

PIRTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 302444

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-05-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: The aim of the Hall is to provide a place for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of leisure and recreation activities in order to improve the life of the inhabitants of Pirton and its neighbourhood. All of this is to be provided regardless of political, religious or other opinions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PIRTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£29,117	£30,449	-	-
2024-12-31	£41,556	£30,256	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,605	£33,544	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,311	£31,389	-	-
2021-12-31	£17,810	£16,496	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joseph Charlesworth	Chair	2024-04-16
Janet Simmons		2019-04-02
Keith Hooton		2023-11-07
PAM WATERS		
PETER JOHNSON		
Tanya Hair		2024-06-18

PIRTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 302444

Accounts

Pirton Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 302444

Trustees' Annual Report
1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Names of Trustees

Joe Charlesworth – Chair
Keith Hooton - Treasurer
Tanya Hair – Bookings Secretary
Peter Johnson
Janet Simmons
Pam Waters

Governance

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In 1970 management of the hall and ownership of the hall was vested in the Charity Commissioners. The Charity Commissioners documentation lays down the management structure for the running of the hall.

Appointment of Trustees and Committee

The trust deed governs the appointment of trustees and the management of the charity

The Management Committee consist of four elected members, a booking secretary and representatives of groups who use the hall on a regular basis

The committee meet regularly to discuss the running of the hall, review funding and address any maintenance issues

Hiring Agreement

Use of the village hall is subject to a Hiring Agreement which must be signed by the hirer when booking. The hiring agreement sets out the conditions of hire and identifies the respective responsibilities of each party to the agreement.

Licences

The hall has a licence to serve alcohol and is licensed by the Performing Right Society for live and recorded music.

Risk Management

Insurance

The village hall is insured with respect to £1.58mn property damage (buildings insurance) by Ansva Insurance. It is insured with the same company with respect to contents (up to £47,542), public liability (£5mn) employers' liability (£10mn) and legal assistance (£250,000)

The Management Committee recognises that it is under a legal obligation to protect the building, its users and employees through adequate and appropriate insurance.

Building Issues

Portable electrical appliances are tested by qualified personnel annually.

Fire-fighting appliances are inspected annually.

A Fire Safety Risk Assessment is updated annually by the Committee's own Fire Safety Officer as required by law.

Volunteers from the Committee carry out other regular maintenance checks.

A crack has been discovered in the external wall of the Pumpkin Room. A claim for possible subsidence has been raised with the insurance company who have appointed an assessor to investigate the cause. The village hall is awaiting the report of this investigation.

Objectives of the Charity

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The Trustees consider these objectives to be consistent with Charity Commission guidance on providing for the public benefit as shown in the list of activities pursued this year.

Principal Activities in pursuit of Objectives

The hall is in use most days of the week for a variety of activities including pre-school play group, Cub Scouts, Table Tennis Club, Toddler Group, Pilates, Yoga, Amateur Dramatics, Film Club

The hall is available for hire for private functions including children's parties, wedding receptions, funeral teas, village social functions and occasional fundraising events

Funding Strategy

It is the strategy of the Trustees to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. The contributions made by users of the hall are set to achieve this.

2025 Achievements

Bookings for the hall in 2024 were good, with the funds used to maintain and improve the hall.

The trustees and committee have achieved the following:

- Completion of the kitchen refurbishment of the kitchen - started in 2024

Future Plans

The floor in the Pear Tree Room used by Play Aloud is sagging in places. Consideration is being given to repairing the floor once sufficient funds are available

Reserves Policy

The charity has £5,540 in the bank at year-end. The trustees aim to keep £4000 in reserve to cover unforeseen expenditure. Should the balance fall below this amount then the committee completes fundraising activity to replenish the account.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hooton', written on a white background. The signature is cursive and fluid.

Full name: Keith Hooton

Position: Treasurer

Date: 5th February 2026

Profit and Loss
Pirton Village Hall
January-December, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Sales Income - Lettings	17,669.00
4010 Other Income	1,080.50
4020 Bar rental	200.00
4030 Bar Income	2,763.28
4100 Storage income	534.00
4110 Craft Fair Income	3,422.00
Total for Income	£25,668.78
Gross Profit	
£25,668.78	
Expenses	
6000 Rates	676.56
6010 Water	1,982.06
6020 Electricity	3,442.23
6030 Gas	3,678.86
6040 Insurance	2,672.56
6050 Broadband	556.13
6060 Telephone	40.00
6070 Refuse Collection	1,489.93
6080 Office/General Administrative Expenses	228.00
6100 Cleaning	2,788.75
6110 Cleaning Materials	776.71
6120 Repair and maintenance	4,382.94
6130 Equipment Inspections	2,143.80
6140 Bar license	180.00
6150 Performing Rights License	238.24
6210 Kitchen Equipment	0.00
6230 Bar Equipment	479.00
6240 Bar Expenses	1,840.10
6500 Bank charges	43.26
Total for Expenses	£27,639.13
Net Operating Income	
-£1,970.35	
Other Income	
4300 Gifts and Donations	888.00
4310 HMRC Gift Aid	1,570.78
4370 Fund Raising Events	975.77
4600 Interest earned	13.72
Total for Other Income	£3,448.27
Other Expenses	
6300 Depreciation	2,774.43
6980 Other Expense	34.98
Total for Other Expenses	£2,809.41
Net Other Income	
£638.86	
Net Income	
-£1,331.49	

Balance Sheet
Pirton Village Hall
As of December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
1500 Furniture and Fixtures	£0.00
1502 Furniture	14,532.90
1505 Kitchen	15,967.11
Total for 1500 Furniture and Fixtures	£30,500.01
1510 Buildings	66,388.39
1710 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	£0.00
1712 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture	-13,757.90
1715 Accumulated Depreciation - Kitchen	-1,064.47
Total for 1710 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	-£14,822.37
1720 Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-11,568.22
Total for Tangible assets	£70,497.81
Total for Fixed Asset	£70,497.81
Cash at bank and in hand	
1000 HSBC Business Current Account	4,482.94
1100 Santander Savings Account	1,056.64
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	£5,539.58
Debtors	
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,322.25
Total for Debtors	£1,322.25
Current Assets	
1201 Undeposited Funds	0.00
1400 Utility Prepayments	
1410 Castle Water payments	0.00
1420 Octopus Energy payments	401.48
Total for 1400 Utility Prepayments	£401.48
Total for Current Assets	£401.48
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£7,263.31
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
2000 Accounts Payable	£0.00
2002 Castle Water	0.00
Total for 2000 Accounts Payable	£0.00
Total for Trade Creditors	£0.00
Current Liabilities	
2100 Prepayments and Customer Deposits	418.00
Total for Current Liabilities	£418.00
Total for Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£418.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£6,845.31
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£77,343.12
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£77,343.12

Grants and Donations, 2024

Description	Income	Expenditure
Car park resurfacing fund		
Income		
Balance brought forward	<u>£78.74</u>	
Total income	<u>£78.74</u>	
Expenditure		
Total expenditure		<u>£0.00</u>
Balance	<u>£78.74</u>	
Kitchen refurbishment fund		
Income		
Balance brought forward	<u>£4,875.46</u>	
Voluntary donations	<u>£888.00</u>	
Total income	<u>£5,763.46</u>	
Expenditure		
Contribution from village hall funds (from annual spend of £9188.83)		<u>£5,763.46</u>
Total expenditure		<u>£5,763.46</u>
Balance	<u>£0.00</u>	

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

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2. Fixed Assets & Depreciation

The original Village Hall building and any fittings therein have been completely depreciated over time.

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The expenditure on the kitchen refurbishment in 2025 has been capitalised in the accounts for 2025 and will be depreciated over a 15yr period. The Furniture and Fixtures fixed assets have been split to separate the existing Furniture fixed assets from the Kitchen fixed assets. This has been done in order to facilitate the depreciation of these assets over different time periods.

3. Remuneration of employees and/or trustees

The charity has no paid employees. No trustees received remuneration in relation to their activities for the charity.

4. Grants and Donations accounts

In 2025, the Village Hall received voluntary donations from village residents and organisations amounting to £880. This money, together with the balance of £6,778 from 2024, was spent on completion of the kitchen refurbishment work.

A balance of £78.74 from the grants and donations received towards resurfacing of the car park remains unspent from 2024. This money should be spent in 2026.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Pirton Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Pirton Village Hall (the Trust) 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name:

KJ Flack

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

AAT

Address:

27 Elbow Way, Basingbourn, Rayston
Herts SG8 5WJ

Date:

12/3/2026

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Risk Management

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2024 Achievements

Bookings for the hall in 2024 were good, with the funds used to maintain and improve the hall.

The trustees and committee have achieved the following:

- New door installed for Pirton Players
- Re-surfacing of the car park
- Refurbishment of the kitchen started – to be completed in 2025

Future Plans

Complete the refurbishment of the kitchen and appliances. This work has been largely funded by voluntary donations from village residents.

The floor in the Pear Tree Room used by Play Aloud is sagging in places. Consideration is being given to repairing the floor once sufficient funds are available

Reserves Policy

The charity has £11,310 in the bank at year-end. The trustees aim to keep £4000 in reserve to cover unforeseen expenditure. Should the balance fall below this amount then the committee completes fundraising activity to replenish the account.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

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Full name: Keith Hooton

Position: Treasurer

Date: 9th June 2025

Profit and Loss
Pirton Village Hall
January-December, 2024

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Sales Income - Lettings	18,021.25
4010 Other Income	1,799.00
4020 Bar rental	200.00
4030 Bar Income	3,273.96
4100 Storage income	528.50
4110 Craft Fair Income	1,145.00
Uncategorised Income	2.94
Total for Income	£24,970.65
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	£24,970.65
Expenses	
6000 Rates	299.40
6010 Water	2,856.44
6020 Electricity	3,071.84
6030 Gas	2,168.17
6040 Insurance	2,540.00
6050 Broadband	340.20
6060 Telephone	37.99
6070 Refuse Collection	1,418.69
6080 Office/General Administrative Expenses	192.80
6090 TV License	169.50
6100 Cleaning	3,102.50
6110 Cleaning Materials	929.45
6120 Repair and maintenance	8,323.22
6130 Equipment Inspections	557.98
6140 Bar license	180.00
6150 Performing Rights License	542.72
6210 Kitchen Equipment	
6220 Equipment	25.49
6230 Bar Equipment	342.43
6240 Bar Expenses	1,579.78
6500 Bank charges	65.20
Uncategorised Expense	2.00
Total for Expenses	£28,545.80
Net Operating Income	-£3,575.15
Other Income	
4200 Grants Received	3,505.00
4300 Gifts and Donations	11,575.00
4370 Fund Raising Events	1,485.65
4600 Interest earned	19.45
Total for Other Income	£16,585.10
Other Expenses	
6300 Depreciation	1,709.96
Total for Other Expenses	£1,709.96
Net Other Income	£14,875.14
Net Income	£11,299.99

Balance Sheet
Pirton Village Hall
As of December 31, 2024

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Called up share capital not paid	
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
1500 Furniture and Fixtures	0
1502 Furniture	14,532.90
1505 Kitchen	6,778.28
Total for 1500 Furniture and Fixtures	£21,311.18
1510 Buildings	66,388.39
1710 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	0
1712 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture	-13,707.90
Total for 1710 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	-£13,707.90
1720 Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-9,908.26
Total for Tangible assets	£64,083.41
Non-current Assets	
Total for Fixed Asset	£64,083.41
Cash at bank and in hand	
1000 HSBC Business Current Account	9,267.10
1100 Santander Savings Account	2,042.92
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	£11,310.02
Debtors	
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,619.50
Total for Debtors	£1,619.50
Current Assets	
1201 Undeposited Funds	
1400 Utility Prepayments	0
1410 Castle Water payments	
1420 Octopus Energy payments	1,886.68
Total for 1400 Utility Prepayments	£1,886.68
Total for Current Assets	£1,886.68
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£14,816.20
Prepayments and accrued income	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
2000 Accounts Payable	0
2002 Castle Water	
Total for 2000 Accounts Payable	0
Total for Trade Creditors	0
Credit Cards	

Grants and Donations, 2024

Description	Income	Expenditure
New door for Pirton Players fund		
Income		
Balance brought forward	£0.00	
S106 grant - NHDC	£2,905.00	
Contribution from village hall funds	£62.60	
Total income	£2,967.60	
Expenditure		
Broadfields invoice 642_24		£2,967.60
Total expenditure		£2,967.60
Balance	£0.00	
Car park resurfacing fund		
Income		
Balance brought forward	£0.00	
S106 grant - NHDC	£600.00	
Total income	£600.00	
Expenditure		
Darren Simmons invoice 1525		£400.00
Roller hire		£121.26
Total expenditure		£521.26
Balance	£78.74	
Kitchen refurbishment fund		
Income		
Balance brought forward	£0.00	
Voluntary donations	£11,575.00	
Total income	£11,575.00	
Expenditure		
Kitchen refurbishment (capitalised)		£6,778.28
Total expenditure		£6,778.28
Balance	£4,796.72	

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The expenditure on the kitchen refurbishment in 2024 has been capitalised in the accounts for 2024 and will be depreciated over a 15yr period once the work is complete in 2025. The Furniture and Fixtures fixed assets have therefore been split to separate the existing Furniture fixed assets from the new Kitchen fixed assets. This has been done in order to facilitate the depreciation of these assets over different time periods.

3. Remuneration of employees and/or trustees

The charity has no paid employees. No trustees received remuneration in relation to their activities for the charity.

4. Grants and Donations accounts

In 2024, the Village Hall received an S106 Grant of £2,905 from North Herts District Council for construction of a new door for use by Pirton Players. This money was fully spent on construction of this facility.

In 2024, the Village Hall received a 2nd S106 Grant of £600 from North Herts District Council for re-surfacing of the car park. £521 of this money was spent on the resurfacing work, with the remainder to be spent in 2025.

In 2024, the Village Hall received voluntary donations from village residents and organisations amounting to £11,575. £6,778 of this money was spent on the refurbishment work, with the remainder to be spent in 2025.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Pirton Village Hall

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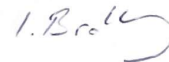
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Signed: 

Name: I. BRAKENBURY

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: HANSCOMBE COTTAGE, SGS 3QJ

Date: 6-JUN-2025

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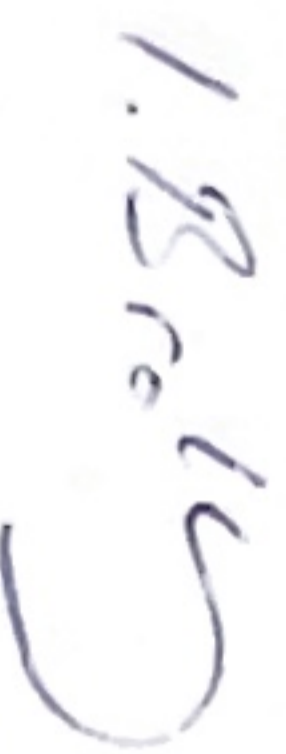
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Date: 6-JUN-2025

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Mr Keith Hooton - Treasurer
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- Floor in the main hall sanded and varnished
- Tarmac of the driveway

- Replace Play Aloud floor and fire door
- Replaced kitchen shutter and motor

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full name: Keith Hooton
Position: Treasurer
Date: 29 February 2024

Pirton Village Hall

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Sales Income - Lettings	17,797.00
4010 Other Income	1,958.30
4030 Bar Income	1,473.47
4100 Storage Income	317.50
4110 Craft Fair Income	165.00
Total Income	£21,711.27
GROSS PROFIT	£21,711.27
Expenses	
6000 Rates	339.40
6010 Water	1,335.46
6020 Electricity	2,057.80
6030 Gas	2,288.00
6040 Insurance	2,428.77
6050 Broadband	412.64
6060 Telephone	59.94
6070 Refuse Collection	1,409.20
6080 Office/General Administrative Expenses	72.00
6090 TV License	159.00
6100 Cleaning	3,203.40
6110 Cleaning Materials	1,523.02
6120 Repair and maintenance	13,440.68
6130 Equipment Inspections	227.98
6140 Bar license	180.00
6150 Performing Rights License	254.20
6200 Other Miscellaneous Service Cost	550.00
6240 Bar Expenses	1,623.12
6250 Charitable Donations	60.00
6500 Bank charges	78.98
6600 Bad debts	130.00
Total Expenses	£31,833.59
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -10,122.32
Other Income	
4200 Grants Received	5,200.00
4300 Gifts and Donations	40.00
4370 Fund Raising Events	3,640.06
4600 Interest earned	14.07
Total Other Income	£8,894.13
Other Expenses	
6300 Depreciation	1,709.96
Total Other Expenses	£1,709.96
NET OTHER INCOME	£7,184.17
NET INCOME	£ -2,938.15

Pirton Village Hall

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
1500 Furniture and Fixtures	14,532.90
1510 Buildings	66,388.39
1710 Accumulated Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment	-13,657.90
1720 Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-8,248.30
Total Tangible assets	£59,015.09
Total Fixed Asset	£59,015.09
Cash at bank and in hand	
1000 HSBC Business Current Account	4,956.47
1100 Santander Savings Account	2,023.47
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£6,979.94
Debtors	
1200 Accounts Receivable	1,821.50
Total Debtors	£1,821.50
Current Assets	
1201 Undeposited Funds	0.00
1400 Utility Prepayments	0.00
1410 Castle Water payments	0.00
Total 1400 Utility Prepayments	0.00
Total Current Assets	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£8,801.44
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
2000 Accounts Payable	0.00
2002 Castle Water	115.41
Total 2000 Accounts Payable	115.41
Total Trade Creditors	£115.41
Current Liabilities	
2100 Prepayments and Customer Deposits	326.50
Total Current Liabilities	£326.50
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£441.91
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£8,359.53
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£67,374.62
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£67,374.62
Capital and Reserves	
3201 Unrestricted Net Assets	72,687.59
Opening Balance Equity	2,128.56
Retained Earnings	-4,503.38
Profit for the year	-2,938.15
Total Capital and Reserves	£67,374.62

Notes to the Accounts

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Signed: 

Name: IAN BRAKENBURY

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: HANSCOMBE COTTAGE
SHILINGTON ROAD
PIRTON SG5 7Q5

Date: 1/3/24

PIRTON VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 302444

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report
1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

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Bookings for the hall in 2022 recovered well from the periods of lockdown due to the Covid pandemic, with the funds used to maintain and improve the hall.

The trustees and committee have achieved the following:

- New website to support with advertising the hall
- HIVE heating system installed for remote control

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- Carpet in the hallway/foyer replaced
- Black out blinds installed in the main hall
- Replaced fire alarm
- Repair of expansion tank leak

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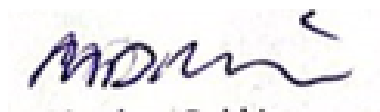
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Full name: Matthew Robbins

Position: Treasurer

Date: 30 October 2023

Pirton Village Hall

Statement of Financial Activities:

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December 2022

	2021	2022
Income		
Hire of Hall	9305	18931
Storage	148	315
Bar Income	1267	3742
Craft Fair	1080	1617
Grants Received	5000	0
Gifts & Donations	0	20
Fund Raising Events	1010	2684
Interest income	0	2
Total Income	<u>17810</u>	<u>27311</u>
Expenditure		
Rates	395	851
Water	1684	2652
Electricity	1727	1932
Gas	1654	2431
Insurance	2203	2277
Telephone & Broadband	301	503
Refuse collection	886	940
Cleaning	964	2533
Cleaning Materials	311	1001
Repairs & Maintenance	1516	9875
Equipment inspections	510	256
Bar license	180	180
Performing Rights License	376	295
Bar Services & Expenses	1255	3344
Miscellaneous	1633	559
Kitchen & Bar Equipment	901	0
Depreciation	1685	1685
Bank Charges	0	75
Professional Fees	0	0
Total Expenditure	<u>18181</u>	<u>31389</u>
Net Surplus	<u>-371</u>	<u>-4078</u>

Pirton Village Hall
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	2021	2022
Assets		
Furniture & Fittings	14533	14533
Buildings	66388	66388
Accumulated Depreciation	-18511	-20196
Fixed Assets	<u>62410</u>	<u>60725</u>
Accounts Receivable	1338	1024
Undeposited Funds	0	0
Current Account	12308	8050
Savings Account	8	2009
Total cash at bank & in hand	<u>12315</u>	<u>10060</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>6054</u>	<u>6055</u>
Total Assets	68464	66780
Accounts Payable	958	874
Prepayments	659	567
Current Liabilities	<u>1617</u>	<u>1441</u>
Net Current Assets	4437	4614
Net Assets	66847	65339
Accumulated Surplus	66847	65339

Pirton Village Hall
Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022

Net income for year	-371	-4078
Depreciation	1685	1685
Accounts receivable	-867	314
Accounts payable	360	-84
Prepayments	378	-92
Net cash from Operating Activities	<u>1186</u>	<u>-2255</u>
Capital Expenditure (bar extension)	0	0
Change in cash for the period	1186	-2255
Cash at beginning of period	11130	12315
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29-OCT-2023