

Exminster Victory Hall

Charity Number 1002129

Exminster Victory Hall Trustees Annual Report 2025

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Five Community Trustees manage the hall: Miriam Smith (Chair), Sally Williams (Vice Chair), Carole Smith, Marie Justice, and James Cross., together with two Parish Council nominated Trustees, Cllr Kevin Smith and Cllr Sheila Churchward.

Meetings are held bimonthly throughout the year, with additional ones as required. Urgent business decisions are also discussed by email.

There is a trustee with responsibility for general maintenance issues.

There are two paid employees, an administrator and daily hall cleaner.

Trustee recruitment is advertised locally in the Scene (Parish Magazine), online community Facebook group and on Village noticeboards. Community Trustees are elected each year at the annual general meeting.

The Exminster Victory Hall was opened in 1921 to commemorate the end of World War One. The primary purpose is to be a community hall for the use of the residents of the Parish of Exminster although it is also available for hire from individuals and organisations from outside of the Parish.

The Hall is and is used by local clubs, fitness classes, and societies as well as educational bodies and individuals. It has very good facilities for a wide range of events including;

Meetings and Functions

Seminars and Workshops

Markets and Craft Shows

Shows (large stage)

Wedding Receptions, Christenings and Parties

In addition to the main hall, there is a smaller annexe that can also be hired together with the hall or just on its own. During the day, the annexe is home to Coffee on the Corner, a coffee shop run by the Westbank Healthy Living Centre. It can be hired outside of coffee shop hours with the benefit of tables and chairs offering a very attractive setting for smaller gatherings.

Whilst the Trust aim is not to make a profit, though we do maintain sufficient funds to enable the hall to be refurbished and maintained well. This is due to regular occupancy of the facilities by fitness groups and clubs. It is an important community building used by all generations of villagers.

The financial report is attached. The Trust does not have any debts and maintains six months working capital as our reserve policy.

Miriam Smith

Chair of Trustees

March 2026

The Victory Hall
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year ended 31 March 2025

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Receipts and payments
Year ended 31 March 2025

| | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2024 Unrestricted funds £ |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Hire income | 32939 | 16622 |
| Utilities and broadband recharges | 6151 | 480 |
| Grants | 0 | 1130 |
| Lottery income | 283 | 371 |
| Deposit fund interest | 422 | 402 |
| | <u>39795</u> | <u>19005</u> |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| Administration costs | 1609 | 2112 |
| Maintenance costs | 7559 | 21562 |
| Utilities and broadband costs | 5991 | 8888 |
| Staff costs | 8633 | 8413 |
| Bank charges | 71 | 73 |
| | <u>23862</u> | <u>41049</u> |
| NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) | <u>15933</u> | <u>-22044</u> |
| Cash funds at 1 April | 12135 | 34179 |
| Cash funds at 31 March | <u>28068</u> | <u>12135</u> |

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 March 2025

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| CASH AT BANK | | |
| Unity Trust bank account | 19043 | 3532 |
| COIF Charities deposit fund | 9025 | 8603 |
| | <u>28068</u> | <u>12135</u> |
| Funds at 31 March | <u>28068</u> | <u>12135</u> |

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees:

Trustee

Mj Sw

Date:

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The Victory Hall

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Victory Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Victory Hall ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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12 March 2026