

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 304830

Details

Other names VILLAGE HALL (WALDRINGFIELD)

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-03-05

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

Contact

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School Lane
Waldringfield
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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL

Activities: The Charity runs the community building for the use of the residents of the Parish of Waldringfield. The hall offers wonderful modern facilities for all sorts of activities of various groups in the village for the residents of the village. The charity is responsible for the day to day running, maintenance and compliance of the building on behalf of the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WALDRINGFIELD AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£36,994	£23,051	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,764	£31,196	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,409	£21,174	-	-
2022-03-31	£31,521	£20,683	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,755	£12,362	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip Hall	Chair	2020-10-06
Amanda Sims		2024-04-01
John Nayler		2019-12-09
Joyce Kay Forsdike		2017-06-12
Marian Joan Bradley		2017-06-12
Nigel Graham King		2016-06-06
SERENA GOLD		2025-06-17
Sarah Joy Wood		2016-06-06
TONY LYON		2011-11-18

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Trustees' annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and administration details

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Charity's principal address

School Lane, Waldringfield, Woodbridge, IP12 4QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Marian Bradley Bookings Secretary

Joyce Forsdike Vice-Chair

Philip Hall Chair

Nigel King

Tony Lyon

Amanda Sims Treasurer

John Nayler

Nigel Shore

Sarah Wood Minutes Secretary

Volunteers who serve on the management committee

Louise Brearey, Christine Lyon (until October 2024)

Waldringfield Parish Council representative on the management committee

Nigel Shore

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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As Chairman of the Village Hall Trust, one of my greatest pleasures is in seeing the Hall so well used, with such a wide variety of activities taking place, all for the benefit of local residents. Growing up as a 'townie' the value of village halls to the fabric of our society passed me by and it wasn't until I moved to Waldringfield some 10 years ago that I began to appreciate their importance.

Of course, not all villages can boast a village hall as fine as Waldringfield's. It is hard to believe that the 'new' village hall will be 25 years old in October 2026. The new Village Hall would not have happened without the dedication, efforts, skills and financial support of many, many residents. We have all seen Grand Designs and know from our own experiences how even small building projects can go awry. It is a testament to the committee at the time that they managed to get so many things right and so in our 25th anniversary year in 2026 we plan to celebrate their achievement.

However well built, things eventually wear out and need replacing. We recently applied to the National Lottery for a grant to help with various improvements and were turned down, sadly. We submitted a revised application and heard following the year end that we were successful in attaining a grant of £10,000 towards refurbishment works. We are very grateful to the National Lottery for granting us this award.

A priority is to improve the storage facilities. Planning for this work is in hand. We also want to improve the soundproofing to the doors between the Kennedy Room and the Deben Hall; then to provide a new kitchen hatch. Providing a new kitchen hatch is easier said than done. The existing one acts as a fire break. So, if there were a fire in the kitchen, the hatch is

programmed to drop automatically, thereby preventing the spread of fire into the Deben Hall. Our current thinking is therefore to leave the existing hatch in place in the upright position and to have a new wooden hatch built on the front. The aim is to make it easier to operate and to have a hatch that does not rattle. At the time of writing we are in the process of having one designed.

We also want to replace the curtains. They have done a sterling service but are nearing the end of their useful life.

Over the next few years, we will also have to look to replace the boiler and refurbish the kitchen. The nature of the building means that it is not feasible to have an air source heat pump fitted.

Recent events such as the cost-of-living crisis have highlighted the enduring social importance of village halls like ours in bringing people together. The monthly coffee mornings provide an opportunity for residents to meet and socialise and they continue to be as popular as ever. A tremendous amount of work goes into making these the success they are, both front of house and in the kitchen; and the quality of the home-made cakes is legendary. Our thanks go to Chris Lyon and the whole of the coffee team for their tireless and continuing efforts.

The relationship between the Parish Council and the Village Hall is an important one. We are very grateful for the £500 annual grant and for having a Parish Council representative on the Committee. The warm room initiative, sponsored by the Parish Council, has proven increasingly popular and like the coffee mornings provides an opportunity for residents to socialise, helping to combat social isolation and loneliness. Thanks go to all the volunteers for making this possible.

Christine Lyon organised a very successful Quiz night in November. This was no Harvest Supper this year. As an alternative, Force Eight, a relative newcomer to Waldringfield's music scene performed in January and were a sell-out success. It was thrilling to see both young and old dancing away.

Slightly out of season in March we were entertained by another hugely successful and sell-out panto, scripted by Gareth Thomas. The Panto takes a lot of organisation and effort which is much appreciated. It was pleasing to see so many people turn up on Sunday morning to help clear up. The next panto is likely to be in the Autumn of 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin Reid for organising a magnificent series of Winter Talks. This year's were in my opinion the best ever. Thanks also should go to the speakers who give such amazing talks. We have a village of many talents.

Despite the cost-of-living crisis, residents continue to be extremely generous in their donations, often anonymous; and in their support for our various fund-raising efforts, including the Village Hall Lottery, promoted by Nigel King and helped by a raft of collectors.

2026 will mark the 60th anniversary of the start of the first Village Hall Lottery. I feel another celebration is in order!

I am fortunate as Chair to be supported by a dedicated team of Committee Members and our partners. Marian Bradley does a sterling job as Bookings Secretary, likewise Amanda Sims as Treasurer; Joyce Forsdike has taken responsibility for overseeing the cleaning contract; John Nayler and Tony Lyon manage maintenance and Louise Brearey ensures that we are compliant with our health and safety obligations.

The relationship with Waldringfield School is an important one. We are grateful to Sarah Wood for her work as Minutes Secretary and for her work in publishing 'Focus Magazine', which highlights what's on at the Village Hall and is distributed by volunteers to all households in Waldringfield.

We are grateful to David Ward for ensuring the bins are emptied regularly, to Ann Stock for ordering our supplies and to Simon Couchman for keeping the grounds tidy and presentable. We are delighted to welcome Rhiannon Fancett as our new cleaner, she is doing a sterling job.

We are enormously grateful to Will Green for agreeing to be our Independent Examiner for a second year and for his diligence in carrying out this task.

Running the Village Hall is very much a team effort. We rely on volunteers coming forward to help in whatever way they can. The Village Hall is not sustainable if it relies on a few people doing a lot. It is sustainable if we can draw on a lot of people doing relatively little, which they can fit around their other commitments. I am grateful to the several people who came forward following my appeal for volunteers in the Parish Magazine. Not everyone is familiar with how the Village Hall works so we are in the process of devising a training plan for new volunteers to show them how it all works. We would like more volunteers. The more the merrier, to ensure that the Village Hall can continue to inform and entertain the residents of Waldringfield for the next 25 years.

Financial Review

We are pleased to report that the Trust continues in robust financial health, notwithstanding the economic challenges that we, like all organisations, face.

Thanks to our excellent Bookings Secretary, Marian Bradley, income from bookings in the year reached a total of £21,627, compared to £16,695 in the previous year. The paperwork involved and the time taken liaising with hirers is considerable and we are extremely lucky to have such a committed individual as a Trustee.

Our thanks also go to our Treasurer, Amanda Sims, for taking on the role and for her diligence in keeping our finances in good order.

Waldringfield may be a small village, but it has a heart much bigger than its resident numbers would suggest. The income from the Village Hall Lottery does much to support the ongoing improvements to the Village Hall thanks to Nigel King, the Lottery's Promoter, and his willing band of volunteers. Despite the cost of living crisis, gross income from lottery proceeds remains robust at £3,668, with net income after prizes and administrative costs of £1,880.

Fund raising events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings, the Quiz night, Winter Party and various talks, raised a total of £9,086 compared to £7,210 in the previous year. Our thanks go to all those involved for the considerable efforts that go into making them the success that they are.

We are very grateful to the £1,053 in donations from various individuals. It is a sign of how much people value the Village Hall.

Our total income this year of £36,994 is up substantially on the previous year adjusting for last year's lottery grant. Our expenditure shows a drop, largely due to deferred maintenance costs. This is due to expenditure being delayed awaiting the decision from the National Lottery. Now that a grant of £10,000 has been received, maintenance and capital expenditure in the 2025/6 financial year is set to increase by over £20,000.

The net surplus of income over expenditure in the financial year increased to £13,944, which will support the increased expenditure budgeted for 2025/6.

With a continuing strong balance sheet, we believe that the Trust should be able to continue to deliver on its charitable objectives for the coming financial year, barring any unforeseen catastrophic events.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The cash at bank at 31 March 2025 was £104,478 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from hiring of the Hall. The funds are held to cover 12 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income from closure of the Hall and to meet future capital expenditure plans, (see below), and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Future Plans

The 'new' Village Hall is over 20 years old and is in need of continuing expenditure to ensure that it remains attractive to hirers and a facility of which the whole village can be proud. We are mindful that over the medium term the kitchen will need replacing, as will the boiler and the car park will need resurfacing. Over the coming year we will start to draw up plans in this regard.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name: Philip Charles Leonard Hall

Position: Chairman

Date: 15th June 2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of:

Waldringfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended :

31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

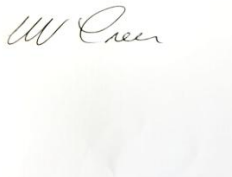
Independent examiner's statement

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.

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Will Green', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Name: Will Green

Date: 14th July 2025

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2025

Waldringfield Village Hall Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March

	2024		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Hall lettings		£16,695		£21,627
Fund raising events		£7,210		£9,086
Lottery income	£3,685		£3,668	
Lottery prizes	<u>-£1,788</u>		<u>£(1,788)</u>	
Lottery net income		<u>£1,897</u>		<u>£1,880</u>
		£25,802		£32,592
Parish council grant	£500		£0	
Lottery grant	£10,000		£0	
Donations	£763		£1,053	
Bank interest	£1,396		£2,374	
Electricity generation	£964		£975.09	
Miscellaneous	<u>£340</u>		<u>£0</u>	
		£13,962		£4,402
Total income		£39,764		£36,994
Expenses				
Heat, light and water	£5,893		£3,811	
Council Tax	£153		£179	
Cleaning	£3,772		£3,258	
Telephone & broadband	£755		£894	
Insurance	£1,123		£1,231	
Maintenance	£11,052		£3,640	
Licences, health & safety	£1,352		£897	
Stationery & consumables	£552		£1,036	
Fund raising	£2,099		£3,513	
Presents and entertaining	£16		81	
Donations	£0		-	
Depreciation	£4,428		£4,511	
Miscellaneous			£0	
Total expenses		£31,196		£23,051
Net surplus of income over expenses for the year		£8,568		£13,944
Bank balance				£1,660.33
Instant access				£29,049.70
Term account				£32,432.32
Term account				£41,336.34
				<u>£104,478.69</u>

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025

Waldringfield Village Hall Trust
Registered Charity 304830

Balance Sheet

As at	31st March 24		31st March 25	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Village Hall		£346,872		£346,872
Furniture and Equipment (note 2)		<u>£26,761</u>		<u>£22,730</u>
			£373,633	£369,602
Current assets				
Stock of heating oil	£788		£680	
Current account	£1,894		£1,660	
Savings	£23,286		£29,050	
Call account	£31,648		£32,432	
95-day account	£30,010		£41,336	
Petty cash	<u>£100</u>		<u>£0</u>	
		£87,726		£105,158
Debtors				
Hall bookings not yet paid for	£675		£1,305	
			£0	
Insurance prepayment	£1,231		£1,506	
		<u>£1,906</u>		<u>£2,811</u>
Current assets			£89,632	£107,970
Current liabilities				
Lottery income prepayment			£(936)	£(915)
Lottery prizes accrued			£(81)	£(66)
Invoices due			<u>£(482)</u>	<u>£(881)</u>
Net Assets		<u>£461,766</u>		<u>£475,710</u>
Reserves brought forward		£453,198		£461,766
Surplus / (loss) in year		£8,568		£13,944
Reserves carried forward		<u>£461,766</u>		<u>£475,710</u>
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Explanatory notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting FRS102 by the Charity Commission. All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on furniture, plant and equipment at the following rates, based on the estimated useful life of these assets and their anticipated residual value:

100% for items with a value less than £250;

20% for white goods, and items with an expected life of 10 years or less;

10% for all other furniture, plant and equipment with a likely long-term use and value

	Freehold Village Hall and Car Park	Furniture and Equipment
	£	£
Brought forward	346,872.00	60,747
Additions in year	-	480
Carry forward	<u>346,872</u>	<u>61,227.00</u>
Depreciation		
Brought forward		33,986
Depreciation for the year	-	4,511
Carry forward		<u>38,497</u>
Net	-	
Brought forward	346,872.00	26,761
Prior year adjustment		
Net movements		<u>-4,031</u>

Carry forward

346,872

22,730

No depreciation has been provided for freehold land or buildings as these are expected to have a useful life in excess of 50 years subject to ongoing repairs and maintenance; and in the view of the Trustees their unrestricted Market Value is likely to be at least that of their historic cost.

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Achievements and Performance

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It was a pleasure to see the Hall so well used this year, with such a wide variety of activities taking place, over 50 in total, for the benefit of local residents.

The cost of living crisis has highlighted the enduring social importance of village halls like ours. The monthly coffee mornings provide an opportunity for residents to meet and socialise and continue to be as popular as ever with the Coronation coffee morning being a particular hit this year. A tremendous amount of work goes into making these the success they are, both front of house and in the kitchen; and the quality of the home-made cakes is legendary. Our thanks go to Chris Lyon and the whole of the coffee team for their tireless and continuing efforts. The warm room initiative, sponsored by the Parish Council, proved popular during the cold winter months and again provides an opportunity for residents to socialise, helping to combat social isolation and loneliness. Thanks go to all the volunteers for making this possible.

Being in a National Landscape, the community is particularly environmentally aware and wildlife friendly. This year the Village Hall hosted the Annual Produce Show, the Christmas Greenery Workshop, Greener Waldringfield Repair Café, a Scattered Orchard pruning course and an inter-parish green infrastructure workshop, as well as support the popular annual Open Gardens event.

Many of the activities at the Village Hall during the year were aimed at promoting the health and wellbeing of residents; these ranged from chair-based exercise and balance classes through to pilates, dance and table tennis.

Art continued to prove popular too with the Seasons Art Class and Thursday Art Group showcasing considerable artistic talent.

Waldringfield band 'Garage Jam' continued to rehearse and perform in the Village Hall to the delight of residents, whilst a local folk band also provided us with entertainment. The Ipswich Bach Choir and Wolsey Orchestra both used the Hall for rehearsals and Eastern Angles held a workshop at the Village Hall.

Christine Lyon organised a very successful Quiz night in November. This was followed in March by another hugely successful panto, organised by Nigel Shore.

Despite the cost of living crisis, residents continued to be extremely generous in their donations and in their support for our various fund raising efforts, including the Village Hall Lottery, promoted by Nigel King.

The Trust has benefited throughout the year from a dedicated team of Committee Members often assisted by their partners. The result has been a programme of Village Hall activity and events which would simply have not been possible without them. Particular thanks go to Colin Reid, our former Chairman, for continuing to organise the Winter Talks which this year were more popular than ever. We even ran out of chairs on one occasion!

The Hall needs ongoing maintenance if it is to remain attractive to users. Special thanks go to John Nayler and Tony Lyon for their work in maintaining the Hall to a high standard. Our cleaner Michelle left us after a period of ill-health and we now retain the services of Joanne Burch to help ensure that the Hall is kept clean for users.

Significant improvement works were carried out in November thanks to a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery. The works principally involved the replacement of the existing fluorescent lighting with led lights and the replacement of the existing ceiling tiles by new ones with improved acoustics. The works were carried out by Tom Smith of Surelec Electrical with considerable support from John Nayler, Tony Lyon, Robert Forsdike and Bob Bradley. Other works during the year included the installation of new wall thermostats and the purchase of an additional table trolley. My thanks go to Joyce Forsdike for organising the works and obtaining quotations.

We are grateful to David Ward for ensuring the bins are emptied regularly. Simon Couchman, our gardener, has ensured the grounds remain tidy.

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Financial Review

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Our thanks also go to our new Treasurer, Amanda Sims, for taking on the role and to our former Treasurer, Celia Mason, for providing a helpful handover to Amanda.

Waldringfield may be a small village, but it has a heart much bigger than its resident numbers would suggest. Our income from the Village Hall Lottery continues to grow thanks to Nigel King, the Lottery's Promoter, and his willing band of volunteers. Despite the cost of living crisis, the numbers participating in the Village Lottery continue to grow with gross income from lottery proceeds amounting to £3,685 and net income after prizes and administrative costs rising to £1,897.

Fund raising events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings, the Quiz night, Winter Party and various talks, raised a total of £7,210 compared to £6,618 in the previous year. Our thanks go to all those involved.

We are grateful to the £500 grant from the Parish Council and the £763 in donations from various individuals, including a particularly generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Whilst our income this year shows a significant increase on last year, so does our expenditure. In large part this is due to the increased expenditure on maintenance which rose this year to £11,052 compared to £5,416 in the previous year. This excludes the cost of installing the new led lighting and tiles which has been capitalised in the accounts. This, coupled with past capital expenditure, does mean that our depreciation costs are now significant and rising. Our other expenditure items are in line with those incurred in previous years, albeit with our utility and cleaning costs rising ahead of inflation.

The net surplus of income over expenditure increased by £2,333 to £8,568, assisted in large part by the £10,000 Lottery grant.

With a continuing strong balance sheet, the Trust should be able to continue to deliver on its charitable objectives for the coming financial year, barring any unforeseen catastrophic events.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The cash at bank at 31 March 2024 was £86,838 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from hiring of the Hall. The funds are held to cover 12 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income from closure of the Hall and to meet future capital expenditure plans, (see below), and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Future Plans

The 'new' Village Hall is over 20 years old and is in need of continuing expenditure to ensure that it remains attractive to hirers and a facility of which the whole village can be proud. We have spent over £20,000 on improvements in each of the past two years and plan to spend a similar amount in 2024/5 subject to the availability of grant aid.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name: Philip Charles Leonard Hall

Position: Chairman

Date: 17th September 2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of:

Waldringfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended :

31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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.

Signed



Name: Will Green

Date: 14th October 2024

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2023		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Hall lettings		16,197		16,695
Fund raising events		6,618		7,210
Lottery income	3,628		3,685	
Lottery prizes	<u>(1,767)</u>		<u>(1,788)</u>	
Lottery net income		<u>1,861</u>		<u>1,897</u>
		24,676		25,802
Parish council grant	500		500	
Lottery grant	0		10,000	
Donations	904		763	
Bank interest	328		1,396	
Electricity generation	1,000		963	
Miscellaneous	-		340	
		2,732		13,962
Total income		27,409		39,764
Expenses				
Heat, light and water	4,259		5,893	
Council Tax	285		153	
Cleaning	2,945		3,772	
Telephone & broadband	465		756	
Insurance	1,286		1,123	
Maintenance	5,416		11,052	
Licences, health & safety	656		1,352	
Stationery & consumables	438		552	
Fund raising	2,483		2,099	
Presents and entertaining	31		16	
Depreciation	2,910		4,428	
Total expenses		21,174		31,196
Net surplus of income over expenses for the year		<u>6,235</u>		<u>8,568</u>

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024

	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Village Hall		346,872	
			373,633
Current assets			
Stock of heating oil	788		
Current account	1,894		
Savings	23,286		
Call account	31,648		
95-day account	30,010		
Petty cash	100		
		87,726	
Debtors			
Hall bookings not yet paid for	675		
Bank error to be repaid	0		
Insurance prepayment	1,231		
		1,906	
Current assets			89,632
Current liabilities			
Lottery income prepayment			(936)
Lottery prizes accrued			(81)
Invoices due			(482)
Net Assets			<u>461,766</u>
Reserves brought forward			453,198
Surplus / (loss) in year			£8,568
Reserves carried forward			<u>461,766</u>

Explanatory notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting FRS102 by the Charity Commission. All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on furniture, plant and equipment at the following rates, based on the estimated useful life of these assets and their anticipated residual value:

100% for items with a value less than £250;

20% for white goods, and items with an expected life of 10 years or less;

10% for all other furniture, plant and equipment with a likely long-term use and value.

No depreciation has been provided for freehold land or buildings as these are expected to have a useful life in excess of 50 years subject to ongoing repairs and maintenance; and in the view of the Trustees their unrestricted Market Value is likely to be at least that of their historic cost.

		Freehold Village Hall and Car Park	Furniture and Equipment
Cost	Brought forward	£346,872	<u>£45,567</u>
	Additions in year	-	<u>£15,180</u>
	Carry forward	£346,872	<u>£60,747</u>
Depreciation	Brought forward	-	<u>£29,558</u>
	Depreciation for the year	-	<u>£4,428</u>
	Carry forward	-	<u>£33,986</u>
Net	Brought forward	£346,872	<u>£16,009</u>
	Prior year adjustment	-	-
	Net movements	-	<u>£10,752</u>
	Carry forward	£346,872	<u>£26,761</u>

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 304830

Accounts



Waldringfield Village Hall
Charity 304830

Trustees' annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administration details

Charity Name

Waldringfield Village Hall

Other name the charity uses

Village Hall (Waldringfield) – previous name

Registered charity number

304830

Charity's principal address

School Lane, Waldringfield, Woodbridge, IP12 4QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Marian Bradley Bookings Secretary

Joyce Forsdike Vice-Chair

Philip Hall Chair

Nigel King

Tony Lyon

Celia Mason Treasurer

John Nayler

Nigel Shore

Sarah Wood Minutes Secretary

Volunteers who serve on the management committee

Louise Brearey, Christine Lyon

Waldringfield Parish Council representative on the management committee

Nigel Shore

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed dating to 1959.

How is the charity constituted?

Unincorporated association

Trustee selection methods

Trustees and the Committee of Management consist of elected and representative members and may include co-opted members. Trustees are elected for a term of 12 months at the Annual General Meeting and retiring Trustees are eligible for re-appointment. Representative members include the Parish Council.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

A Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Waldringfield and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or political religious or other opinions and in particular for use 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

The main activities of the Trust involve the hiring of the Hall for sporting and leisure activities such as karate, dance, art, pilates, chair-based exercise, ukelele and stretch and tone. Many hirers use the Hall for their committee meetings, for hosting talks, shows and study days. They include the Wine Club, the History Group, the Parish Council, Woodbridge Arts Society, Waldringfield Wildlife Group and Waldringfield Gardeners. With the assistance of many volunteers, the Village Hall also hosts community events such as monthly Coffee Mornings, Winter Talks, Harvest Supper, Winter Party and Pantomime. The neighbouring school uses the Hall for special events and the Hall also hosts visiting drama and music groups for the enjoyment of villagers. The Hall is also used for private parties and the occasional wedding.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Additional Details

We are grateful for the many hours that volunteers contribute to maintaining the premises and to hosting events. Without their valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve so much. We are also grateful for the many kind donations, often anonymous, which help to support and sustain our activities.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

For the first time since 2020, the Hall was mercifully free of lockdown restrictions all year. It was a pleasure to see the Hall so well used again and for such a wide variety of activities. The lockdowns of previous years reminded us, if we needed reminding, of the social importance of the monthly coffee mornings to village life as well as their value in raising funds for the Village Hall. Thankfully the coffee mornings remain as popular as ever with attendances sometimes exceeding 100 people. Not bad for a village with a population of less than 500! A tremendous amount of work goes into making these the success they are, both front of house and in the kitchen; and the quality of the home-made cakes is legendary. Our thanks go to Chris Lyon and the whole of the coffee team for their tireless and continuing efforts. New volunteers are, of course, always welcome.

May 2022 saw the return of the Waldringfield Gardeners' Open Gardens. This is an opportunity for residents to open-up their gardens for visitors to enjoy. The Village Hall provides parking and the opportunity for visitors to rest their feet and enjoy a lovely cream tea, This was quickly followed in June by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On this occasion we were pleased to provide parking, toilets and tables and chairs to support the Parish Council's party on the nearby Playing Fields.

The 'sell-out' Harvest Supper and Pantomime in October received rave reviews and our thanks go to all those who gave up their time to help and particularly to Nigel Shore who agreed to take on the organisation of the Pantomime from Gareth Thomas.

Also in October was the very successful 'Quiz Night', organised by Christine Lyon which raised a total of £539.12 for the Village Hall. It is always a pleasure to be able to put on a successful event and to nurture home grown talent. On the 18th March, the residents of Waldringfield were entertained to a very special Winter Party with music from Waldringfield's very own 'Garage Jam'. Local resident Mary Tucker's review summed up the occasion brilliantly.

"Every year, since the Autumn and Winter Parties started back in the 1970's, I've been saying 'Well, this is the best ever'. Last night's must have been one of the very best ever. From the ingenious layout of the tables, to the central flower decorations. The subtle lighting in the hall. The M.C. in his flashy red coat kept us in order or tried to!! The £1 heads and bums competition, which sadly I didn't win, next year maybe. The whole thing went like clockwork, great organisation. The soloist! And then we came to the Band. Paul Barrell their accomplished vocalist has been hiding his light under a car. All those years I thought he was working but he's obviously been practising at the back somewhere. They were amazing. But next year, and I hope there will be a repeat next year, I am putting in a request that they sing YMCA, because they are the Village People's Band".

Many thanks go to all concerned, particularly Joyce Forsdike, and Heidi for the catering.

As the year progressed, the rapid rise in the cost of living became increasingly concerning. It has had an impact, both on the finances of our residents and the finances of the Village Hall. For its part, the Trust has kept hirers' fees static, for the 6th year in a row. This has enabled bookings to remain buoyant and the Hall was a hub of recreational and social activity throughout the year. In response to the cost of living crisis, the Parish Council initiated a 'Warm Room' scheme in early 2023 using the Village Hall as venue. Staffed by volunteers, it provided a welcome opportunity for residents to come somewhere warm, have a chat, and enjoy a cup of tea and refreshments. It was a popular new addition to the social calendar and is planned to continue in the winter of 2023/4.

Despite the cost of living crisis, residents continued to be extremely generous towards our various fund raising efforts which are detailed further in our Financial Review.

The Trust has benefited throughout the year from a dedicated team of Committee Members often assisted by their partners. The result has been a programme of Village Hall activity and events which would simply have not been possible without them. Particular thanks go to Colin Reid, our former Chairman, for continuing to organise the Winter Talks and visits by local theatre group Eastern Angles.

The Hall needs ongoing maintenance if it is to remain attractive to users. Special thanks go to John Nayler and Tony Lyon for their work in maintaining the Hall to a high standard. Significant improvement works have been undertaken, supervised by John and Tony which are detailed further in the Financial Review below. Michelle, our cleaner, manages successfully to keep the Hall clean and we are grateful to David Ward for ensuring the bins are emptied regularly. Simon Couchman, our gardener, has ensured the grounds have remained tidy and attractive, despite the challenges of a dry summer.

As a community, we are environmentally aware and wildlife friendly. This approach was severely tested in the autumn when we found we had a wasps' nest somewhere in the roof. Despite our best efforts the problem persisted well into the winter months and we are grateful to all concerned for their forbearance whilst we tackled the issue.

The relationship with Waldringfield School is an important one and we are pleased that the School continues to make full use of the Hall's facilities. We are also grateful to Sarah Wood for her work as Minutes Secretary.

Our thanks also go to Louise Brearey for reviewing and updating many of our policies and to Ann Stock for taking over the ordering of supplies.

Financial review

We are pleased to report that the Trust continued in robust financial health this year, despite the economic headwinds.

Thanks to our excellent Bookings Secretary, Marion Bradley, income from bookings in the year reached a total of £16,197, compared to £14,725 in the previous year, and £9,891 in 2019, the last full year before Covid. The paperwork involved and the time taken liaising with hirers is considerable and we are extremely lucky to have such a committed individual as a Trustee.

Our thanks also go to our Treasurer Celia Mason for keeping us on the financial 'straight and narrow', not just in this financial year but also in dealing with the many challenges of recent years, particularly over Covid when she was extremely successful in obtaining much needed grant aid. Celia will be stepping down as Treasurer at the 2023 AGM but has kindly offered to continue to help the new Treasurer with next year's accounts.

Waldringfield may be a small village, but it has a heart much bigger than its resident numbers would suggest. Our income from the Village Hall Lottery continues to grow thanks to Nigel King, the Lottery's Promoter, and his willing band of volunteers. Despite the cost of living crisis, the numbers participating in the Village Lottery continue to grow with gross income from lottery proceeds amounting to £3,627 and net income after prizes and administrative costs rising to £1,861.

Fund raising events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings, the Quiz night, the Harvest Supper, Winter Party and various talks, raised a total of £6,618 compared to £2,161 in the previous, Covid-affected, year. Our thanks go to all those involved, but particularly Christine and Tony Lyon for their organisation and dedication.

We are grateful to the £500 grant from the Parish Council and the £904 in donations from various individuals, including a particularly generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Our total expenditure this year exceeded that of last year by a significant margin. Some of this was just because of the Hall now being back in full swing, but in large part this was due to the increased expenditure on capital improvements and maintenance. The cost of new radiators (£8,934), flooring (£4,704), and reinstating the front garden (£3,160) have been capitalised in the balance sheet. Although these are not shown as expenses, depreciation is now running at just under £3,000 a year. Maintenance costs of £5,416 include the costs of decoration, increased gardening expenditure, new planting to the front garden – and dealing with the wasps. Overall, the amount spent on improvements to the Village Hall during the year exceeded £23,000.

During Covid we were allowed to reduce our monthly standing order for electricity, and catching up on the balance, plus the significant increase in the cost of heating oil, has increased the spend on heating and lighting.

As a consequence of the increased income and expenditure the net surplus of income over expenditure in the previous year reduced significantly. However, due to a continuing strong balance sheet, the Trust should be able to continue to deliver on its charitable objectives for the coming financial year, barring any unforeseen catastrophic events.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The cash at bank at 31 March 2023 was £89,235 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from hiring of the Hall. The funds are held to cover 12 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income from closure of the Hall and to meet future capital expenditure plans and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Future Plans

The 'new' Village Hall is over 20 years old and is in need of major expenditure over the next few years to ensure that it remains attractive to hirers and a facility of which the whole village can be proud. The Trustees have spent over £23,000 on improvements in this financial year and this expenditure forms part of a long term plan which the Trust is refining and implementing to improve the Hall further.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Hall". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Full name: Philip Charles Leonard Hall

Position: Chairman

Date: 19th September 2023

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of

Waldringfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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.

Signed



Name: Geoff Robinson Date: 10th October 2023

Relevant Professional Qualifications

Certified Diploma in Accountancy and Finance, ACCA

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

Income

Hall lettings		£16,197
Fund raising events		£6,618
Lottery income	£3,628	
Lottery prizes	<u>£(1,767)</u>	
Lottery net income		<u>£1,861</u>
		£24,676
Parish council grant	£500	
Donations	£904	
Bank interest	£328	
Electricity generation	£1,000	

£2,732

Total income

£27,409

Expenses

Heat, light and water	£4,259
Council Tax	£285
Cleaning	£2,945
Telephone & broadband	£465
Insurance	£1,286
Maintenance	£5,416
Licences, health & safety	£656
Stationery & consumables	£438
Fund raising	£2,483
Presents and entertaining	£31
Depreciation	£2,910

Total expenses

£(21,174)

Net surplus of income over expenses for the year

£6,235

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2023

Fixed assets		
Village Hall	£346,872	
Furniture and Equipment	<u>£16,009</u>	
		£362,881
Current assets		
Stock of heating oil	£767	
Current account	£1,588	
Savings	£56,743	
Call account	<u>£30,905</u>	
	£90,003	
Debtors		
Hall bookings not yet paid for	£942	
Bank error to be repaid	£24	
Insurance prepayment	<u>£1,123</u>	
	<u>£2,089</u>	
Current assets		£92,092
Current liabilities		
Lottery income prepayment		£(911)
Unbanked cheques		£(68)
Invoices due		<u>£(797)</u>
Net Assets		<u>£453,198</u>
Reserves brought forward		£446,963
Surplus / (loss) in year		£6,235
Reserves carried forward		<u>£453,198</u>

Explanatory notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting FRS102 by the Charity Commission. All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on furniture, plant and equipment at the following rates, based on the estimated useful life of these assets and their anticipated residual value:

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20% for white goods, and items with an expected life of 10 years or less;1

10% for all other furniture, plant and equipment with a likely long-term use and value.

No depreciation has been provided for freehold land or buildings as these are expected to have a useful life in excess of 50 years subject to ongoing repairs and maintenance; and in the view of the Trustees their unrestricted Market Value is likely to be at least that of their historic cost.

		Freehold Village Hall and Car Park	Furniture and Equipment
Cost	Brought forward	£346,872	£27,758
	Additions in year	-	£17,809
	Carry forward	£346,872	£45,567
Depreciation	Brought forward	-	£26,647
	Depreciation for the year	-	£2,910
	Carry forward	-	£29,558
Net	Brought forward	£346,872	£1,111
	Prior year adjustment	-	-
	Net movements	-	£14,899
	Carry forward	£346,872	£16,009

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 304830

Accounts



Waldringfield Village Hall
Charity 304830

Trustees' annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed dating to 1959.

How is the charity constituted?

Unincorporated association

Trustee selection methods

Trustees and the Committee of Management consist of elected and representative members and may include co-opted members. Trustees are elected for a term of 12 months at the Annual General Meeting and retiring Trustees are eligible for re-appointment. Representative members include the Parish Council.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

The main activities of the Trust involve the hiring of the Hall for sporting and leisure time activities such as badminton, karate, dance, art, pilates, stretch and tone; for community groups such as the Wine Club, History Group and meetings of the Parish Council. With the assistance of many volunteers, the Village Hall also hosts community events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings, Winter Talks, an annual Produce Show, Harvest Supper and Winter Party. The neighbouring school uses the Hall for special events and the Hall also hosts visiting drama and musical groups for the enjoyment of villagers.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Additional Details

We are grateful for the many hours that volunteers contribute to maintaining the premises and to hosting events. Without their valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve so much. We are also grateful for the 'Covid' grants which kept us going and for the kind donations from individuals and groups.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year started as the previous one ended, with 'Covid' restrictions in place. Whilst these gradually lifted as the vaccine rollout gathered momentum, social distancing and other 'Covid' preventative measures continued.

Over the course of the year courses and activities slowly re-started. The coffee mornings re-commenced in September and the Annual Waldringfield Gardeners Produce Show made a welcome return that month also. The appearance of the mobile post office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays provided reassuring continuity throughout the year. In addition to the resumption of regular group meetings such as the Wine Club and the History Group, new classes started up such as 'seated exercise'. Sadly, the reluctance to mingle saw the Bridge Club succumb to the effects of 'Covid'. The Parish Council resumed its monthly meetings in the Village Hall and we happily hosted Eastern Angles and The Kingfisher Ensemble, albeit with reduced, 'socially distanced' numbers. We were delighted to host Woodbridge Arts Society on their 'study day'. The frequency and range of classes including pilates, stretch and tone, art, gymnastics, dance and model

trucks was pleasing to see. We are increasingly mindful of our environmental as well as our social impact and it was therefore with great pleasure that we were able to host the 'Repair Café' where residents can bring along items to be repaired by local experts, and hope that this will become a regular fixture.

The Trust continued with its prudent planning and benefited throughout the year from a dedicated team of Committee Members often assisted by their partners. The result has been a resumption of Village Hall activity and events which would simply have not been possible without them. Particular thanks go to Colin Reid for organising the Winter Talks.



We were delighted to be able to hang a historic painting of Church Farm in the Kennedy Room which had been donated to the History Group. The Committee members and their partners gave up a Saturday morning in September to sort out the shed and rationalise the seating. Special thanks go to John Nayler for the invaluable loan of his trailer and for his work as our Maintenance Manager throughout the year.



2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the 'new' Village Hall. To celebrate the occasion we hosted a barbecue. It was an opportunity to thank the former Chair, Colin Reid, and all previous committee members for their efforts, several of whom were involved in the Hall's original planning and fundraising. Of note is the 40 year contribution of Pat Nunn to the committee. A remarkable achievement! Our thanks for making the event so successful go to Jane Hall and to Marion and Bim Sharpe for kindly volunteering to do the catering.



Thanks also go to Roberto's Ices for bringing along their van and allowing Colin to serve on board.

With the Hall being 20 years old, it needs increasing repairs and maintenance. The bulk of this increased expenditure will fall into next year's accounts, but the Village Hall wi-fi has been upgraded and the front bed was cleared in March 22 with a view to the replacement of the rotten sleepers and its replanting later in the spring. Hannah Stock kindly drew up the planting plan, whilst our gardener Simon Couchman has ensured the grounds remain tidy. Michelle, our cleaner, manages successfully to keep the Hall clean and we are grateful to David Ward for ensuring the bins are emptied regularly.

We review our policies regularly and are grateful to Louise Brearey for reviewing and updating our Health and Safety policies.

The relationship with Waldringfield School is an important one and we are pleased that the School continues to make use of the Hall's facilities. Our thanks go to Sarah Wood also for her work as Minutes Secretary. Plans for the upgrading of the Kennedy Room are now well advanced and our thanks go to Joyce Forsdike for taking the lead on this and to her husband Robert for his helpful advice on all matters relating to the Hall's heating.



Financial review

The year saw the Trust in robust financial health, although the trustees are mindful of major planned expenditure to come, so that future years are likely to see a reduction in

the overall size of the Trust's reserves, commensurate with the Trust's policy on reserves.

The year saw a substantial increase in Hall lettings, to £14,725, up from £3,682 the previous year. This was an excellent achievement in the circumstances and credit goes in particular to our very able Bookings Secretary, Marian Bradley.

We were fortunate to continue to benefit from 'Covid' grants to the tune of £10,667, which although down on the previous year's £20,708, were still nonetheless very substantial. Our thanks go to our Treasurer Celia Mason for ensuring that we maximised our grant income and for keeping us on the financial 'straight and narrow'.

Waldringfield may be a small village, but it has a heart much bigger than its resident numbers would suggest. Our income from the Village Hall Lottery was £3,401 up on the previous year's £2,994. Our thanks go to Nigel King, as the Lottery's Promoter, and his willing band of volunteers for their work in making the Lottery the success that it is. Fund raising events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings raised £2,161 compared to just £10 the previous year. Our thanks go to all those involved, but particularly Christine and Tony Lyon for their organisation and dedication.

We are grateful to the many generous donations received from organisations such as the Parish Council and the Freemasons and from various individuals. In total they amounted to £1,148.

Our total expenses were less than the previous year's at £10,838 with the largest single items being maintenance at £4,172 and cleaning at £2,247. The overall level of expenditure is expected to increase sharply in 2022/23.

As a consequence of the increased income and reduced expenditure the net surplus of income over expenditure in the year rose to £20,433. With 'Covid' grants ceasing and expenditure rising, there is likely to be little if any surplus in the immediate future. However, due to a strong balance sheet, the Trust should be able to continue to deliver on its charitable objectives for the coming financial year, barring any unforeseen catastrophic events.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The cash at bank at 31 March 2022 was £98,129 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from hiring of the Hall. The funds are held to cover 12 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income from closure of the Hall and to meet future capital expenditure plans and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Future Plans

The 'new' Village Hall is now 20 years old and is in need of major expenditure over the next couple of years to ensure that it remains attractive to hirers and a facility of which the whole village can be proud. The Trustees are developing and implementing plans to improve the Hall accordingly.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name: Philip Charles Leonard Hall

Position: Chair

Date:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of

Waldringfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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.

Signed**Date****Relevant Professional Qualifications****Address**

**Statement of financial activities for the year ended
31st March 2022**

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2022

Explanatory notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting FRS102 by the Charity Commission. All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on furniture, plant and equipment at the following rates, based on the estimated useful life of these assets and their anticipated residual value:

100% for electronic items with a value less than £250;

20% for white goods;

10% for all other furniture, plant and equipment with a likely long-term use and value

No depreciation has been provided for freehold land or buildings as these are expected to have a useful life in excess of 50 years subject to ongoing repairs and maintenance; and in the view of the Trustees their unrestricted Market Value is likely to be at least that of their historic cost.

WALDRINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 304830

Accounts

**Trustees' annual report and accounts for the
year ended 31 March 2021**

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Reference and administration details

Charity Name

Waldringfield Village Hall

Other name the charity uses

Village Hall (Waldringfield) – previous name

Registered charity number

304830

Charity's principal address

School Lane, Waldringfield, Woodbridge, IP12 4QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Marian Joan Bradley	Hon Secretary
Joyce Kay Forsdike	Vice-Chair
Philip Charles Leonard Hall	Chair
Nigel Graham King	
Tony Lyon	
Celia Mason	Treasurer
John Nayler	
Patricia Nunn	Resigned September 2020
Colin Reid	Resigned September 2020
Sarah Joy Wood	

Volunteers who serve on the management committee

Louise Brearey

Waldringfield Parish Council representative on the management committee

Christine Lyon

Website

waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/our-village/village-hall

Email

villagehall.bookings@btinternet.com

Telephone

01473 736126

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 8 The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, IP12 1AF

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed dated 1959.

How is the charity constituted?

Unincorporated association.

Trustee selection methods

Trustees and the Committee of Management consist of elected and representative members and may include co-opted members. Trustees are elected for a term of 12 months at the Annual General Meeting and retiring trustees are eligible for re-appointment. Representative members include the Parish Council.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

A Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Waldringfield and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or political religious or other opinions and in particular for use 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

The main activities of the Trust involve the renting of the Hall for sporting and leisure time activities such as badminton, karate, dance, art, Pilates, stretch and tone; for community groups such as the Bridge Club, Wine Club, History Group and meetings of the Parish Council. With the assistance of many volunteers, the Village Hall also hosts community events such as monthly Coffee Mornings, Winter Talks, an annual Produce Show, Harvest Supper and Winter Party. The neighbouring school uses the Hall for special events and the Hall also hosts visiting drama and musical groups for the enjoyment and entertainment of villagers.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Additional Details

We are grateful for the many hours that volunteers contribute to maintaining the premises and to hosting events. Without their valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve so much.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The last year has been an extraordinary one in so many ways. It has emphasised the need for the Trust to continue with its prudent planning and to continue to demonstrate organisational resilience, helping the Village Hall to cope with shocks, be they future pandemics or other disasters such as fire or flood. Thankfully the Village Hall benefits from a dedicated team of committee members who worked solidly through the Covid crisis to ensure that appropriate measures were taken to protect users and to secure government grants, where available. The result has been to ensure the ongoing value and viability of the Village Hall.

Covid-19 and its associated lockdowns had a severe effect on income from lettings and fund-raising events in the financial year. This loss of income from hall lettings and fund-raising events was, however, more than offset by £20,707 in Covid-19 grants.

The financial year started with 'lockdown' during which time the opportunity was taken to re-sand and re-seal the floor of the Deben Hall, at a cost of £4,165. The result is a much improved surface for users and one which should last for many years.

With the gradual easing of restrictions in July, came a plethora of regulations, guidance and new ways of working that we all had to become familiar with to ensure that the Village Hall became 'Covid secure'. This included the provision and use of sanitizers, extra cleaning, NHS Test and Trace, one-way systems, risk assessments, capacity restrictions, the use of face masks, social distancing, supplementary conditions of hire and, not least, Zoom!

To add to the challenges posed by Covid-19, we received an unexpectedly large water bill, which led to the discovery of a long-term leak, now rectified.

Despite all that we faced, the Village Lottery continued throughout the year, and continued to make a welcome contribution to the Hall finances .

Whilst the Kennedy Room remained closed, activities in the Deben Hall resumed in the autumn, albeit on a subdued and restricted basis, until the next national lockdown in November. We all missed the monthly Coffee Mornings, the Produce Show, the Winter Party and Harvest Supper, as well as the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues at clubs and societies. With a third lockdown in January 2020, the financial year limped to a disappointing end, albeit with the prospects of a much-improved year to come.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The cash at bank and investments at 31 March 2021 was £77,622 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from renting of the Hall and loss of grant aid. The funds are held to cover 12 months' operational costs in the event of a loss of income from closure of the Hall and to meet future plans and any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Future Plans

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Related Party Transactions

None

Going Concern

The Trustees have no reasons to believe that the Trust cannot continue to operate as a going concern for the next 12 months.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Full name: Philip Charles Leonard Hall

Position: Chair

Date: 27th October 2021

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of Waldringfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records;
- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Geoff Robinson **Date** 27th October 2021

Relevant Professional Qualifications C.Dip.A.F. ACCA

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Waldringfield Village Hall		Charity No	304830
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01-Apr-20	Period end date	31-Mar-21

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources			
Donations and legacies	892	892	716
Charitable activities	3,682	3,682	12,277
Other trading activities	1,432	1,432	7,318
Investments	32	32	193
One off Covid grants	20,707	20,707	-
Electricity generation	1,010	1,010	641
Total	27,755	27,755	21,145
Resources expended			
Raising funds	20	20	1,785
Charitable activities	6,287	6,287	11,830
Depreciation	759	759	863
Water leak	1,131	1,131	-
One off maintenance	4,165	4,165	-
Total	12,362	12,362	14,478
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	15,393	15,393	6,667
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	15,393	15,393	6,667
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	15,393	15,393	6,667
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	410,887	410,887	404,220
Total funds carried forward	426,280	426,280	410,887


Balance sheet as at 31st March 2021

Section B Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	-	-	-
Tangible assets	348,282	348,282	349,042
Heritage assets	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	348,282	348,282	349,042
Current assets			
Stocks	450	450	526
Debtors	1,115	1,115	600
Investments	70,804	70,804	55,772
Cash at bank and in hand	6,818	6,818	5,571
Total current assets	79,187	79,187	62,469
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,189	1,189	624
Net current assets/(liabilities)	77,998	77,998	61,845
Total assets less current liabilities	426,280	426,280	410,887
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	426,280	426,280	410,887
Endowment funds	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	426,280	426,280	410,887
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-
Total funds	426,280	426,280	410,887

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Philip Hall

Signature	Date of approval
	27/10/2021

Explanatory notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

General

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