

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Great Easton Village Hall for the year ended 31 March 2026

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Village Hall Accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out that examination, I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. I have also met with the Village Hall Treasurer on two occasions to obtain all information and explanations needed to conduct the examination.

I have completed my examination (22 May 2026). 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:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the Village Hall as required by Section 130 Act; and that,
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 for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22 May 2026

Great Easton Village Hall

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025–2026

Charity Number: 511066

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Great Easton Village Hall

Charity Registration Number: 511066

Principal Address: High Street, Great Easton, Market Harborough, LE16 8ST

Trustees serving during the year and up to date of approval: Tim Smith (Chair April 2026), Alice Murdock (Deputy Chair), Mandy Law (Treasurer), Susan Peet (Secretary), Teresa Chapman (Chair from April 2026), Lorna Bryant, Louisa Feltham, Margaret Stamp, Chris Stirney, Robert Wilson (Parish Council Representative).

Independent Examiner: Paul Brittain

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed (Lease) dated 14 July 1981. The committee consists of elected members, representative members from local organisations, and co-opted members.

The Great Easton Parish Council, as owner of the land, has a permanent representative on the committee.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees are responsible for the repair, insurance and other obligations relating to the Village Hall. Decisions are made by majority vote during committee meetings held regularly throughout the year.

New trustees are supported through discussion with existing committee members and by access to the Charity Commission guidance.

3. Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The primary objective of the Charity is to maintain Great Easton Village Hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of Great Easton and the surrounding area, regardless of their political or religious views

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The Hall provides an important community hub and supports a wide range of activities promoting health, wellbeing, education and social inclusion.

- Regular fitness and wellbeing classes including Yoga, Zumba and Pilates.
- Community activities including the Final Friday Social, Youth Group and Good Companions.
- Educational and cultural activities including the History Society, Art Club and Great Easton Little Theatre Company.

- Private hire facilities for local residents and community events.

4. Achievements and Performance

It has been a successful year for the Village Hall, with several fundraising events and the completion of the refurbishment of the 40-year-old kitchen, which has significantly improved the facilities available to users of the hall.

The kitchen refurbishment project cost £25,113 in total, funded through £17,674 of grants from Harborough District Council and £7,439 from unrestricted Village Hall funds.

Fundraising events during the year included the Valentine Quiz, the Grand Raffle held jointly with St Andrews Church, and the continuing Final Friday Social events, which have become a successful and regular source of income.

Fundraising costs included £2,612 paid to St Andrews Church as part of the agreed 50:50 sharing arrangement for the Grand Raffle event.

Regular hire income remained strong during the year at £6,194 and private hire income also increased.

The Village Hall archive was sorted and organised during the year, improving record management for future committees.

The Trustees would like to thank all volunteers, supporters and local groups who contributed to the success of the Village Hall during the year.

5. Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Total income for the year was £43,907, comprising £26,233 unrestricted funds and £17,674 restricted grant income.

Total expenditure for the year was £42,283, comprising £24,609 unrestricted expenditure and £17,674 restricted expenditure.

The net surplus for the year was **£1,624**.

Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2026 were **£29,090**.

The Trustees have established a reserves target of £8,000. This reserve is intended to provide financial stability and support the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Village Hall.

- £3,000 to cover approximately five months of core operational costs in the event of a temporary loss of income.
- £5,000 designated for major emergency repairs, such as heating or roof failure.

Funds held in excess of the reserves target are designated for future improvements, including external rendering, replacement stage curtains and the ongoing 'Walk on the Wildside' environmental project.

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks facing the charity and are satisfied that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to manage those risks.

6. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees plan to continue improving the Village Hall facilities for the benefit of the community. Planned projects include replacement of the stage curtains and external rendering works.

The committee will continue to focus on maintaining strong levels of hall usage and developing community fundraising events to support future improvement projects.

7. Independent Examination

As the charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 during the year, the accounts are subject to Independent Examination in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

8. Approval and Declaration

The Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 19 May 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Teresa Chapman – Chair

Signature: Teresa Chapman

Date: 21.5.26.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025-2026

(Receipt and Payment basis)

	2026 Unrestricted Funds	2026 Restricted Funds	2026 Total Funds	2025 Total Funds
Income from:	£	£	£	£
Regular Hire	6,194	-	6,194	5335
Private Hire	2,489	-	2,489	2065
Fundraising - Lottery	1,222	-	1,222	1200
Fundraising - Bar	8,242	-	8,242	5286
Fundraising - Other	6,928	-	6,928	1600
Fundraising - Walk on the Wildside ¹	153	-	153	3901
Donations	716	-	716	1104
Bank interest/Credit	289	-	289	-
Grants ²	-	17,674	17,674	-
Total income*	26,233	17,674	43,907	20,491
<i>* Excludes cashback payments</i>				
Expenditure on:				
Cost of Fundraising - Lottery	600	-	600	600
Cost of Fundraising - Bar	4,589	-	4,589	2,453
Cost of Fundraising – Other ³	3,162	-	3,162	202
Cost of Fundraising - Walk on the Wildside	661	-	661	2,813
Gas	1,393	-	1,393	1,592
Electricity	838	-	838	734
Water	404	-	404	393
Broadband	201	-	201	185
Insurance	891	-	891	861
Cleaner	1,614	-	1,614	1,359
Gardener	472	-	472	477
Inspections and servicing	231	-	231	244
General/Repairs	839	-	839	704
Improvements ⁴	7,439	-	7,439	451
Licences	285	-	285	603
Marketing	-	-	-	160
Professional fees	-	-	-	300
Miscellaneous	841	-	841	224
Bank fees	149	-	149	74
Grants	-	17,674	17,674	-
Donations	-	-	-	1,000
Total expenses	24,609	17,674	42,283	15,430
Surplus/deficit for the year	1,624	0	1,624	5,061

Assets	£	£
Bank Balance	27,727	26,050
Cash balance	434	526
Invoices owed	967	803
Stock value	462	324
Total	29,590	27,703
Liabilities		
Deposits owed	200	250
Lottery owed	300	300
Total	500	550
Total Unrestricted funds	29,090	27,153

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Note 1 - Designated funds

Walk on the Wildside funds are designated for environmental projects to be used over the next 5 years. They are now included in the balance sheet.

	Funds C/F	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
	£	£	£	£
Walk on the Wildside	4,814	153	663	4,303

Note 2 - Restricted funds - Grants

Section 106 and Community Grant funds from HDC for kitchen project

Note 3 – Other Fundraising costs

This includes £2,612, which was paid to St Andrews Church, Great Easton, as part of the profit from the Grand Raffle fundraising event. The profit was split 50:50 between the Village Hall and the Church.

Note 4 – Improvements

The entire amount was spent on the kitchen refurbishment, which together with the HDC grants, cost £25,113.