

Scottish Charity Number
SC008767

King George V Memorial Hall



Annual Report 2025

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About the Charity

King George Vth Memorial Hall is a non-profit making village hall. It is run by a Committee with four office bearers to ensure that is a continuing amenity for the local community. We rely heavily on the goodwill of local volunteers who contribute to the upkeep and running of the hall premises. We have no employees but do have a self employed cleaner three hours a week.

We keep hall rents at a level to cover running costs in order to make the hall accessible to as wide a range of people as possible. Because of this policy we are unable to make charitable donations. The committee actively encourages anyone within the local community to make use of our facilities, within lawful practice.

Facilities

The Hall has well maintained facilities which enable it to be used by many different groups for different purposes:

Hall – This is the main area in the building. There is a large, curtained stage to one end which is used for various rehearsals and performances.

There are several groups which are regular users however, out with these times the hall is available to hire for any other type of social activity. We have table tennis tables and a badminton court which may be booked. There are stacking tables and chairs seating 100± which can be arranged to suit particular needs.

Kitchen – There is a good sized kitchen which is well equipped with hotplates, ovens, urns and a microwave.

Toilets – There are Ladies and Gents toilets and a disabled toilet. There are also baby changing facilities.

Access – there is a ramp outside the main entrance meaning the hall is easily accessible to all users.

Frequent users of the Hall in 2025 included:

- The Parish Church
- The primary school
- Weavers group
- FROM charity
- Badminton Group
- Yoga
- Straw making workshops
- Dog training

Other activities taking place in the Hall include:

- One off fundraising events such as quiz nights and fairs
- Birthdays parties (childrens and adults), Halloween children party, dances

- Life events – we hosted two weddings in 2025 and many funeral teas.

History

The King George Vth Memorial Hall was built in 1937. The feu was donated by Mr R L Smith and the building work was funded by Sir R W Smith MP. The initial trustees comprised Sir R Smith (chairman), two parish Ministers (one as Treasurer) and a representative from the SWRI. The remainder of the executive committee comprised four other elected members. We currently operate as an annually elected committee of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Financial Review

The year to 30th June 2025 has been another successful year of fundraising for the hall. Income from events was up £2,414 (62%) to £6,291. This came from our Hogmanay Ceilidh, 2 pubs and the wreath making evening. Income from hall lets was down slightly on the previous year, 7%, however we were closed for a number of months to allow the first phase of our improvement works to be completed. The costs of running the hall on a day to day basis are however up. We had additional costs incurred on the repairs to the boiler and the associated requirement for additional heaters to be hired, adding £877 to costs. We also tried to improve the efficiency the radiators by having them flushed.

Following a review carried out by [REDACTED] a decision was taken to increase the insurance cover we have in place, to include greater public liability cover and cover for the committee members.

All of the above pales in comparison to the costs associated with the improvement works carried out. They are listed in the accounts distributed. A special word of thanks needs to go to the sub committee who worked so hard on sourcing and applying for the grants that made the whole project possible. In real terms, as a result of their hard work the net cost to the hall, including the loss of income from the time we were closed, was less than £1,000. I'm sure we can all accept that for what we now have, a warm cosy hall, which has been put on a much more sustainable footing for the future, it was a small price to pay.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Hall the lively and vibrant community asset it is.

This Year

When we met a year ago the hall had just re-opened after the solar panels had gone on the roof and the walls had been insulated and decorated. We have had the sunniest spring and summer for many years and the solar panels are paying dividends – sure [REDACTED] will tell us more.

The insulation has made the Hall much warmer apart from in January/February this year when the boiler kept breaking down. Two plumbers have told us it is getting towards the end of its life....but it is working for now....

Last November we installed a generator – which you may have seen at the back of the Hall. Many thanks to [REDACTED] for doing the work to get in place. We now have a resilience group headed by [REDACTED] and the first training on how to run the generator has taken place. We are very fortunate in that [REDACTED] who are community councillors are also in this

group and [REDACTED] has been doing a lot of work in preparing a resilience leaflet to let people know what will be available in the Hall in the event of a power outage.

In January the hall was briefly shut again as we removed asbestos from the premises. We were lucky enough to get additional funding to remove the extra asbestos that we had discovered during the building work.

The turn of the year was also very busy with a feasibility study into the future of the Hall. This process was led by [REDACTED] who did an outstanding job. I would like to thank her and everyone – too many to name – who engaged with the process. We had funding for the study which engaged an architect, surveyor and heating engineers to look at the building and work with us as to how it can be best used in the future. It was great to generate some heated debates and to visit other Halls and see what solutions they have found.

The full report was with us in March and while we would have loved to implement all the measures it identified we have moved ahead with the ones shown as most urgent. It is a real bonus to have the document as a blueprint on what can be done in the future. For those who are interested and haven't seen a copy let us know and we will email one to you.

It sounds simple to apply for grants but believe me it is not – we are very fortunate to have the top funding team of [REDACTED] who bring a wealth of experience to this. Thanks too to [REDACTED] who were able to lend their expertise to our main grant application. The great news is that we have been successful – it has taken a while but we have secured grants from UKSPF, CARES and Vattenfall. This is for the urgent work from the feasibility study and could start as early as next week – this is later on the agenda so I won't say more just now.

Another improvement came this summer when [REDACTED] achieved the apparently impossible task of contacting the Hall to fibre broadband. This brings us into the 21st Century and will help with future hires.

Having visited halls in Finzean and Aberheirder we have had the compliment returned with representatives from Oyne, Old Rayne and Premney coming to speak to us about the work


Alongside all this we have continued to do some fund raising. Many thanks to [REDACTED] for organising the wreath making night, we held a Hogmany ceildh for the first time which was a huge success – everyone enjoyed it and it made a healthy profit – thanks to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We have had two pop up pubs – November which was the most successful we have had and March which was the quietest.

I would like to thank everyone on this team for your varied and helpful contributions all year. It makes my role easier to have such a great group of people who are always available to help when needed – even broken urinals, organising emergency heating, dealing with wasp nests and many other events. I would like to thank [REDACTED] for her work as treasurer – going into her 10th year in the role. The grant money has made her role more complicated but she has taken it completely in her stride.

As most of you know [REDACTED] has moved out of the village – thankfully she hasn't moved very far – only as far as Inverurie – but as a result she is stepping down as secretary. She has been an extremely efficient secretary managing to update our booking form and terms and

conditions, start our online booking form and quickly gets back to anyone wanting to hire the Hall. In addition, she has been instrumental in the funding group – a role thankfully she is willing to carry on with. Sorry to embarrass her just before she speaks but I would like us all to show some appreciation.

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Chair Village Hall
21st October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of King George V Memorial Hall, Chapel of Garioch.

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I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ending 30th June 2025.

Respective duties of the trustees and Examiner

The charities trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the accounts Regulation does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) © of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

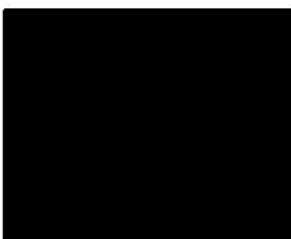
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 1.1 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention.



10/10/2025.



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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Hall Lets	5,140	5,580
Fundraising Events	6,291	3,877
Other	77,271	23,457
Donations	116	116
Total Receipts	88,818	33,030
Payments		
Heat, Light & Water	2,299	1,445
Cleaning, Repairs & renewals	7,272	5,792
Fundraising Events	2,765	1,648
Other	99,052	2,287
	111,388	11,172
Surplus/Deficit for Year	- 22,570	21,858
Other Income		
Community Energy Efficiency Fund		1,257
Foundation Scotland Grant		12,200
Generator Grant		10,000
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	77,069	
Electricity Export Income	201	
	77,271	23,457
Other Expenditure		
Generator incl installation	14,263	
Solar Panels	27,464	
Smoke Alarm Upgrades	776	
Asbestos Removal	9,198	
Internal Renovations	40,375	
Internal Decorations	6,188	
Hall Plaque	108	
Freedom of Information Request	30	
Planning Application	500	550
Morris Tait - Architect - Building Warrant	150	823
Hall Survey		60
Letter Box		15
Harley Reid		54
Fairhurst Group		786
	99,052	2,287
Repairs		
Cleaning	1,800	1,562
PRS	185	181
Grass Cutting	1,000	1,000
Insurance	1,896	1,160
Chubb	168	168
Flush Radiators	360	
Garioch Blinds - New Curtain Poles	475	
Entertainment Licence	106	
Hire of Heaters	212	
Boiler Repairs	665	
Fuel for Generator	174	
Paint	50	
Draft Excluder	15	
Notice Board	32	
RH Electrical	72	
	61	
Craigmile Contract		157
New Defib Pads		170
PAT Testing		80
		56
		978
SB Electrical - Lights		279
	7,272	5,792

Accounts & Invoices audited & checked 10/10/2025