

Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall

Trustee Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Charity Number 305307

Structure, Governance and Management

Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall is a registered charity (Charity No. 305307) governed by a constitution adopted in accordance with the Charities Act. The management of the hall is overseen by trustees supported by committee drawn from the villages in accordance with its constitution who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. These committee members work tirelessly in the management, upkeep and safety of the hall and their input is very much appreciated by the community.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objective is to provide and maintain a village hall for the benefit of the residents of Alciston and Selmeston and surrounding areas. The hall is used for a variety of community activities including social events, exercise classes, meetings, and private functions.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the hall continued to serve as a vital community hub. Key achievements included:

- Hosting community events, including coffee mornings, quiz nights and village events.
- Upgrading facilities such as a new audio-video system, lighting and hearing loop and improved heating system.
- Maintaining regular bookings from local groups and private hirers.

Despite challenges such as rising energy costs, the trustees ensured the hall remained financially stable and accessible to all.

Notably, over the year, the charity was generously awarded a National Lottery Grant of £20,000 to support the installation and commissioning of a new audio-video system, lighting and hearing loop and improved heating system,

Financial Review

The charity operates on a receipts and payments basis. Income was generated primarily through hall hire fees, fundraising events, and donations. Expenditure was focused on utilities, maintenance, insurance, and improvements to the hall. The accounts approved by the Annual General Meeting and Independent Examiner are attached hereto.

The trustees are satisfied with the financial position and continue to monitor costs carefully to ensure sustainability.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain reserves equivalent to at least six months of operating costs to ensure continuity of service in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Future Plans

The trustees plan to:

- Increase community engagement through new events and partnerships supported by the new equipment provided.
- Seek grant funding for further improvements to the hall particularly heating to allow for more bookings in winter
- Continue promoting the hall to increase bookings and income.

Trustees

The following individuals served as trustees during the year:

- Arthur Lewis-Grey (Treasurer)
- Mairi Thomas
- Helen Shaw

Signed:

A Lewis-Grey – 16 October 2025

2024 Alciston & Selmeston Village Hall Accounts

Schedule 1

Income & Expenditure

	2024	2023	
Net Event Income	23,539	17,306	+36%
Donations	1,609	1,000	
Bank Interest	223	-	
Grant	20,000	-	
	<u>45,371</u>	<u>18,306</u>	
Net Operating Costs	- 17,272 -	15,687	+10%
Capital Expenditure	- 2,724 -	956	
	<u>- 19,995 -</u>	<u>16,643</u>	
Annual Surplus (excluding capital expenditure)	28,099	2,619	
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Annual Surplus (excluding capital, grant + stock adjust)	8,286		

Schedule 2

Assets & Liabilities (excl fixed assets)

Assets:

Bank	38,372
Petty Cash	269
Stock (bar)	403
Stock (housekeeping)	172
E.On credit	243
	<u>39,459</u>

Liabilities:

Hirers' pre-payments	1,156
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Schedule 3

Net Electricity Usage (2024)

Billed by E.On Next	- 2,200	
Credit increase	- 118	
Usage (calculated)	- 2,318	
Feed In Tariff	1,484	
Net Usage	<u>- 833 -</u>	<u>806</u>

Schedule 4

Surplus Attributed to Fund Raising

4,946



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Alciston and Selmeston Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31 Dec 2024	Charity no (if any)	305307
Set out on pages	1 to 4 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2024**.

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

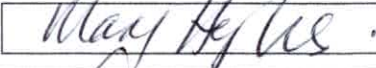
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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: 25/08/2025

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