

Little Witley Village Hall

Trustees Report

Year Ending 28 February 2025

Charity Name: Little Witley Parish Hall

Charity Number: 523165

Trustees: Philip Owen Andrew Davis Nigel Moore Caroline Cawley
Paul Galvin Benjamin Wyatt Jonathan Geech Frances Juckes

Structure: Little Witley Parish Hall is the Charity that operates the Village Hall in the village of Little Witley, Worcestershire. The property and organisation is known to be referenced 'in the books' of The Charity Commissioners as far back as 2nd June 1926. The organisation is run and managed by volunteer Trustees. The Charity constitution, as recorded in the Charity Commission Scheme sealed on 17 September 1982 states that when complete the Committee should be made up of 11 Members (five elected and six representative) with 2 each representing Little Witley Parish Council, Little Witley Women's Institute and The Friends of St Michael Church.

Committee members are continually sought from the Village and surrounding area due to relatively high levels of turnover and whilst the Committee is not currently 'complete' all relevant organisations are represented.

The Committee meets monthly.

Object of Charity: As stated in 1982 Scheme, the Object of the charity is "the provision and maintenance of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Little Witley and its immediate vicinity"....."with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants".

Objectives within 2025: Beyond the stated objects of the Charity, the Committee has an ongoing objective to utilise the Hall for community purposes and to try to generate income through third party Hall rental to provide sufficient funds to maintain and hopefully develop the Hall.

The Hall also hosts 2 Clubs – Little Witley Film Club and Little Witley Social Club (which holds a Premises Licence) to increase revenue generation.

Key ongoing third party users of the Hall include music tuition, Yoga and Pilates classes and Taiko Drumming as examples.

In 2025, there was an additional objective to source funding for and develop the outside space (patio and surrounding garden) to improve the facility and increase utilization of the Hall.

Achievements and Performance: 2025 was a good year for the Charity. It received £19,999 of Lottery funding to develop the patio and garden areas. It should be noted that this was recorded as revenue, increasing the reported turnover to £39.6k, over the £25k threshold for reporting for the first time.

The Lottery Funding was fully utilised and has been reported back to The Lottery Foundation and signed off. The new patio and garden have been well used throughout the year and undoubtedly add to the appeal of the facility. Beyond the extensive outside works, there was lower than usual internal maintenance following a couple of years of relatively high expenditure and focus on the significant outside works. This resulted in a strong financial performance for the Hall, returning a Profit of £3.7k on Turnover of £19.6k (excluding Grants). This profit includes relevant donations from the Clubs both of which return all profitability to the Hall.

Financial Overview: With a reasonably strong year in 2025, the Village Hall finished the year with £12.6k of cash, against an internal target the Committee has set itself of maintaining cash reserves at a minimum of £5k. The Charity is debt free and other than cash and the property, has minimal assets.

With regard to the property, the premises are valued in the accounts at £138,015 which is a historic carrying value and has not been changed for some time (property was valued at £375k in June 2022). Revaluation in the accounts has not occurred, as ownership of the land and buildings is unclear. The Charity Commission Scheme dated 17th September 1982 refers to the land and property 'being held upon Trust'. The Charity Commission Scheme dated 8th February 1952 refers to land and buildings being 'recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners on the 2nd June 1926. However, Title to the land is not clear and the Trustees are pursuing this with the Land Registry, following advice from the Charities Commission.

Paul Galvin F.C.M.A.

Treasurer

On behalf of The Trustees of Little Witley Parish Hall

December 2025

Little Witley Village Hall

Profit & Loss Account for the Period Ended 28 February 2025

	<u>2025</u>
Sales	39,641
Cost of Sales	(5,426)
Gross Profit	34,215
Other Expenses	(30,536)
Net Profit Before Depreciation	3,679
Depreciation	-
Net Profit	3,679

Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2025

	<u>2025</u>
Fixed Assets	138,065
Current Assets less Current Liabilities	14,337
Net Assets	152,402
Funds Balance Pr Yr	148,723
Profit/(Loss) This Yr	3,679
Net Funds	152,402

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
20,822	25,435
(5,276)	(4,577)
15,546	20,858
(18,720)	(23,005)
(3,174)	(2,146)
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(3,174)	(2,146)

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
138,065	138,065
10,658	13,832
148,723	151,897
151,897	154,043
(3,174)	(2,146)
148,723	151,897



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name:
Little Witley Parish Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

28th February 2025

Charity no
(if any)

523165

Set out on pages

(inserted) to include the page numbers of any annual report.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **25 / 02 / 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

~~[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:

05 / 11 / 25

Name:

STEVEN BURGER

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qualification(s) or body

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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.