

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS
AND SPORTS COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

When planning its activities the charity keeps in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of the two village halls and various sports facilities for the use of the Parish of Biddenden including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.

Public benefit

As a Charitable Trust, the Trustees have an obligation to the local community to provide a public benefit and this obligation is paramount in the management of the Hall and Sports facilities under their management. The Trustees aim to maintain the facilities to a good standard, and hold letting rates down as long as possible, taking account of the cash reserves policy. By their actions the Trustees feel that they are complying with their duty to provide public benefit in accordance with the guidance given by the Charity Commission. They continue to explore other ways of providing the required benefits.

Significant activities

The halls, changing rooms and rifle range are rented out to twenty clubs and groups on a regular basis, as well as being used for private functions. The bowling green, squash courts, and tennis courts are rented out to the clubs on longer term rental agreements. Rental agreements are now in place for the six years from 1 April 2020 to 4 May 2026. These allow users access to the facilities subject to agreement with BVHSC and payment of rent.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Financial summary

VHSC had an operating deficit of £5,957 for the year (2022, surplus of £12,669).

During the year halls rents received were £20,116 (2022, £16,000). The increase reflects a 10% increase in rental charges, and greater activity (particularly children's parties). Hall use returning to pre pandemic levels.

VHSC received the following donation:

History Society	£250.00
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Three restricted donations were received during the year:

Biddenden Parish Council: Bowls Club Edging Project	£5,000.00
ABC Community Grant	£10,000.00
KCC Village and Community Hall Grant	£16,000.00

The Biddenden Parish council grant of £5,000 was a contribution to the Bowls Club Edging Project. This project was managed by Biddenden Bowls Club. The funds were passed onto the Bowls Club once the project was completed in March 2023.

The ABC and KCC grants were awarded to fund the replacement of windows in the Old and New Halls. This work took place in August 2022 and February 2023. Additional grant funding (£3,000) for this project was received in 2021/22.

We are most grateful to Biddenden Parish Council, Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council for their generous support.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds carried forward amount to £48,261, with a further £25,307 being held for repair and maintenance work on the bowls, squash and tennis facilities. These funds will be used to fund both routine maintenance and larger repair projects such as resurfacing the tennis courts.

The trustees regularly monitor reserves and endeavour to ensure that sufficient funds are available for current operating expenses and other expenditure specifically identified.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of gift dated 6 January 1908, and rules and regulations made and passed on 26 November 1964, as amended by scheme of 3 December 1997. The charity constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Interested clubs and societies from the village are encouraged to have representatives on the Committee, together with village representatives willing to put themselves forward.

Appointments are approved by the Committee.

Decision making

At the periodic trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of income and expenditure, reserves and risk management policies and performance. The Trust's policies as regards to Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Environment, Risk Management, Privacy, and Data Protection are reviewed and agreed annually.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 5 and 12 to the accounts.

The trustees hold four regular meetings a year, and ad hoc meetings as and when required.

The following officers were elected following the 2022 AGM held on 16th August 2022:

Tom Lupton	Chair
Jerry Slinn	Vice Chair
Jo Piper	Secretary
Yashvant Shah	Treasurer

Richard Harris, Heather Passmore, Colin Rice and Mary Smith stood down as committee members at the AGM. Michael Metcalfe resigned on 20th October 2022, and Ron King resigned on 31st January 2023. We are most grateful for their contribution.

The following were elected to the committee during the year: Mrs Deirdre Harrop (appointed 20/10/22), David Stone (appointed 20/10/22), Mrs Tara Aikman (appointed 19/1/23), Geoff Down (appointed 19/1/23) and Geoff Rose (appointed 27/4/23).

Mrs Felicity Brockman continued in her role of day-to-day management of the Halls as caretaker and looking after bookings.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are given an introductory pack detailing the responsibilities of trustees. On appointment, new trustees sign a trustee declaration statement committing them to giving of their time and expertise. The welcome pack includes a copy of the governing Trust Deed, trustee board and sub-committee minutes, a copy of the last years 'annual reports and accounts', and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know' and Public Benefit: running a charity' and are required to sign their acceptance of the provisions of the Data Protection Policy.

New trustees are usually representing local interest groups, and therefore training as a Committee member is through attendance at meetings. Committee members are encouraged to attend training sessions organised by Action for Communities in Rural Kent.

Risk Assessment

During the year a risk assessment for the charity was carried out. This reviewed all the identified risks the charity was exposed to.

In respect of children and other vulnerable persons or groups the charity has a Safeguarding Policy in place. This ensures, where relevant, that the bodies or persons which use the facilities under its management have adequate measures in place to keep them from harm and abuse.

In other respects the trustees are conscious of the importance of compliance and take such steps as are necessary to avoid failure to do so.

A long-term risk is that the halls and sports facilities are well used, and that the rental income generated is enough to cover routine repairs and maintenance costs. Activities to increase use of the facilities include the use of the website and working with user groups to implement the Long-Term Improvement and Development Plan. The Committee recognises that any major improvement work will depend on obtaining grant finance.

During the year utility costs increased significantly (Electricity 120%, Gas 125%). It is hoped the new hall windows will reduce gas consumption, and LED lights have been fitted in the halls to reduce electricity consumption. The situation is being monitored, but it is hoped costs will reduce when the tariffs are renewed.

No serious incident or other such matter occurred during the year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Long Term Improvement and Development Programme (LTIDP)

In addition to routine maintenance work at all the facilities the following LTIDP project were implemented in 2022/23:

Bowls Club - the bowls green edges were replaced. This major project (total cost £38,000) was managed by the Biddenden Bowls Club. VHSC obtained a grant of £5,000 from Biddenden Parish Council towards this work, and £1,000 was funded from VHSC Bowls Club restricted funds. The balance of the cost was met from Biddenden Bowls Club funds, and grants and loans they obtained.

Replacement Old and New Hall Windows.

Health and Safety

The charity has a health and safety policy, and health and safety is discussed at all BVHSC meetings. Routine electrical, fire and general inspections are carried out and recorded.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
302684

BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Principal address
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Trustees
T Lupton
J Slinn
Mrs M Smith (resigned 16/8/22)
Mrs M Farris
R Harris (resigned 16/8/22)
Mrs E Rickwood
Mrs L Lidgett
H Richards
C Rice (resigned 16/8/22)
C Thomas
H R Passmore (resigned 18/8/22)
Mrs J Oatway
M S Butterworth
Y Shah
R King (resigned 31/1/23)
Mrs J Piper
P Tester
M Metcalfe (resigned 20/10/22)
Mrs D Harrop (appointed 20/10/22)
D Stone (appointed 20/10/22)
Mrs T Aikman (appointed 19/1/23)
G Down (appointed 19/1/23)
G Rose (appointed 27/4/23)

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THANKS

VHSC is most grateful for the co-operation and support it gets from its users.

I would like to record thanks to the Officers and Committee for their support over the last 12 months.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

T Lupton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Miss Samantha Whiting FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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1 August 2023

BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and grants		5,249	26,000	31,249	15,810
Charitable activities					
Property & halls management		28,581	-	28,581	21,341
Bowls Club		-	840	840	796
Squash Club		-	2,580	2,580	2,446
Tennis Club		-	2,181	2,181	2,068
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	479
Investment income	4	150	-	150	3
Total		<u>33,980</u>	<u>31,601</u>	<u>65,581</u>	<u>42,943</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Property & halls management		32,378	33,215	65,593	21,746
Bowls Club		-	4,045	4,045	806
Squash Club		-	1,166	1,166	2,900
Tennis Club		-	-	-	3,768
Other		734	-	734	1,054
Total		<u>33,112</u>	<u>38,426</u>	<u>71,538</u>	<u>30,274</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		868	(6,825)	(5,957)	12,669
Transfers between funds	11	<u>(4,215)</u>	<u>4,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(3,347)	(2,610)	(5,957)	12,669
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		51,608	27,917	79,525	66,856
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>48,261</u>	<u>25,307</u>	<u>73,568</u>	<u>79,525</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS
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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	11,492	-	11,492	12,097
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	6,538	-	6,538	3,981
Cash at bank		35,435	25,307	60,742	67,121
		<u>41,973</u>	<u>25,307</u>	<u>67,280</u>	<u>71,102</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,204)	-	(5,204)	(3,674)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,769</u>	<u>25,307</u>	<u>62,076</u>	<u>67,428</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		48,261	25,307	73,568	79,525
NET ASSETS		<u>48,261</u>	<u>25,307</u>	<u>73,568</u>	<u>79,525</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				48,261	51,608
Restricted funds				25,307	27,917
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>73,568</u>	<u>79,525</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

T Lupton - Trustee

Y Shah - Trustee

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee is an unincorporated charitable , registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal office address can be found in the reference and administrative details in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

No amounts are included in these accounts for the services donated by volunteers.

Income from the hire of halls and rents and contributions to utilities and repairs from Sports Clubs is accounted for in the period in which it arises.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure represents the costs of maintaining the property and furthering the objects of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and consequently all costs include VAT where applicable.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Buildings & improvements - 5% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds represent unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a particular future purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Grant income recognition

Grant income has been recognised under the performance model.

Grants that do not specify any future performance-related conditions are recorded when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Any grant that imposes specified future performance-related conditions is recognised only when the performance-related conditions are met. Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
CJRS monies	-	479
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	150	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Bookings and administration	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and grants	11,463	4,347	15,810
Charitable activities			
Property & halls management	21,341	-	21,341
Bowls Club	-	796	796
Squash Club	-	2,446	2,446
Tennis Club	-	2,068	2,068
Other trading activities	479	-	479
Investment income	3	-	3
Total	<u>33,286</u>	<u>9,657</u>	<u>42,943</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Property & halls management	18,687	3,059	21,746
Bowls Club	806	-	806
Squash Club	2,681	219	2,900
Tennis Club	1,004	2,764	3,768
Other	1,054	-	1,054
Total	<u>24,232</u>	<u>6,042</u>	<u>30,274</u>
NET INCOME	9,054	3,615	12,669
Transfers between funds	200	(200)	-
Net movement in funds	9,254	3,415	12,669
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	42,354	24,502	66,856
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>51,608</u>	<u>27,917</u>	<u>79,525</u>

The information shown above reflects the prior year comparatives figures split between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds for the amounts shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings & improvements £
COST	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>39,028</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022	26,931
Charge for year	<u>605</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,536</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>11,492</u></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u><u>12,097</u></u>

The freehold land owned by the charity was acquired as a gift more than 20 years ago and therefore has no cost. This comprises the original Village Hall and the new Village Hall. The insured value of the buildings is in the region of £730,000.

The Pavilion (Changing Rooms and Squash Courts) and the Tennis Courts, are subject to leases dated 4 August 1997 running to 5 May 2026, renewable for a further 21 years thereafter. The rent is 5pence per annum, if demanded.

The Bowls facilities are subject to a lease dated 10 August 1999 and running to 5 May 2026, renewable for a further 21 years thereafter. The rent is 5pence per annum, if demanded.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>6,538</u>	<u>3,981</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>5,204</u>	<u>3,674</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	51,608	868	(4,215)	48,261
Restricted funds				
Tennis Club	11,374	2,181	-	13,555
Squash Club	9,755	1,414	-	11,169
Bowls Club	3,788	(3,205)	-	583
Windows	3,000	(7,215)	4,215	-
	<u>27,917</u>	<u>(6,825)</u>	<u>4,215</u>	<u>25,307</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,525</u>	<u>(5,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,568</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,980	(33,112)	868
Restricted funds			
Tennis Club	2,181	-	2,181
Squash Club	2,580	(1,166)	1,414
Bowls Club	840	(4,045)	(3,205)
Windows	26,000	(33,215)	(7,215)
	<u>31,601</u>	<u>(38,426)</u>	<u>(6,825)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,581</u>	<u>(71,538)</u>	<u>(5,957)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,354	9,054	200	51,608
Restricted funds				
Tennis Club	12,070	(696)	-	11,374
Squash Club	6,182	3,573	-	9,755
Bowls Club	2,991	797	-	3,788
Tennis Club Fence	3,059	(3,059)	-	-
Biddenden Strummers	200	-	(200)	-
Windows	-	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>24,502</u>	<u>3,615</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>27,917</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,856</u>	<u>12,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,525</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,286	(24,232)	9,054
Restricted funds			
Tennis Club	2,068	(2,764)	(696)
Squash Club	3,792	(219)	3,573
Bowls Club	797	-	797
Tennis Club Fence	-	(3,059)	(3,059)
Windows	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>9,657</u>	<u>(6,042)</u>	<u>3,615</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>42,943</u>	<u>(30,274)</u>	<u>12,669</u>

Restricted funds represent amounts received from each of the Bowls Club, Squash Club and Tennis Club by way of an agreed rent charge. Maintenance of each Club's property is met from these funds.

The trustees deem these to be Preserved Funds for the benefit of the Clubs who have paid over the money. In this regard, they are considered Restricted Funds as they can be used for no other purpose without the express permission of the Club concerned.

A restricted fund was created during 2021/22 for the replacement of the hall windows and includes grants received for this project. These funds have been spent in the year.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the Board of Trustees.