

Offham Village Hall Management committee
AGM 9th April 2025
Trustees report

The hall continues to be a much-loved and vibrant hub of community life, with a rich and varied programme of activities taking place every week. Our regular hirers bring such energy and enthusiasm, and it's been especially rewarding to see the cinema club going from strength to strength, along with the ever-popular weekend parties for children.

We recently introduced a hirers' log book following a helpful suggestion, and it's already proving to be a great way to share feedback and keep communication flowing.

In April 2024, we made the necessary decision to raise our hire rates in response to the rising cost of upkeep, ensuring the hall remains in great condition for years to come. We're pleased to confirm there are no further increases planned for this year, and we will review the rates again in 2026.

We're also thrilled that the village pub continues to host events in the hall—these collaborations are a real highlight and help strengthen the wonderful sense of community that Offham is known for.

October's Steam Rally was once again a lively and exciting time for the hall. Although the weather didn't quite cooperate, the event still brought in excellent support, with hearty breakfasts and homemade cakes selling brilliantly—making it a successful and enjoyable fundraiser. Huge thanks go to our amazing Offham bakers for their generosity and effort. This year, we trialed a new stall format, and although it wasn't quite the right fit, it provided us with valuable insight. In 2025, we'll return to our tried-and-tested mix of local business stalls, bric-a-brac, and second-hand items—an approach that's always been popular and captures the friendly, community feel of the event.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the incredible volunteers who support both the cinema club and the Steam Rally. These events simply couldn't happen without you, and your time, energy, and spirit are what make Offham such a special place to live.

We were delighted to receive a £1,000 stipend from the Parish Council in 2024, having proudly supported the village playground project by waiving it in 2023. We're also deeply grateful to May Day for their generous donation of £750, and

to Open House for their kind contribution of £200. Every donation makes a real and lasting impact, and we're incredibly thankful for this continued support.

This year saw us carry out several important maintenance works, including resurfacing the main hall floor, replacing the kitchen boiler, and repairing storm damage to the roof. With the addition of drain rods and the hands-on help of our wonderful maintenance volunteers, we've also successfully tackled some persistent drainage issues without having to resort to much more expensive outside contractors. Thank you all for your invaluable help.

We were excited to introduce a new initiative this year: welcome events for new village residents, held at the local pub. These gatherings have been a fantastic way to meet newcomers, help them connect with one another, and share all that the hall and village have to offer. They've been a real success, and we look forward to hosting more in the months ahead.

We're delighted to report that the hall is as busy, welcoming, and well-used as ever. It continues to stand at the heart of Offham's community life—both physically and emotionally. Thanks to the dedication of a truly outstanding committee, the hall remains in excellent condition and on firm financial footing. I'm enormously proud of all we've achieved together, and it's been a genuine honour to be part of such a passionate and hardworking team.

As I step down after ten incredibly fulfilling years on the committee, I do so with a deep sense of pride and gratitude. It's been a privilege to contribute to the hall's journey and to be part of something so meaningful within the village. I have every confidence in the new committee, whose fresh ideas and enthusiasm will continue to take the hall forward. I'll remain a supportive presence as a volunteer and trustee and look forward to seeing what's next.

Janette Burnard (Chair)

OFFHAM VILLAGE HALL

Income and Expenditure 2024

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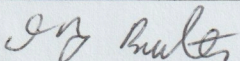
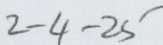
	2024	2023
	£	£
Hire (regular)	21,063	18,394
Hire (casual)	2,406	3,829
Fundraising - Gross	9,232	7,795
Donation Offham PC	1,000	1,000
Other Donations	300	0
Bank Interest	907	645
Key Deposits (Net)	25	0
Total Receipts	34,933	31,663

PAYMENTS

Fundraising Expenses	3,148	3,437
Cleaning	5,230	5,770
Gas	3,261	2,634
Electricity	-89	3,929
Water	534	235
Maintenance/Servicing	6,825	7,262
Business Rates	132	127
Insurance	2,023	1,908
Bank Charges	44	51
Licences	886	668
Land Registry	0	1,018
Car Park	0	17,466
Garage Doors	1,868	0
Cinema Equipment	0	1,947
Defibrillator	0	400
General Purchases	1,158	753
Equipment	149	55
Postage/Stationery	0	29
Sundry	0	14
Broadband	375	443
Gifts	143	60
Total Expenses	25,689	48,206
Surplus/Deficit	9,244	-16,543

Signed by: Ian Butler: Treasurer

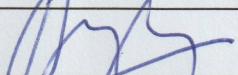
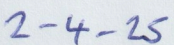
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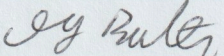



ASSETS**2024****2023**

	£	£
Total Current Assets at 1/1/24	32,431.02	48,974
Add Receipts	34,933	31,663
Less Payments	25,689	48,206
Total Current Assets at 31/12/24	41,675	32,431
Represented by		
Current Account	19,620	10,156
Special Projects Account	0	0
Deposit Account	21,955	21,047
Cash	100	100
Debtors	0	1,128
Total	41,675	32,431

Signed by: **Ian Butler: Treasurer**

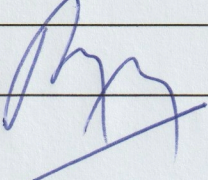
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