Clubs, Public and Co-opted Representatives, and a Representative of Four Marks Parish Council. All business is transacted in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Committee

Trustee members representing Affiliated Clubs were:

Alan Amor, (Ballroom & Latin Dancing)	Mrs J. Goddard, Butterflies	Mrs J. Lake, FM&R Scouts	Mr F. Maloney, COGS	Mrs P. Maloney, WI
Mrs S. Muskett, FM Flower Club	Mrs S. Nisbet, Toddler Group	Mrs J. Passingham, Badminton Club	Mr R. Pullen Horti Society	Mrs J. Ward. Lunch Club

The following were elected as Public Representatives of the Village:

Mrs S. Fowler, Mr C. T. Lake Mr D. Mills, Mrs S. Simons and Miss K. Wakeman

Mrs M Hart, Lunch Club and Mrs E Molyneux, Butterflies, were coopted onto the Village Hall Management Committee:

The Custodian Trustee, Four Marks Parish Council, was represented by Cllr T. Gebbett.

Office Holders

The Office Holders for the year ending 28th February 2025 were:

- Honorary Chairman: Mr C T Lake (Public Rep)
- Honorary Deputy Chairman : F J Maloney (Church of the Good Shepherd))
- Honorary Treasurer: Mrs S Fowler (Public Rep)
- Honorary Minutes Secretary: Mrs Sue Simons
- Honorary Booking Secretary: Mrs J Lake (Scouts)

Meetings

The committee met in May and November 2024; the February 2025 meeting was postponed.

Hall Bookings

The use for the Village Hall remained strong throughout the year, although the number of casual users is down on last year. The Light and Life Mission has been very supportive of the Hall.

Unfortunately, after some 17 years of residence in the Village Hall, the Butterflies Pre School gave its agreed 3 months' notice in January. as it will be closing its doors in March. It has provided a great service to our village, and we thank it for giving its 'early years' support to both the children that have 'grown up' each year, and their parents.

Events

As part of the Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day Commemoration, the Village Hall Committee hosted an Afternoon Tea - Sunday 2nd June. The tea was provided by the Lunch Club, with table decorations provided by the Four Marks Flower Club and raffle prizes provided by the committee. Teresa Hammond and Jane Mills provided a musical entertainment, and dancing was hosted by Ballroom and Latin Dancing.

An Autumn Quiz had been proposed but unfortunately the Committee were unable to progress this further.

Improvements

The Committee was successful in bidding for a grant from the EHDC Community Infrastructure Levy (District Council funding raised on new housing) to upgrade the lighting throughout the building to LED fittings that are more electrically efficient, than the existing installation. The Committee would like to thank the Councillors

of Four Marks Parish Council for both their technical support in designing a system and their activity in sourcing quotations and managing the new installation.

During the works, some additional works were discovered, and the Committee is grateful to EHDC in accepting these additional costs.

A further energy saving measure was introduced to the toilets and main corridor through the installation of Passive Infrared Detectors on the relevant area lighting which switches the lighting on if movement is detected, and after a time period, will not re energise it if no one is in the area.

A CCTV system has been installed.

Income

The Trustees are very grateful to EHDC for the grant to allow for the replacement of the Lighting within the Village Hall; and the Parish Council for its grant towards running costs. However, the bookings from casual users were down by 25% on the previous year.

Expenditure

Fortunately, the reduction in income was balanced by a 30% reduction in normal expenditure for the period. It is noticeable that through Chris' efforts in negotiating the new contract, the electricity costs have reduced by a third and gas costs by two thirds. The account excludes late presentation of invoices for insurance, the gas servicing, and the PRS Licence.

The Future

Following the replacement of the lighting system, the Maintenance Team have been considering further improvements to the building, some through self-help and others which will need Grant Funding.

It is considering:

- Reviewing the roof insulation of both the Large and Small Halls, improving where necessary.
- Installation of pv cells on the Large Hall Roof.
- Installation of air conditioning to meeting rooms replace existing heating systems.
- Installation of a battery system for storage of excess generated electricity.
- Refurbishment of the Kitchen, with removal of the central island.
- Refurbishment of the entrance corridor.
- Re decoration of the Large Hall.
- Renovation and upgrading of the Toilets.

Thank You

I would like to offer my thanks to all the Hall users during the past year, as without them, the Village Hall would not be viable. Also, I would like to thank the Team

working behind the scenes - our Booking Secretary, our Treasurer, the Maintenance and Cleaning team and their coopted families with our cleaner, Kate; Horti for looking after the grounds and planting; Butterflies Nursery Management for 'keeping an eye on the building' during Term time; the Committee and the Parish and District Councils, but most of all, to our Chairman, Mr Village Hall.