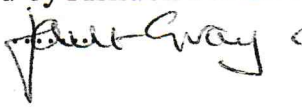


ASHDON VILLAGE HALL - A CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

This report was approved by Ashdon Parish Council on 22nd June 2024 and signed on its behalf by Councillor 

Structure, governance and management

Ashdon Parish Council (APC) as a body is both the managing trustee and the custodian trustee of the charity. The charity's land and buildings at CB10 2HA comprise the new village hall, the old village hall and White Horse House and car park, . They are held on trust for the use of the inhabitants of Ashdon without distinction of political, religious or other opinions. The trustee has had regard to Charity Committee guidance on public benefit.

The trustee appoints a secretary to the charity and APC is run by councillors, who are in principle subject to public elections or are co-opted. The trustee appoints a secretary to the charity and the independent examiner.

This is the first financial year where the rent from the charity's investment property has come directly to the charity's bank account. Even with that boost and APC passing on VAT recovered on the charity's expenditure for the first time, payments during the financial year significantly exceeded receipts, due to long-standing maintenance issues.

The charity is debt free and likely to remain so.

It holds reserves including to meet its obligations to keep the premises in good repair. They are expensive to maintain with expenditure being lumpy, as would be expected particularly with a listed building. The charity has the only thatched village hall in Essex. During the year ahead, the trustee will be considering a 3 year budget and looking at the optimum size of reserves going forward and whether to designate some of them for specific purposes, including thatching.

Much day-to-day management of the halls is delegated to Ashdon Village Hall Management Committee (AVMC) under Terms of Reference that were agreed during the financial year. Two APC councillors (currently Cllr Gray and Cllr Olley) are representatives of the trustees on Ashdon Village Hall Management Committee. There are 10 other members of the AVHMC (the maximum allowed), who either represent Ashdon village organisations or are appointed members. Village organisations select their own representatives and AVHMC has the power to co-opt members. AVHMC appoints its own chair, secretary and treasurer.

Achievements and activities

Looking back over the past year, the halls and facilities were used as a warm community hub, and hosted Parish Council meetings, the gardening club, and other club meetings, sport and pastimes including dog training, musical theatre, dance, yoga, pilates, kick boxing, indoor bowls and table tennis. Events included those held for young farmers and scouts and a fayre for the local windmill trust, a comedy night, a wedding reception, the coronation weekend and parties both for adults and children. The Hall has also provided a temporary home for the Baptist Church community mornings, whilst their roof is being repaired. Such a wide range of activities has greatly benefited the lives of the local inhabitants. The second half of the financial year was particularly busy.

The trustee is grateful to the Village Hall Management Committee for their tireless work and in particular to Janet Moore who has spent many years as booking secretary and is now retiring from this post.

Our thanks also to Stuart Hastie, who keeps the books as well as working so hard keeping an eye on the Hall itself.

And, as chair, I must thank my fellow trustees for their staunch support. You will have noticed that the Hall looks considerably smarter, both outside and inside. All improvements have been carefully scrutinised and costed by the trustees, who now meet at regular intervals and take the larger decisions regarding expenditure and maintenance on the Hall. Minutes of trustee meetings are taken by Alison Eddershaw and we are grateful to her for her patience.

We go forward, both the trustees and the Village Hall Management Committee, working together for the good of the Hall and the inhabitants of the Parish.

ASHDON VILLAGE HALL

Ashdon village hall is a registered charity number 802864

	9 months to 31 March 2023	12 months to 31 March 2024
Receipts	£	£
Hall lettings	10,367	14,582
APC White Horse House & office	11,825	7,170
VAT refunds	0	2,772
Quiz	514	0
Lottery	1,599	1,320
Insurance recharged	800	929
Other Donations	174	193
Interest	105	319
Total	25,384	27,285

	9 months to 31 March 2023	12 months to 31 March 2024
Payments	£	£
Routine		
Lottery prizes	646	862
Insurance	2,623	3,010
Electricity	990	8,588
Water	362	378
Cleaning	660	849
Fire extgrs. inspn & emgcy.exit	1,310	744
Minor repairs & renewals	526	573
Sundry	72	58
Pest control	0	372
	7189	15434

Projects		
Electrical repairs	119	3,653
Front door replacement	0	1,513
Furniture orders	447	3,587
Kitchen heater & microwave	0	507
Decorating	0	6,864
Blinds	0	3,348
Roof repairs	0	2,940
Vegetation & shed	0	1,725
New fire alarm 3 buildings	7,026	0
Architect fees-toilet	700	0
WHH to Ashdon Parish Council	1,563	0
sub-total	9,855	24,137
Total expenditure	17,044	39,571
Surplus/ (deficit) for period	8,340	-12,286

These accounts were approved by the trustee on 22 June 2024
and signed on their behalf by:



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	31 March 2023	31 March 2024
All funds are unrestricted	£	£
Cash and deposits		
Current account Barclays	38,333	25,717
COIF Charity Deposit A/c	6,570	6,889
Cash in hand	231	242
Total cash & deposits: unrestricted funds	45,134	32,848
Land and buildings		-12,286 Deficit for 23/4

Ashdon Parish Council (APC) is custodian trustee of the charity's land and buildings (the new village hall, the old village hall and White Horse House and car park). Their combined replacement cost for insurance is £1.8 million.

That amount could not be realised on a sale, as a previous owner would get almost half of their value.

Funds not in these accounts

In June 2024, the charity received £17.1k from the general bank account of APC, its trustee. That comprised: £34.1k that APC had received as rent from one of the charity's properties for the 6 years to March 2023 less £17.0k of it that APC had spent from the same account, on partially maintaining the charity's properties.

Other monetary assets

The insurance premium paid includes cover for 8 months after the year end. Some hall lettings in the financial year were not settled until after the year end.

Other non-monetary assets: most of which have been held for many years.

Tables	Microwave oven
Chairs	Fridge
Trolleys	Urn
Electronic piano	Kettle
Oven & hob	Vacuum cleaner
Projector & AV equipment	Floor polisher
Table tennis tables	

Liabilities

Some utilities and services provided during the financial year are invoiced or paid later. Lottery fees paid in the period entitle the holder to be entered in draws up to 31 December.



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

ASHDON VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 24

Charity no
(if any)

802864

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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 ("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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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. *Be.*

Signed:

Date:

22/06/24

Name:

BRIONY HOLMAN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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