



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

LIGHTHORNE VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2026

Charity no
(if any)

522 954

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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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

21/7/26

Name:

MADELINE FARZMAND

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NOTHING TO DISCLOSE -

LIGHTHORNE VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER 522954

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

		2025/6	2024/5	2023/4
RECEIPTS	Note	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
Income from Lettings		£7,580.16	£8,831.15	£7,586.09
Fundraising events		£16,780.34	£2,813.50	£1,419.96
Donations and Grants		£9,000.00	£80.00	£59.00
Film Club Receipts		£708.08	£554.66	£530.85
Other Income		£0.00	£459.60	£335.74
Deposit Account Interest		£680.31	£463.81	£306.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£34,748.89	£13,202.72	£10,238.02
PAYMENTS				
Fundraising Expenses		£4,561.10	£1,462.44	£0.00
Film Club		£312.24	£204.00	£209.94
Electricity		£3,163.71	£772.50	£627.00
Oil		£557.87	£781.20	£1,301.20
Water		£479.73	£503.73	£458.93
Broadband		£0.00		
Insurance		£775.75	£700.01	£668.16
Cleaning		£1,485.00	£1,430.00	£1,171.00
Licences		£70.00	£70.00	£70.00
<i>Investments</i>		<i>£0.00</i>	<i>£9,500.00</i>	<i>£15,000.00</i>
Maintenance		£1,432.34	£1,645.31	£4,316.62
Rates		£323.35	£128.24	£120.09
Sundries		£980.17	£1,126.34	£1,170.36
Project North Annexe		£274.62		
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£14,415.88	£8,823.77	£10,113.30
SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		£20,333.01	£4,378.95	£124.72
Return of Film Club Float				£40.00

CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		£32,605.00	£28,226.05	£28,141.33
CASH BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		£52,938.01	£32,605.00	£28,226.05
<i>Check</i>		<i>£20,333.01</i>	<i>£4,378.95</i>	<i>£84.72</i>
CASH BALANCES at 31st March				
Current Account		£1,482.14	£6,998.88	£12,687.90
Deposit Account		£51,707.43	£25,270.19	£15,306.38
Petty Cash		£48.44	£335.93	£231.77
TOTAL		£53,238.01	£32,605.00	£28,226.05
Deposits Held		£300.00		
TOTAL CASH		£52,938.01	£32,605.00	£28,226.05

LIGHTHORNE VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER 522954

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Financial Component	Item Description	Amount
Current Assets	Cash at Bank	£53,190
	Petty Cash	£48
	Money Owed to Charity	£0
Total Assets		£53,238
Current Liabilities	Hall Users' Deposits Held <i>(Note 1)</i>	£300
Total Liabilities		£300
Net Assets	<i>(Total Assets minus Liabilities)</i>	£52,938
Represented by Funds	Restricted Funds <i>(Note 2)</i>	£21,279
	Unrestricted General Funds	£31,659
Total Funds	<i>(Must equal Net Assets)</i>	£52,938

Note 1. The charity holds £300 in respect of refundable booking deposits from hall users. These balances are held as liabilities because they represent cash received that will either be refunded to the hirer upon successful completion of the booking or retained by the charity if booking conditions are breached. Three deposits were partially forfeited during this financial year, totalling £70. The forfeited amounts have been included in lettings income.

Note 2. The Project North Annexe fund is a restricted fund representing monies raised specifically for the demolition, redevelopment, construction, and outfitting of the building's North Annexe. During the financial year, these funds were raised through donations and village fundraising events. The Management Committee have determined that these funds are held in reserve and can only be expended in direct fulfillment of the project's objectives.

Lighthorne Village Hall

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending 31st March 2026

The Village Hall cash balance at 31st March 2026 was £53,238. The balance has benefitted considerably this year from donations and fundraising efforts by the community for the proposed works to demolish and replace the North Annexe.

The cash balance is made up of:

Current Account	£ 1,482
Deposit Account	£ 51,707
Petty Cash	£ 48

Total **£ 53,238**

The balance is allocated as follows:

Hall User's Deposits Held	£ 300
North Annexe Fundraising (restricted funds)	£ 21,279
Reserves (12 months running costs)	£ 10,000
Village Hall Available Funds	£ 21,659
Total	£ 53,238

Income

Total receipts for the year were £34,749 up from £13,202 last year. The significant increase has been the result of fundraising (including donations) which has increased from £2,813 last year to an impressive £25,780 this year. The community response to the need to fundraise for the replacement of the North Annexe has been remarkable and the Management Committee are extremely grateful for this expression of support.

Outgoings

Total outgoings for the year were £14,416 up from £8,824 last year. Fundraising expenses have increased by approximately £3.1k this year as an expected result of the increase in fundraising activity. There has also been a significant increase in spending in electricity this year. This was a result of marginally insufficient payments to Scottish Power in 2023/4 and 2024/5, which led to a small debt. Scottish Power's reaction was to insist on a higher than necessary monthly payment which has resulted in a £2k+ credit on the Village Hall's electricity account. This will be resolved this year with a move to a cheaper and more rational supplier as soon as the contractual obligation allows.

Reserves

The Management Committee has resolved to maintain a £10k Reserve Fund, which is sufficient to cover 12 months of outgoings. The monies raised through fundraising activity, and the rest of the funds available to the Village Hall, will likely be spent replacing the North Annexe in the next financial year.

Summary

The Village Hall is currently in a strong position financially, but the forthcoming project to replace the North Annexe will present a challenge to this. The Committee are resolved to continue to focus on fundraising and the securing of grants and donations, with the objective of delivering a similarly strong financial position, once the North Annexe project is complete.

Piers Banfield

Treasurer

30th June 2026