

**ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL CHARITY  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY, 2024 to 31 DECEMBER, 2024**

**THE CHARITY**

Isfield Village Hall Charity, registration number 1034030, Isfield Village Hall, Station Road, Isfield, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN225XG.

Trustees as of 31 December 2024: Ron Levett, Katherine Meakin, Margaret Levett, Beverley Ashford, Mike Upton and Phillipa Luckett

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity is regulated by a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1968 as altered by an Order made by the Charity Commissioners for England Wales on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2003.

The freehold of the Village Hall is vested in Isfield Parish Council which is the Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall Charity and it is administered and managed by the Isfield Village Hall Management Committee.

The Management Committee is made up of eight elected Trustees and has the power to appoint 10 representative Trustees from organisations within the village of Isfield and up to two co-optative Trustees. The Management Committee holds six meetings each year and an Annual General Meeting. All Trustees resign and can stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from local organisations by invitation and from local residents by word of mouth or advertisement.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objective of the Village Hall Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Isfield without distinction of political, religious or other opinions for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

As custodians of a beautiful early 20<sup>th</sup> Century former Church of England school that needs careful attention the Management Committee continued to monitor the condition of the building and carry out any maintenance work as and when needed. Outgoings were consistent with management of an old building.

The Friends of Isfield Village Hall continue to make an important contribution to reserves. Donations for 2024 were slightly lower than those for 2023. Gift Aid has been received on the donations

The Funding Committee which was set up in 2020 to look into the availability of g

Plans have been drawn up for the construction of a small extension to provide disabled toilets and improved storage for chairs and tables, removing dangerous chimney and repositioning boiler to the outside approximate cost of £125,000 The plans were approved by the Management Committee. It was proposed to present the plans to Isfield Parish Council and at its September meeting the Parish Council resolved to award a maximum amount of £30,000 toward the whole project subject to match funding. The management committee to apply for other grants.

It is considered that the Charity has performed well thanks to the efforts of the Management Committee in maintaining the premises in a condition that makes them very attractive to hirers. Fortunately the Frost Fair, Quizzes and participation at the Village fete have raised funds for the Village Hall.

The availability of the Village Hall has proved to have a significant public benefit and regular users have increased slightly, In addition to regular users the Hall is used by all ages in the community for parties, wedding and anniversary celebrations, funeral teas, receptions, arts and crafts workshops, AGM's and meetings, exhibitions and flower shows. The search for additional new and interesting activities will continue.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Charity ended the year with a profit of £13,370.88 which is a healthy position in which to start the new financial year.

Donations from the Friends are held in a deposit account, with friends donations at £1228.28 this year.

The Charity has a reserve of £65,274.64 invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund. This sum can be drawn on if necessary. It has a permanent Endowment which is valued at £51,630.21 which is also invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund on which it receives the income.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Ronald Levett

Chairman

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Hire of Hall and Equipment	14,826.50	14,636.90
Donations from The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	1,425.00	2,250.00
Gift Aid on Previous Year's Friends' donations	523.58	102.60
Income from Quizzes	2,092.05	1,692.79
Income from Summer & Frost Fairs	813.73	1,225.56
Income from Race Night	-	1,061.09
Income from Isfield Fete	143.00	120.00
Income from Wealden Lottery	166.50	155.50
Interest from COIF deposit account	3,136.59	2,514.98
Dividend income from permanent endowment	1,405.42	1,386.09
Interest from Friends' Deposit Account	419.64	203.64
Refund from Not For Profit	1,000.00	2,500.00
Income from Polo shirts	321.11	-
Tax payment	241.59	-
	<b>26,514.71</b>	<b>27,849.15</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Rates	68.61	74.59
Water/Waste	692.71	498.90
Electricity	751.75	624.93
General Upkeep and cleaning materials	439.15	572.00
KPS clearing ditch/back of carpark	-	1,080.00
Purchase of Zettle	-	34.80
Expenses relating to Frost Fair	87.46	92.49
Expenses relating to Race Nights	-	858.08
Expenses related to Quizzes	1,102.60	762.04
Expenses related to The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	196.72	199.19
Expenses related to the Village Fete	40.28	-
Printing (flyers etc.)	54.64	67.73
Boiler service and maintenance	118.80	132.00
Website & software licences	231.87	161.70
Heating oil	723.24	1,974.98
Insurance	1,797.69	1,741.44
Caretaker wages (including tax)	3,806.13	3,301.56
Fixtures & fittings	2,437.04	-
Repair works (plumbing)	-	327.32
Returned Deposit	30.00	10.00
HSBC Bank Charges	67.60	70.40
Electrical repair works	-	-
Tributes/Donations	-	90.00
Expenses associated with proposed extension	-	4,791.60
Expenses related to Polo shirts	244.29	-
Tunbridge Wells fire protection	253.25	66.21
	<b>13,143.83</b>	<b>17,531.96</b>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£13,370.88</b>	<b>£10,317.19</b>
<b><u>Balance of Assets at 31st Dec</u></b>		
Debtor re Hire of Hall		-
In credit with EDF		-
Creditor re Tarmac (location: recycling bin area)		-
Money received in advance re Hire of Hall		-
Balance in Current account at bank	11,919.25	£19,829.10
Balance in Deposit account at bank (Friends)	30,207.88	£13,944.66
Balance in COIF bank account	65,247.64	£60,705.63
Petty cash	1,384.73	£909.23
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>£108,759.50</b>	<b>£95,388.62</b>
Value of permanent endowment	51,630.21	50,489.65
% Movement on permanent endowment	2.26%	9.19%
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Accounts prepared by Mrs K J Meakin (Treasurer)

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Examined and approved by Mr R S F Smither (Examiner)

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