

GREAT BEDWYN PLAYINGFIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 305520

Details

Other names BEDWYN MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1962-06-27

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

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF A PLAYINGFIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

Activities: The Bedwyn Memorial Playing Field & Village Hall Charity owns & manages two plots of land in Great Bedwyn on which are housed all the main sports, recreational facilities & village hall. The village hall is used extensively by affiliated organisations and for private hire. The hire rates are some of the cheapest in Wiltshire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **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:** GREAT BEDWYN AND IMMEDIATE VICINITY
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,560	£23,391	-	-
2024-03-31	£102,425	£142,035	-	-
2023-03-31	£12,953	£18,661	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,381	£9,898	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,142	£24,538	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rob Braybrooke	Chair	2021-06-24
Andrew Mark Oliver		2019-05-16
KARINA NICHOLSON		
MR K CHALLEN		

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Achievements and Performance

Chair report to 2025 AGM.

This time last year I read out the report for Rob as he had been absent due to cancer treatment. We are so happy that he is back with us and has been straight back to dealing with as much VH issues as he can – most of them which go on in the background with the day to day running of the hall and issues on the Memorial Field.

Alongside Peter Angus, Rob has been successfully running the monthly Quiz night which is bringing a good income (in excess of £1500 a year) to the hall to keep us ticking over. We are very grateful to Rob as always for all he does.

Other fundraising this year has been a jumble sale in September which raised £1000 and the Advent craft and gift fair which raised £700. The funds from these have gone towards the kitchen refurb

fund. The kitchen refurb pot is now at around £4000 with funds remaining from other projects. At our April meeting we voted to use some of our funds to get this project underway.

A large part of this year has been spent over the bowls lawn and café. In autumn 2024 we received 2 proposals for use of the bowling green – resurrect bowls or 2 padel courts. We heard both proposals. We voted out the bowls proposal in September as it was only possible if the café gave up its outdoor space – which the café were not able to do. In the November meeting we heard GBTC proposal for 2 padel courts which did not impact the café space. In January we held a public open meeting to listen to the views of the village on these proposals. The meeting was well attended by around 50 people. Emails received beforehand were largely in favour of padel – not exclusively.

The strongest view was that the café should be able to remain. The bowls proposal was not represented at the meeting. Other proposals were made at the meeting – seating area, wooded area, multi purpose court. There was some quite vocal opposition to padel on grounds of noise pollution and parking issues. The outcome of this meeting was that bowls was not considered a viable option and GBTC have been asked for a full business plan and pre- planning advice from Wiltshire council – which they have sought and are still waiting.

The VH offered to support short mat bowls in the hall itself but that offer has not been taken up.

Other Memorial field news. In January Wendy closed the café with a view to opening at Easter. We learnt in March that Wendy wanted to retire. We had productive talks with a possible replacement for Wendy.

We ensured that all checks were carried out on the café building so that it was certainly ready for use by another hirer – asbestos survey, fire risk safety checks and in our April meeting voted to use funds to remove the bowls green fencing and landscape it. This has also now been completed – the area has been reseeded and it looks very good. Some of the health and safety concerns pointed out by the potential hirers have been fixed in this work eg the gully around edge filled in. There remains concrete to 3 sides and most is in average to good condition with one hole to fill and some rubbish to get rid of.

Sadly talks with the potential hirers failed at the last hurdle with a revised lease that they did not wish to discuss further. We have had one other potential hirer but they have decided it is too big an undertaking. We have also been seeking a replacement bookings officer since Martine has handed in her notice as she has taken on more work elsewhere. We are really grateful for the excellent job that Martine has done over the past 2.5 years taking bookings, dealing with invoices and generally keeping admin in order. She has done a great job and we thank her. We have interviewed two excellent candidates and have today appointed Cindy Kouris who we welcome here tonight.

So a very busy year - some positive news but other things to work on !

Financial Review

The bank balance as of 31st March 2025 was £49121.38

The Hall generated rental income of £14888 down slightly from £15084 last year.

The general sources of fundings are hire of the venue to clubs, classes, and individuals as well as fundraising events open to the public.

Trustees

**Rob Braybrooke
Andrew Mark Oliver
Karina Nicholson
Kevin Challen**

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Date: 10/04/2026

Mark Oliver

Income & Expenditure

Income	2024-25	2023-24
Hall Bookings	£14,888	£15,084
Property Rental	£600	£0
Grants	£5,844	£85,000
Quiz/Craft Fair	£2,698	£1,363
Interest	£328	£567
Jumble Sale	£927	£0
Micellaneous	£1,201	£284
	<u>£26,486</u>	<u>£102,297</u>

Expenditure

Maintenance	£2,150		£2,415	
Electricity & Water	£4,134		£3,384	
Cleaning & Gardening	£4,815		£3,331	
Insurance & Licencing	£2,289		£2,532	
Administration	£2,107		£1,598	
Micellaneous	£2,292	£17,787	£2,098	£15,357
Surplus/Loss		<u>£8,699</u>		<u>£86,940</u>
Café Drains Repair		£2,520		£2,930
Car Park Resurfacing		£0		£11,400
Café Survey + Maintenance		£1,304		£0
Hall Extention		£2,344		£112,332
Adj Surplus/Loss		<u>£3,835</u>		<u>-£39,721</u>

Balance Sheet

Net Assets

Main Account	£19,976	£15,858
Reserve Account	£29,146	£30,732
Total	<u>£49,122</u>	<u>£46,590</u>

Net Liabilities

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Achievements and Performance

Since the last AGM on 5th July, a great deal has occurred. The construction of the Legion room got underway in August, all went quite smoothly and came in on budget. The room was first used for a meeting in November, and we are very proud of what we have achieved, and we have no doubt that it will serve the community well for many years to come.

At the December 2023 meeting Rob Braybrooke announced his decision to stand down from his role forthwith, and is very grateful to Karina Nicholson for stepping into the role of Chair, and all that goes with it.

With the aid of community fund raising the drain from Wendy's community café was repaired. We do believe that this matter has raised our profile in that many residents are now more aware of the cafe, and the fact that it and the Memorial Field are owned by the

Trust and the community. The last phase of the work at the Village Hall which is the landscaping and re-seeding of the area between the hall and Frog Lane was completed in August 2024

Financial Review

The bank balance as of 31st March 2023 was £46,589.51

The Hall generated rental income of £15084 up from £8050 last year.

The general sources of fundings are hire of the venue to clubs, classes, and individuals as well as fundraising events open to the public.

Trustees

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Kevin Challen

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Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Date:

Karina Nicholson

Income & Expenditure

Income	2023-24	2022-23
Hall Bookings	£15,084	£8,050
Property Rental	£0	£1,050
Grants	£85,000	£85
Quiz/Craft Fair	£1,363	£1,585
Interest	£567	£123
Micellaneous	£284	£2,060
	<u>£102,297</u>	<u>£12,953</u>

Expenditure

Maintenance	£2,415	£2,080	
Electricity & Water	£3,384	£3,420	
Cleaning & Gardening	£3,331	£3,653	
Insurance & Licencing	£2,532	£1,830	
Administration	£1,598		
Micellaneous	£2,098	£15,357	£1,135
Surplus/Loss	<u>£86,940</u>	<u>£12,118</u>	<u>£835</u>
Café Drains Repair	£2,930		
Car Park Resurfacing	£11,400		
Hall Extention	£112,332		£0.00
Adj Surplus/Loss	<u>-£39,721</u>		<u>£835</u>

Balance Sheet

Net Assets

Main Account	£15,858	£26,672
Reserve Account	£30,732	£59,527
Total	<u>£46,590</u>	<u>£86,199</u>

Net Liabilities

b/f Main Account	£26,672	£15,530
b/f Reserve Account	£59,527	£22,790

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Achievements and Performance

While the 2020-21 financial year was challenging due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the legal requirement for the Hall to remain closed for most of the period, the Trustees were able to provide some events in keeping with the aim of benefitting the residents of the parish.

The Trustees also ensured the Covid-security of the Hall through investment of Covid-related grants, undertaking a deep clean of the Hall to allow partial re-opening to clubs, classes and the public.

A new ecological heating System was installed.

Financial Review

The bank balance as of 31st March 2021 was £81,923, an increase of £53,135 on the previous year due to Covid-related grants and a £43,150 donation from The British Legion

The Hall generated income of £2,228, significantly lower than usual years due to the closure for most of the period as a result of the pandemic.

The donation from the British Legion is restricted to be used for a planned future development of the Hall.

The Charity owns The Hall and manages two plots of land to be held in

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meetings lectures and classes, recreation and leisure activities.

The maintenance expenditure includes £14,665 for The New Heating System.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the charity is a Trust Deed signed on 30th October 1987. The charity is an unincorporated association.

Trustees and officers are co-opted from the parish and duly elected at the Annual General Meeting.

No specific induction or training policies exist, but trustees are provided with informal, ongoing training on the work of the Hall.

The Chair, Treasurer, Vice Chairperson and Secretary form the Executive Committee providing oversight of the work of the Hall.

The Executive can co-op up to two members of the public to support/assist the Executive in its business.

The Trustees hold regular meetings to review progress against objectives, setting of new objectives and management of the funds.

An Annual General Meeting, open to the whole parish, reports on the business and financial statements for the Hall and as stated above elects the Trustees.

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Kevin Challen

Income

Hall Bookings £2,228 Donations £48,160 Grants £27,121

Quiz £60 Interest £5 MISC £0

£77,573

Expenditure

Maintenance £17,694

Electricity & Water

Cleaning & Gardening

Insurance & Licencing

User Support

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£1,882 £3,233 £5,068 £1,399 £9,364 £1,190

Income & Expenditure Account 2020-21

2019-20

£10,511 £0 £0 £1,109 £8 £48 £11,676

£22,136 -£10,460

£13,118 £15,670 £28,788

£23,578

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Net Profit/(Loss)

Net Assets

Main Account Reserve Account Total

Net Liabilities

b/f Main Account b/f Reserve Account Adj Income

Total

£53,135

Balance Sheet

£15,983 £65,940 £81,923

£13,118 £15,670 £53,135 £81,923

£1,879 £2,246 £1,604

£579

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Addition to Examiner's report for Great Bedwyn Village Hall for accounts ended 31 Marts 2021

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Date: 15/12/2022.

Rob Braybrook

Rob Braybrook

Income & Expenditure Account

	2020-21	2019-20
Income		
Hall Bookings	£2,228	£10,511
Donations	£48,160	£0
Grants	£27,121	£0
Quiz	£60	£1,109
Interest	£5	£8
MISC	£0	£48
	£77,573	£11,676
Expenditure		
Maintenance	£17,694	£1,882
Electricity & Water	£1,879	£3,233
Cleaning & Gardening	£2,246	£5,068
Insurance & Licencing	£1,604	£1,399
User Support	£579	£9,364
Micellaneous	£437	£1,190
Net Profit/(Loss)	£24,438 £53,135	£22,136 -£10,460

Balance Sheet

Net Assets		
Main Account	£15,983	£13,118
Reserve Account	£65,940	£15,670
Total	£81,923	£28,788
Net Liabilities		
b/f Main Account	£13,118	£23,578
b/f Reserve Account	£15,670	£15,670
Adj Income	£53,135	-£10,460
Total	£81,923	£28,788

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

GREAT BEDWYN PLAYINGFIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 Marts 2021

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 Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

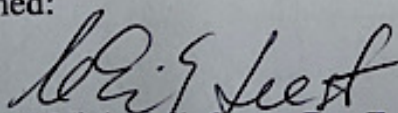
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: Niels Erik Seest, Bcs Econ

Date: 20/12/22

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