

STONE CROSS MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales - Charity number 305326

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-10-22

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

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL

Activities: MAINTAINS HALL AND BUILDINGS TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY GROUPS USING THE AFOREMENTIONED HALL FOR ACTIVITIES.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WESTHAM AND HANKHAM AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,431	£44,670	-	-
2023-12-31	£24,429	£38,788	-	-
2022-12-31	£23,935	£33,278	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,819	£24,165	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,559	£23,423	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Susan Beck	Chair	
Charisse Goddard		2025-06-17
GLENYS SUSAN DAVIES		2025-06-17
John Blaker		2018-07-09
PAMELA BRITTON		

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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<u>Bankers</u>	HSBC 94 Terminus Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3ND
<u>Accountant</u>	Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

Trustees' Report

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1 Constitution

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2 Objectives and activities

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The hall is provided particularly for meetings, lectures, classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for those inhabitants.

The charity continues to have due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, ensuring:

1. All community events are open to the general public where reasonably possible.
2. Hire and use of the hall align with the charity's objectives.
3. Hire charges balance affordability for users with the need to sustain operations.
4. Facilities remain accessible to all members of the community, including those with disabilities.

3 Organisational structure

The charity is managed by a committee of up to fifteen trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance, and oversight of the charity's operations.

4 The Trustees

The charity is managed by a committee of up to fifteen trustees consisting of: up to eight trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting, up to five trustees appointed by the main user-groups, and up to two co-opted trustees as needed during the year.

The trustees that served during the year were:

Mrs P Britton
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Mrs S Beck
Mr J Blaker

5 Review of activities

During 2024, Stone Cross Memorial Hall continued to serve as an essential facility for the local community, providing a welcoming and affordable venue for social, educational, and recreational events. The trustees remained committed to maintaining the hall as a safe, accessible, and vibrant community space.

Key activities and developments in the year included:

- Major refurbishment projects: The hall underwent significant maintenance, including a replacement of the main hall floor and installation of new fire doors, supported by grants from the National Lottery and the Chalk Cliff Trust.

Trustees' Report (continued)

- Increased community use: Hire income rose to £28,233 (2023: £24,390), reflecting strong post-pandemic recovery and consistent engagement by local groups such as Brownies, theatre clubs, and fitness classes.
- Operational improvements: Trustees continued reviewing management and policy documents to ensure compliance with health, safety, and safeguarding legislation.
- Sustainability measures: Energy use and supplier contracts were reviewed, resulting in reduced gas and electricity costs compared to 2023.
- Volunteer engagement: Trustees and local volunteers contributed many hours to maintenance, cleaning oversight, and fundraising activities, reinforcing the hall's community-run ethos.

Despite inflationary pressures and higher maintenance expenditure, the charity maintained a healthy level of service delivery and community benefit throughout the year.

6 Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The hall's activities directly advance the charity's objectives by providing accessible facilities and supporting social cohesion, wellbeing, and lifelong learning for residents of Westham, Hankham, and surrounding areas.

7 Review of financial position

For the financial year ending 31 December 2024, the charity reported total income of £50,431 (2023: £24,429) and total expenditure of £45,855 (2023: £41,157), resulting in a net surplus of £4,576 (2023: £16,728 deficit).

(notably the new floor and fire safety upgrades) and consultancy fees for grant applications. Utility costs fell sharply, reflecting successful renegotiation of energy tariffs.

• Reserves and liquidity:

- Total cash reserves increased to £13,899 (2023: £9,323), reflecting careful cash management and the receipt of restricted grant income pending project completion.
- The charity's accumulated funds at year-end stood at £4,268 (2023: £8,919).
- The long-term Acre Loan was fully repaid in 2024, reducing liabilities and improving financial resilience.
- The charity had to use money from the reserves fund in the year to help complete the floor refurbishment, so the reserves were below our policy levels and focus is now on building this back to acceptable levels.

• Going Concern: The trustees consider the charity a going concern. The hall maintains sufficient liquid assets to meet short-term commitments and continues to attract regular bookings and community support.

The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining an adequate level of unrestricted reserves to safeguard operations against unforeseen costs and will continue to review income generation opportunities and cost efficiencies.

8 Risk management

The trustees regularly review risks relating to health and safety, financial management, and compliance.

Key risk mitigations include:

- Regular maintenance and safety inspections of the premises.
- Financial oversight through monthly reporting and dual-authorised payments.

Trustees' Report (continued)

9 Reserves

The charity holds three designated banking accounts:

- a) an operational account - for day-to-day income and expenditure.
- b) a fundraising account - for improvements and major maintenance projects.
- c) a reserves account - for emergencies or significant unforeseen costs.

Target balances:

- Operational: minimum of 3 months' expenditure, maximum of 6 months.
- Fundraising: variable, aligned to planned capital projects.
- Reserves: minimum of £10,000 to ensure operational continuity in case of major issues or loss of income.

2. The minimum and maximum balance in each account shall be as follows:

- a) for the operational account, a minimum of three month's and a maximum of six month's expenditure,
- b) for the fundraising account, no minimum and a maximum of the capital maintenance and improvement costs identified in the business plan,
- c) for the reserves account, a minimum amount of £10,000.



Sue Beck
Trustee

Date:

29-10-2025.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stone Cross Memorial Hall

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stone Cross Memorial Hall for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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J R Caladine FCCA
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 30 October 2025

Receipts and Payment Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Hall Hire	28,233	24,299
Bank Interest	204	130
Grants and Donations	21,994	-
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Total receipts	50,431	24,429
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Payments		
Hall deposits refunds	-	400
Caretaker's wages	8,603	8,567
Tax and National Insurance	1,765	909
Electricity	1,645	3,910
Gas	4,114	10,970
Utility Membership Fee	-	22
Janitorial Expenses	1,678	1,591
Advertising/ Promotional	61	-
Insurances	1,151	1,123
Licences	285	285
Accountants/Independent Examination Fee	510	510
Bookkeeping	3,120	3,120
Consultancy Fees	2,200	-
Bookings Clerk	245	135
Business Rates	156	146
Waste Services	1,266	1,212
Telephone	327	320
Fire/Security/Electrical Safety Costs	326	332
Water	620	544
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2	2
General Repairs, Renewal and Maintenance	16,088	4,412
Sundry Expenses	18	-
Paypal Fees	151	87
Bank Charges	71	71
Subscriptions	120	120
Purchase of fixed asset	149	-
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	44,670	38,788
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Loan Repayments	1,185	2,369
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Total payments	45,855	41,157
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Net receipts/ (payments)	4,576	(16,728)
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Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2024	9,323	26,051
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Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2024	13,899	9,323
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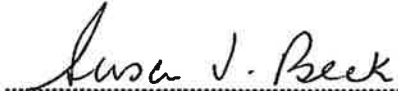
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand -		
Current Account 1138	1,472	3,174
Deposit Account 3816	4,013	5,751
Fundraising Account 8279	7,634	-
PayPal	780	397
	<u>13,899</u>	<u>9,322</u>
Debtors		
Trade Debtors	1,738	2,659
Prepayments	567	558
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>2,305</u>	<u>3,217</u>
Assets retained for Charities own use		
Fixtures & Fittings	119	-
Machinery & Equipment	-	-
	<u>119</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Trade Creditors	2,052	1,364
Hall fees and deposits received in advanced	400	200
Accruals	9,198	555
Other Creditors	405	324
Acre Loan	-	1,177
	<u>12,055</u>	<u>3,620</u>

Approved by the Trustees on



Sue Beck
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the charity.

2. Related parties transactions

Payments of £1,500 (2023: £1,149) were made of Geoff Baker (Trustee) for maintenance work as agreed with the Charity Commission.

3. Acre Loan (Action with Communities in Rural England)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Acre Loan	-	1,177
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The original loan was received in October 2009 at 2.43% interest with the first payment being in January 2010. An additional new loan of £15,000 was received in May of 2016 with repayments to be paid quarterly over the next 8 years with the first payment on the 15 August 2016. The interest is attributed at the end of the quarter with an interest rate of 1.81%.

Loan repayment issues

The repayments should have been £572.70 per quarter from 15 August 2016, however Acre took incorrect payments. Acre were supposed to adjust the 2017 repayments but more incorrect payments were taken. Error was corrected in May 2018 and repayment increased to £592.30 to make up for the shortfall in payments taken for 15 months.

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The trustees that served during the year were:

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5 Review of activities

The Covid Pandemic continued to cause disruption to the hall and curtailed all activities and most groups from using the Hall until May 2021. Stone Cross Preschool were the sole permitted occupant and operated within strict Government Regulations and Guidelines to provide childcare to Key workers until June 2021, when most restrictions were lifted. We saw a slow return of our Regular User Cohort, but the casual Users/Hirings did not recover to pre-Covid levels for the remainder of the financial year.

We made changes to our booking system as we moved away from dealing with cash in 2021 and introduced Security deposits for casual hires to be paid via Paypal and all hire fees to be paid via Bacs or Paypal. We also recruited a freelance Bookings Clerk to help manage the casual bookings.

We are still unable to encourage or recruit enough Trustees from the Main User Groups (defined as groups using the Hall more than twelve times per year) and still have no co-opted member from Westham Parish Council.

Trustees' Report (continued)

The Business Plan for the Charity, covering the proposed activities for the period 2017 to 2022 will continue to be monitored and the budget-based charging strategy for 2020 and beyond will be reviewed post Covid to ensure that the Charity remains financially viable at all times.

We continued to review our Management Procedures and Policy Documents to ensure compliance with new legislation.

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the charity are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

The first part of 2021 was difficult with the Hall still being closed to all regular users except the Pre-school from Jan -May. The Hall fund reserves, and further Government Support Grants ensured that the Hall was able to survive the loss of income. However, the slow return of our regular Hirers after July 2021 and the much-reduced casual hires compared to pre Covid Pandemic levels continued to give concern.

There were no major refurbishments or repairs carried out in 2021 so the net cash movement for the year ended with a surplus of £13,654, compared to the previous year of £4,139.

The closing cash reserves were £37,763, compared to £24,109 in 2020.

8 Risk management

The charity has considered the risks it may face and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.

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10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was reappointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.



John Blaker
Trustee

Date:

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Date: 19 October 2022

Receipts and Payment Account

	2021	2020
	£	£
Receipts		
Hall Hire	16,447	14,495
Hall Hire deposits (to be refunded)	600	-
Bank Interest	1	10
Fundraising	-	50
Grants and Donations	20,771	13,007
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Total receipts	37,819	27,562
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Payments		
Caretaker's wages	7,424	7,306
Tax and National Insurance	858	660
Electricity	1,793	1,470
Gas	2,437	2,593
Utility Membership Fee	29	29
Janitorial Expenses	762	470
Advertising/ Promotional	146	146
Insurances	1,008	979
Licences	598	474
Independent Examination Fee	864	840
Bookkeeping	2,422	1,545
Bookings Clerk	190	-
Business Rates	81	50
Waste Services	794	755
Telephone	352	180
Fire/Security/Electrical Safety Costs	732	318
Water	436	901
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2	157
General Repairs, Renewal and Maintenance	794	2,149
Sundry Expenses	10	32
Paypal Fees	64	-
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	21,796	21,054
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Loan Repayments	2,369	2,369
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Total payments	24,165	23,423
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Net receipts/ (payments)	13,654	4,139
Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2021	24,109	19,970
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Fundraising Account 8279	801	801
PayPal	1,602	-
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Debtors		
Trade Debtors	2,723	-
Prepayments	284	470
Other debtors	-	373
	<u>3,007</u>	<u>843</u>
Assets retained for Charities own use		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,070	1,648
Machinery & Equipment	236	471
	<u>1,305</u>	<u>2,119</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Trade Creditors	1,407	475
Hall fees and deposits received in advanced	600	866
Accruals	1,903	1,320
Other Creditors	222	207
Acre Loan	5,778	8,017
	<u>9,911</u>	<u>10,885</u>

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7 Review of financial position

2020 was a difficult year for the Hall finances and the Government Support Funding ensured that the Hall was able to survive the loss of income from the Covid Pandemic and the additional Covid related equipment and janitorial costs.

The net cash movement for the year was a surplus of £4,136, compared to a deficit due to building works in the previous year of £20,662. The closing cash reserves were £24,109, compared to £19,973 in 2019.

8 Risk management

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- b) a fundraising account for future improvements and for major maintenance not included in the annual budget,
- c) a reserves account to be used only for emergency works and costs, e.g. failure of a major component and continuing to operate if a major user drops out.

2. The minimum and maximum balance in each account shall be as follows:

- a) for the operational account, a minimum of three month's and a maximum of six month's expenditure,
- b) for the fundraising account, no minimum and a maximum of the capital maintenance and improvement costs identified in the business plan,
- c) for the reserves account, a minimum amount of £10,000.

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was reappointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.



John Blaker
Trustee

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stone Cross Memorial Hall

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stone Cross Memorial Hall for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



J R Caladine FCCA
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 27 October 2021

Receipts and Payment Account

	2020	2019
	£	£
Receipts		
Hall Hire	14,492	29,061
Bank Interest	10	48
Fundraising	50	255
Grants and Donations	13,007	4,610
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Total receipts	27,559	33,974
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Receipts and Payment Account (Continued)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Payments		
Caretaker's wages	7,306	6,908
Tax and National Insurance	660	685
Electricity	1,470	1,549
Gas	2,593	2,257
Utility Membership Fee	29	29
Janitorial Expenses	470	718
Advertising/ Promotional	146	146
Insurances	979	998
Licences	474	194
Independent Examination Fee	840	840
Bookkeeping	1,545	2,155
Business Rates	50	449
Waste Services	755	714
Telephone	180	358
Fire/Security/Electrical Safety Costs	318	923
Water	901	374
Printing, Postage and Stationery	157	213
General Repairs, Renewal and Maintenance	2,149	32,760
Sundry Expenses	32	-
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	21,054	52,270
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Loan Repayments	2,369	2,369
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Total payments	23,423	54,639
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Net receipts/ (payments)	4,136	- 20,665
Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2020	19,970	40,635
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Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2020	24,106	19,970
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The notes on page 9 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand -		
Current Account 1138	13,203	9,126
Deposit Account 3816	10,105	10,096
Fundraising Account 8279	801	751
	<u>24,109</u>	<u>19,973</u>
Debtors		
Trade Debtors	-	921
Prepayments	470	477
Other debtors	373	-
	<u>843</u>	<u>1,398</u>
Assets retained for Charities own use		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,648	2,889
Machinery & Equipment	471	1,178
	<u>2,119</u>	<u>4,067</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Trade Creditors	475	676
Hall fees and deposits received in advance	866	-
Accruals	1,320	1,458
Other Creditors	207	155
Acre Loan	8,017	10,217
	<u>10,885</u>	<u>12,506</u>

Approved by the Trustees on



John Blaker
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the charity.

2. Related parties transactions

Payments of £50 (2019:£1,540) were made to Geoff Baker (Trustee) and £439 to John Blaker (Trustee) to reimburse expenses incurred and for maintenance work as agreed with the Charity Commission.

3. Acre Loan (Action with Communities in Rural England)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Acre Loan	8,017	10,217
	<u>8,017</u>	<u>10,217</u>

The original loan was received in October 2009 at 2.43% interest with the first payment being in January 2010. An additional new loan of £15,000 was received in May of 2016 with repayments to be paid quarterly over the next 8 years with the first payment on the 15 August 2016. The Interest is attributed at the end of the quarter with an interest rate of 1.81%.

Loan repayment issues

The repayments should have been £572.70 per quarter from 15 August 2016, however Acre took incorrect payments. Acre were supposed to adjust the 2017 repayments but more incorrect payments were taken. Error was corrected in May 2018 and repayment increased to £592.30 to make up for the shortfall in payments taken for 15 months.