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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

RAMPSIDE VILLAGE HALL

Charity registration number: 521020

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2024

Financial period end date

31/03/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£ 33,587

Spending £

£ 61,617

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 4,577

Charitable activities

Rampside Village Hall Accounts 2024/25

Charity Number 521020

Year Ended 31st March 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Main Rental Income	£18,328.84	£18,802.22
Lottery Ball income	£3,060.00	£2,940.00
Fund Raising		£77.00
Bar	£758.25	£1,116.20
Miscellaneous income	£4,759.76	£3,375.30
Grants / Donations	£4,577.80	£10,830.00
Bank Deposit Interest	£1,503.70	£1,305.24
Coronation/Anniversary	£599.20	£368.65
Totals	£33,587.55	£38,814.61

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rent	£0.00	£0.00
Utilities	£12,908.26	£10,863.90
Council Tax (reduced)	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance	£1,357.96	£1,341.19
Bank Charges	£132.74	£144.17
Bar	£0.00	£891.27
Cleaner	£1,020.00	£712.00
Petty Cash	£8,902.20	£2,348.90
Lottery Ball Prizes	£2,480.00	£2,480.00
Lift	£730.80	£666.00
Fire Servicing	£76.80	£117.60
Dairy	£2,356.49	£787.80
Repairs/Maintenance	£35,231.35	£1,544.23
Council licence cost	£0.00	£180.00
Accountants' fees	£312.00	£292.50
Coronation/Anniversary	£654.79	£712.35
Misc.	£454.00	£811.99
Total Expenditure	£61,617.39	£23,893.90

Surplus/Deficit 2024/25 **-£28,029.84**

Total funds at Year End

Funds reconciliation

Petty Cash	£37.64
Current Account	£6,997.30
Deposit Account	£68,571.17

Total funds **£75,606.11**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS OF RAMPSIDE VILLAGE HALL

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr J R Goffe FCA
Melville & Co
Chartered Accountants

11 June 2025

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RAMPSIDE VILLAGE HALL

6.30 p.m., Tuesday 29th April 2025 – Chairman's Report

When you pause to consider the great variety of events being held in this hall during any given week, it becomes clear at once what a focal point the building provides for the communities of Rampside, Roa Island and Roosebeck as well as the many others who use the facilities offered here. Something similar could be said of other halls, so it's always a sad moment when a village hall reaches the end of its life. Some time ago that was the case for the hall at Leece, and many will have been sad to see it go. Since our last AGM, the Leece hall was sold, and the proceeds distributed among a number of other such community buildings, of which our own was one. The resulting, not inconsiderable windfall has enabled the Management Committee to commission a substantial amount of work. You may, for example, have noticed the new flooring in some of our ancillary rooms as well as groundwork undertaken outside which will offer both aesthetic and safety benefits. These were just two items drawn from a long 'wish list' and work continues on a number of projects as opportunities permit, with the Leece funding helping to provide us with the secure financial base from which to undertake the work.

The Hall is currently held on a 28 year lease, a lease which is due to expire during the 2020s. Good management demands that the arrangements for the following period be attended to in good time, and to that end a series of meetings have been held during the past year – meetings which are still ongoing, and which are expected to be brought to a favourable conclusion using a new model of leasing arrangement.

It is always encouraging to reflect on the Hall's busy programme, and the schedule was fully described in last year's report. The closure to children's party bookings has long been under discussion, but progress has been made in recent months, and as a result we expect that a significant number of weekend bookings will soon begin to be made for that purpose, but without the need for the Management Committee to have direct hands-on involvement in the events.

In election years we act as the local polling station, and this year we hosted both local elections and July's General Election. On such occasions the hall is in continual use from before 6.00 a.m. until after 10.00 p.m. We are also delighted that the bi-monthly meetings held by our local Councillor, Paul Griffiths, with involvement from the local constabulary and others have become firmly established. These meetings give an opportunity to raise current concerns with those who can address them most effectively. On the intervening months a similar meeting is held at Roose Conservative Club. Like The Hall, the X112 offers a vital service to our local community, and we're glad to support it in any way we can. The management committee is also glad that we host a Friday morning toddler group and we remain conscious of the need to nurture this community asset.

Many of our occasional events are held at weekends, and last summer we were glad to host a marriage blessing and reception. It's on occasions like this that we're especially grateful to David Oxspring and his helpers for making the bar available. Since the formal closure of St. Michael's Church building, the congregation has been glad to make its home here. The benefice of which St. Michael's is a part continues to search for new clergy leadership in what is a time of shortage. I continue to lead much

of the worship, assisted by Rev. Graham Tate and a group of local lay people. This year has also seen a visit from the Archdeacon of Carlisle. Finally, some Sunday evenings now offer an opportunity to become involved in a relaxing sound bath experience. It is a use which has been enhanced by our underfloor heating, a feature not available at the previous venue.

In addition to all this, special events are held in most years, and the last Saturday in March, saw another very successful free event, with priority booking being offered to regular hall users and local residents. Sue Jenkinson and her team of volunteers always work hard to make these events successful, but a special word of thanks is due to them following this year's event, when the local branch of a major supermarket got in touch in the early hours of the day itself to advise that they would be unable to provide the food. Helpers stepped up, and with good food served on time, the event proved still better than before. We now have even 'more reasons' to be grateful to our more reliable volunteer team.

It should go without saying that all of this doesn't just happen. The fabric of the building needs to be maintained, sometimes in ways that even regular users of The Hall might rarely notice. Specialist contractors of various kinds will be found here at times during any year, but once again we're especially grateful to David Oxspring, also the Deputy Chair of the Management Committee, and filling the Chair's role tonight, for keeping this the attractive place it is.

There has been a change of Booking Secretary this year, with Rita Williams, handing over to Karen Smith. There are certainly advantages in having the Secretary's and Booking Secretary's roles held by a single person, but we're conscious of Karen's heavy workload, and we're grateful to her for all she does.

All that I've said might make it sound as though we've got a full team of volunteers supporting the Trustees who are always there for us in the background, and to whose number we're glad that Guy Charnley has been added this year. Summer Eathorne, working with family members, continues as our cleaner, and we're grateful to her for that. The role of treasurer has proved challenging to fill – indeed the hunt has gone on for a number of years, but we trust that Anne Gibson, to whom we are immensely grateful for her long and diligent service often in the face of poor health, will see a successor elected tonight.

A great deal more could be said, but the AGM finds the Village Hall in good heart, and for that I express my thanks once again to all those – named and unnamed – who are part of the large and varied team.

Martin Williams, 28/4/2025

RAMPSIDE VILLAGE HALL – TREASURER'S REPORT
2024/25

The Hall is in nearly constant use during the week and there are more than a few weekend bookings as well.

The main income is as follows:-

Bowls £710.00, Pickle Ball £2,880.00, Coffee mornings £9,193.09, Dancers/fitness classes £994.25, Table tennis £1,203.50, and the Lottery Ball £580.00 The Antenna rent was £2,340.00 and the FIT payment from EON was £1,241.76. There was also a 'one off' payment of £4,165.98. This was from the sale of Leece community Hall, the proceeds from which were divided between the four nearest Village Halls in the area. This bumped up our total income to £31,488.35.

The usual outgoings are:-

Utilities total £12,908.26 (up from £10,863.90 last year). Council Tax is currently zero but how long that will last is anyone's guess!

Our insurance agents are Norris & Fisher and the premium of £1,357.96 was paid in April 2024.

Our Accountants remain Melville & Co. who conduct an Independent Examination of the accounts rather than a full audit. This cost £312.00 this year. Gartec did the usual service on the lift £730.80.

There has been a great deal of general maintenance done this year since we felt that it would be a good idea to bring the now 20 year old building up to scratch while we had the funds. These comprise reflooring the lobby, kitchen and bar areas, £7388.40, outdoor fire escape route round the back of the building, £17,646.00 and had the outdoor paving cleaned and the car park cleared with new chippings £7560.00.

Another free celebration marked the Hall's 20th anniversary in March costing £654.79.

The current account balance now stands at £7372~~1~~.30 with a March cheque of £375.00 uncleared.

The deposit account balance is £68,571.17 The annual interest payments on this account total £1,503.70.

Since we have spent a lot of money on maintenance this year we have spent £28K over and above what we have made in income but this was a planned event. We still have £75k in reserves which is now comfortably below the bank Security figure.

Anne Gibson
April 2025

..... A. Gibson (Hon. Treasurer)

..... Date

..... D. Oxspring (Vice Chairman)

..... Date