Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From	1	April	2025	To 31	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Harpford Village Hall
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1159623
Charity's principal address	Harpford Village Hall
	Harpford
	Sidmouth
	Postcode **EX10 0NQ**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Elizabeth Dowen	Chairman		
2	Rosemary King	Treasurer	Started 4 September 2025	
3	Barbara Hanson	Secretary (Joint)		
4	Jane Lipczynski	Secretary (Joint)		
5	Lesley Woolley			
6	Susan Jeffries			
7	Robin Pugh			
8	Geraldine Kerr			
9	Dan Hanson			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Community Interest Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment by trustees on the basis of the skills needed to manage the affairs of the charity.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The property is used for community purposes for the benefit and social cohesion of the inhabitants of Harpford, Newton Poppleford and surrounding villages.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	In undertaking its activities the trustees take into account the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit. The hall provides a hub for social activities for the residents of Harpford and Newton Poppleford with income from these fund raising events generating a profit of £4,038 in the year (2024: £3,447). These activities are in accordance with its objective of increasing social cohesion in the community. Hall hire bookings also increased to £1,696 (2024: £1,560). The trustees will continue with fund raising activities to maintain and improve the facilities on offer. During the current year the trustees completed the major project to re-model the existing kitchen area into separate kitchen and storage areas and to also installed an internal WC. A further outdoor picnic bench was purchased, along with 40 new indoor chairs, 4 lightweight tables and new window blinds bring the project to completion.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A full programme of fundraising activities took place at the hall with pop-up pub nights, various talks, and a tremendous Cream Tea event in a village garden, was a highlight of the year. The annual Quiz Night was very successful along with the Bonfire Night Stand which raised over £500. The Christmas meal event, with accompanied musical entertainment and fabulous food from our village chefs Jackie and Lesley, was another great fundraiser and enjoyed by many of the villagers.

The trustees wish again to record their gratitude to Mike Jeffries, Richard Lipczynski and Mark Dowen who, on a voluntary basis, have put in a tremendous effort on the re-modelling and completion of the Hall renovations and without which this project would not have been possible.

The cash balance at the end of the year amounted to £7831.52 which was a significant achievement, having paid for all the renovations and equipment needed.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The trustees policy is to build and then maintain sufficient reserves to meet the on-going maintenance of the hall and fund improvements.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	E.A. Dowen.	Rosemary King
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Dowen	Rosemary King
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	29 September 2026	