



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Barrow Village Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

502353

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 03 / 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

19/12/25

Name:

Jonathan Bolton

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Address:

Sutton House, Mill Lane, Great Barrow, Chester. Ch3 7JF

BARROW VILLAGE HALL

(Charity Commission registered no. 502353)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2023/24

£	9,417.91
£	4,200.00
£	10,200.00
£	750.00
£	4.75
£	-
£	<u>24,572.66</u>

RECEIPTS

Hire of Hall
Rent of Cottage No.1
Rent of Cottage No.2
Grants and Donations
Interest Received
Miscellaneous
TOTAL RECEIPTS

2024/25

£	11,270.75
£	4,200.00
£	10,200.00
£	-
£	1,150.10
£	<u>114.16</u>
£	<u>26,935.01</u>

2023/24

£	1,866.39
£	3,606.92
£	1,750.12
£	99.17
£	2,918.27
£	1,546.56
£	668.00
£	6,420.00
£	214.57
£	<u>1,889.56</u>
£	<u>20,979.56</u>

PAYMENTS

Ansvar Property & Indemnity Insurance
Opus Energy / British Gas (Gas)
Opus Energy / EDF Energy (Electricity)
Water Plus (Water/Sewerage)
Maintenance (Village Hall)
Maintenance (Cottage No.1)
Maintenance (Cottage No.2)
Caretaker Contract
Sundries
Miscellaneous
TOTAL PAYMENTS

2024/25

£	1,888.45
£	3,721.97
£	-
£	1,258.86
£	1,574.10
£	96.00
£	309.00
£	6,420.00
£	325.43
£	<u>1,964.86</u>
£	<u>17,558.67</u>

£ 3,593.10

£ 31,567.72

£ 35,160.82

Net of Receipts / (Payments)

Cash Funds Last Year End

Cash Funds This Year End

£ 9,376.34

£ 35,160.82

£ 44,537.16

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025

Cash Funds (Unrestricted)

	01.04.2024	31.03.2025
Lloyds TSB Treasurer's Account	£ 9,760.87	£ 19,250.94
COIF Charity Funds Deposit	£ 25,100.00	£ 25,100.00
Cash in hand (Caretaker)	£ 299.95	£ 186.22
Cash in hand (Treasurer)	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 35,160.82</u>	<u>£ 44,537.16</u>

Assets Retained for the Charity's own use

(Figures are quoted at present insured value)

	01.04.2024	31.03.2025
Buildings	£ 1,666,003	£ 1,977,212
Contents	£ 91,306	£ 104,348
	<u>£ 1,757,309</u>	<u>£ 2,081,560</u>

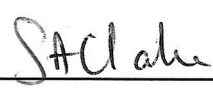
Liabilities

There were no significant outstanding items due or commitments at the year end.

Signed:

Andrew Jones: 
(Treasurer)

Date: 20/12/25

Sally Clarke: 
(Chair)

Date: 19.12.25

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

These annual accounts are prepared on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis rather than an 'Accruals' basis, in accordance with guidelines set down by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. This simplified presentation of the accounts appropriately illustrates the ongoing financial situation of a small, single-purpose operation such as Barrow Village Hall in a clear and concise way.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Hall lettings

Hall lettings encouragingly increased from £9,324 last year to £11,059 this year. As well as the continued support of long standing users such as the Barrow Table Tennis Club and Chester Music Ltd (formerly the Modelski Orchestra), we also benefitted from the increasingly popular wine tasting evenings and some new users (e.g. Subud Chester) which all contributed to this £1.7K increase in revenue.

Rental of cottages

Both cottages were fully occupied for the year with no change to the previous year.

Interest

A transfer of 'excess funds' (£25,000) was made from our Lloyd's current account to a higher interest savings account in March '24 and the charity benefitted from the interest generated throughout this financial year. The value of funds held in this reserve account will be reviewed periodically and further deposits may be made as applicable.

Insurance

Insurance costs stayed effectively the same as the previous year.

Energy & Water

Cost of gas also remained largely unchanged compared to last year, however, no electricity costs were incurred at all due to an ongoing issue with the hall's malfunctioning meter. The fault was reported to the supplier on numerous occasions but as at the time of writing it remained unresolved. An allowance should be made next year for any backdated charges which may be forthcoming.

The similar issues experienced previously with the hall's water charges were finally rectified this year meaning £1,258 of water charges were incurred compared to just £99 last year. We would expect around this amount to become the standard again moving forward.

Maintenance

Maintenance costs fell by over half this year compared to last from £5.1K to approx £2K overall. There was no single expenditure over £250 incurred on the hall itself all year but minor electrical maintenance costs totalled £384, fire safety improvements totalled £411, and plumbing and heating maintenance costs amounted to £386.00.

Expenditure on the cottages was also limited with minor roof repairs to No.2 totalling £225 being the largest single cost.

Other

The caretaker, sundry and miscellaneous areas of expenditure experienced no significant changes this year versus last year.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

A combination of higher receipts (up £2.3K) and lower payments (down £3.4K) means we are pleased to report a net increase in funds of £5.7K compared to the 2023/24 accounts. The charity's cash reserves now stand at £44K and we continue to remain financially strong.

In terms of future planning, as mentioned above, electricity charges may be backdated and an allowance should be made in the forthcoming years budget.

EXAMINATION

The Trustees of Barrow Village Hall are responsible for the preparation of these annual accounts. In their opinion an audit is not required this year (under section CC31 of the Charities Act 2017) but an independent examination is needed. Such an independent examination has been carried out by Jonathan Bolton CA in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission Form IER has been signed by him confirming his satisfaction with these accounts.

AJ

11/10/2025