

Austwick Parish Hall Annual report for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Austwick Parish Hall, Main street, Austwick, Lancaster, North Yorkshire, LA2 8BN is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 19th August 1936, and registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 523477)

The Trustees during the year were:

Chair: Dr Karen Lindsey Smith

Treasurer: Kevin Hale

Secretary: Barbara Sarah France (retired June 2025), Vacancy

Other Trustees during and at the end of 2025: Merna McVeigh, Alec Rigby, Barbara Tibbatts, Margaret Barrington, Graham Cleverly, Angie Jupp.

Trustee sadly passed away during 2025 :Ralph Court.

The charitable objectives of the Trustees are to maintain Austwick Parish Hall for the inhabitants of the parish of Austwick and its immediate vicinity, for community activities and for the use by local groups for social, recreational and educational purposes.

The Parish Hall's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been drawn up and independently reviewed. Copies of statements of (a) the financial assets (balance sheet) and (b) summary cash income receipts and expenditure payments are included at the end of this report. The accounts do not include the freehold property value of the Hall itself (currently valued for insurance purposes at a rebuilding cost of £896,000) as this asset which is also held in trust does not form part of the day-to-day financial activities of the charity.

Hire rates have remained at the level agreed at the last AGM as the financial reserves of the Parish Hall have remained strong.

The following were the main features of the year's finances:

- The financial assets of the charity increased by £1,055 from £96,704 at the start of the year, to £97,759 by the end of 2025.
- Overall, annual income from all sources increased slightly to £28,607 in 2025 from £28,217 in 2024.
- Income from Hall hirings decreased to £3,506 in 2025 from £4,488 in 2024. 2024 receipts included £300 more payments invoiced the previous year than 2025. 2024 included £240 more receipts from family parties plus Yoga classes were held in that year but had finished before 2025. Burns Night was not held in 2025 and hire of tables/chairs and gazebos were higher in 2024.

External hires were higher in 2025 due to Scandimoot hiring the hall for a weekend in May with receipts of £595. They have booked again for 2026.

- Annual fundraising and event income increased slightly to £19,792 in 2025 (2024: £19,152). The Austwick Street Market and Cuckoo Festival was again the key fundraising event in 2025. A wonderful effort was made by volunteers across the community of Austwick and its surrounding area especially considering the weather on the day. The event benefitted from the involvement of most village groups and businesses. The event raised income of £18,009 (2024: £17,126). After related event costs the net surplus was £10,087 (2024: £11,536), of which half, being £5,044 (2024: £5,768) was retained by the Parish Hall. The event surplus is shared 50:50 with fellow local charity the Austwick Playing Fields Association. Other fundraising income included the summer plants stall, a full schedule of film nights, popular quiz nights and Jigsaw club.
- Expenditure decreased to £27,552 in 2024 (2024: £46,429. This included £16,232 for the audio-visual equipment providing an equivalent figure of £30,197)
- Repairs & Maintenance were £4,400 less than last year when the boiler cylinder was replaced and joinery work undertaken.
- An amount of £1,546 is held on behalf of Austwick Playing Fields Association being 50% of the funds held in a former bank account (closed in 2022). Those funds represented monies held jointly with that Association for the purposes of providing working capital to launch each year's Street Market.
- The financial resources of the charity at the end of 2025 of £97,759 were held principally as bank balances at Unity Trust Bank and Skipton Building Society providing a strong opening position for 2026.

The Trustees would like to extend their thanks to all those in and around Austwick who volunteered their time, energies and other resources for the benefit of the charity during the year.

Kevin Hale
Treasurer, Austwick Parish Hall
1st February 2026

AUSTWICK PARISH HALL COUNCIL
Registered Charity No. 523477
STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024	2023	£
Balances as at 1 January	96,704.77	114,916.04	63,783.60	
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	1,054.51	(18,211.27)	51,132.44	
Balances as at 31 December	<u>97,759.28</u>	<u>96,704.77</u>	<u>114,916.04</u>	
<u>Represented by:</u>				
Refundable deposit held by Filmbank	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Petty cash	£2,616.88	1289.53	895.56	
Bank balances at HSBC / Unity (current accounts)	20157.92	22807.47	39,221.92	
National Savings Investment Account	0.00	0.00	3,915.35	
Skipton Building Society	74,834.48	72,457.77	70,733.21	
Total	<u>97,759.28</u>	<u>96,704.77</u>	<u>114,916.04</u>	
Unbalanced difference	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Note : At 31 December 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021, balances at HSBC / Unity Trust above included **£1,546.62** attributable to Austwick Playing Fields Association, representing a 50% share of £3,093.24 funds held for the joint "Street Market" event.

Completed by :

K Hale

Treasurer, Austwick Parish Hall

Dated : 31 January 2026

I have examined these accounts and the books and records of Austwick Parish Hall Council and I am satisfied that they represent a correct statement of the Council's affairs as at the date stated.

Carol Evans

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Independent Examiner

Dated: 31 January 2026

AUSTWICK PARISH HALL COUNCIL
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SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	To 31 December 2025		To 31 December 2024		To 31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>						
Hall and equipment hire	£3,506.00		4,488.00		3777.25	
Fundraising and event income	£19,792.00		19,151.88		18492.39	
Rental income	£669.96		669.96		669.96	
Reimbursement of costs	£2,020.93		1,944.90		2491.98	
Covid-19 Government grants	£0.00		0.00		0	
Other grants	£0.00		0.00		924.98	
Bank Interest received	2376.71		1,775.50		269.13	
Donations	£241.00		187.52		54217.8	
		£28,606.60		28,217.76		80,843.49
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Business Rates and Insurance	£ 1,615.96		1,418.64		1274.54	
Utilities and Energy	£ 5,229.51		4,996.24		4587.93	
Repairs, maintenance and caretaking	£ 6,552.49		10,639.57		10563.37	
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	£ 17.00		16,990.17		1274.04	
Expenses of fundraising and events	£ 8,578.99		6,234.60		5947.45	
Miscellaneous, admin. and bank charges	£ 514.49		381.81		135.72	
Playing Fields Assocn share of Fundraising	£ 5,043.65		5,768.00		5928	
		£27,552.09		46,429.03		29,711.05
<u>Net surplus / (deficit)</u>		<u>1,054.51</u>		<u>(18,211.27)</u>		<u>51,132.44</u>