Westleton Village Hall **Charity No: 1164038**

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2026

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Income	Hall Lettings	£ 22,287.13	£ 22,212.96
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	Foyer Refreshments	£ 5,289.39	£ 6,889.03
	Art	£ 1,055.85	£ 1,420.31
	Hall For All Events (& WFF)	£ 21,787.02	£ 18,265.98
	Interest	£ 5,799.62	£ 5,971.82
	Miscellaneous	£ 3,658.25	£ 4,717.94
	100 Club	£ 850.00	£ 800.00
	Projects & Archives	£ 700.00	£ -
	Total Income	**£ 75,467.56**	**£ 62,246.57**
Expenditure	Utilities	£ 9,947.76	£ 14,486.33
	Licences	£ 1,328.39	£ 1,125.90
	Centre Manager & Training	£ 15,024.33	£ 15,959.37
	Routine Maintenance & Servicing	£ 2,891.47	£ 1,042.85
	Repairs & Breakdowns	£ 3,037.47	£ 3,775.65
	Cleaning	£ 3,789.75	£ 4,081.00
	Insurance, Rates & Bank Charges	£ 3,331.13	£ 3,664.04
	Foyer Refreshments	£ 2,120.95	£ 2,698.15
	Hall for All Events	£ 9,549.98	£ 6,174.08
	Sundry Supplies	£ 704.72	£ 1,256.35
	Promotion	£ 294.24	£ 263.87
	Art	£ 933.15	£ 649.80
	Miscellaneous	£ 1,463.11	£ 3,615.68
	Projects & Archive	£ 12,902.35	£ 2,050.66
	Total Expenditure	**£ 67,318.80**	**£ 60,843.73**
Surplus for the year		£ 8,148.76	£ 1,402.84
Add balance at start of year		*£ 176,224.16*	*£ 174,821.32*
Balance end of year		*£ 184,372.92*	*£ 176,224.16*
The balance is made up of:	*COIF 1*	*£ 130,273.56*	*£ 125,264.94*
	COIF 2	*£ 0.02*	*£ 0.02*
	HSBC Current Account	*£ 8,346.65*	*£ 3,694.57*
	HSBC Savings Account	*£ 45,752.69*	*£ 47,264.63*
		£ 184,372.92	***£ 176,224.16***

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Westleton Village Hall is a registered charity, proudly run by a dedicated team of volunteer trustees. For a village of our size the Hall continues to ‘punch above its weight’, serving as a vibrant and much valued community asset.

An ambitious vision in the late 2010s led to the transformation of the former Grade II listed school into the excellent facility we enjoy today. This included the addition of a welcoming foyer, a professional standards kitchen and the appointment of a dedicated Centre Manager

These achievements were made possible – and continue to be sustained – by the extraordinary team of volunteers, whose energy and commitment remain at the heart of everything we do.

Over the past year, the Hall has continued to thrive as an inclusive and welcoming community hub, providing a warm, safe space that supports the wellbeing of residents in Westleton and the wider local area. Through our ‘Hall for All’ programme, we have hosted a
wide range of affordable events, ensuring that entertainment and social opportunities remain
accessible for all. These have included film nights, community meals, live music, and social
gatherings – bringing people together and creating many enjoyable shared experiences.

These activities are not only socially valuable but also vital in supporting the Hall financially. Over the past year Hall for All events have raised more than £10,000, while providing enjoyment for hundreds of attendees through music, food, dancing and community celebrations.

We are also extremely grateful for the continued support of the Friends of the Hall, whose regular monthly contributions have raised £6,000 over the year. In addition our popular foyer coffee mornings and art sales-enjoyed by so many-have contributed a further £4,000.

Events such as ‘Soup and Pud’ lunches have brought people together in a different way, including the celebration of some very special milestone birthdays within our community.

The Trustees are especially delighted to announce that, on 5th May, Westleton Village Hall was awarded a grant of £54,000 from the Sizewell C Community Fund, administered by the
Suffolk Community Foundation. This significant award recognises both the impact of the

Sizewell C programme on our local community and the importance of supporting lasting, positive local initiatives as part of its legacy.
This funding is a strong endorsement of the valuable role the Village Hall plays at the heart of community life, and of the dedication and hard work of all those involved in its success. Together with your continued support for our fund raising efforts, it enables us to move forward with renewed confidence into the second phase of our modernisation programme.
Our immediate priority is the replacement of the ageing windows, which have now deteriorated significantly. As a Grade II listed building, it is essential that their replacement preserves the Hall's historic character. We will therefore install high-quality wooden frames with double glazed units, improving energy efficiency while maintaining the building's distinctive appearance.
We also plan to refurbish an external room, currently used for storage, to create an additional
consultation space. This will help us expand opportunities to host and deliver valuable local
services for residents.
The Trustees are continuing to develop further improvement plans, which we look forward to sharing with you over the coming year.
Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports the Hall: those who attend events, contribute as friends, and take part in fundraising activities. Above all, we thank our remarkable volunteers, including those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the Hall running smoothly each day. Your dedication makes all of this possible and is deeply appreciated.
Appendix 2 Treasurer's report
I would like to start with a couple of thank yous. Firstly, thank you to Brian Boulanger for auditing
the accounts once again.
And secondly, on behalf of myself and the other trustees, a massive thank you to Barbara for
stepping into the role of chair with such enthusiasm and support for the Hall. We all appreciate her
positive attitude. She has acknowledged the role the trustees have played this year, but she certainly
deserves recognition herself for the enormous amount of energy and commitment with which she
tackles the regular challenges of the role.
Moving to the accounts:
The accounts show a total income of £75,467.56 and expenditure of £67,318.80, and we finished
the year in a good position, with a profit of £8,148.76. However, our income included just over
£14,000 from donations, of which about half was from one off donations, so realistically, without
those one off payments, our profit would have been just over £1000, much the same as our profit
last year, of £1402.
Looking into the income in more detail, as well as the one off donations, our Friends of the Village
Hall continue to support us through monthly payments, and if there is anyone here who would like
to become a friend, there is a form and further information on the table by the door.

Hall lettings, ever important, accounted for about 30% of our total income so we will be sad to say goodbye to Lapwing within the next couple pf weeks. We have very much enjoyed working with them over the past few years, and the revenue from them has been significant. We therefore have a new challenge ahead of us, and the Trustees will be meeting soon to consider how we address the income loss of about £11.000 a year, but with our great team of volunteers and supporters, we will, as always, move forwrad.

As ever, we are proud to have such an amazing variety of regular activities taking place in our Hall, we really do offer something for everybody, as well highlighted in the recent village meeting hosted by the Parish Council. We are also pleased to offer the Hall as a venue for various meetings and private events such as birthday parties, family gatherings, meals etc, offering reduced rates for village residents, and for hire of the Hall on Sundays.

Our regular Hall for All events have provided us with a profit of approximately £12,000 this year.

They are all great fun, ranging from our regular monthly film nights and pop up markets to larger events including a fabulous day of Open Gardens at Scotts Hall, the Wild Flower Festival weekend, a BBQ, various meals, a French and an Irish night, fleas market, book fair and jumble sale, talks and quizzes, the list is amazing, and their success is due to our incredible volunteers, and to everyone who attends.

We are indeed very appreciative of everyone who helps us in any way make this Hall such a hive of activity, either on a regular basis, such as our foyer hosts, or those who help with the events.

As usual our income is hard earned, and it's much easier to spend the money.

Our total expenditure was £67,318.80. Most of our expenditure is much the same as last year, with the exception of utilities and projects.

Utilities show a significant reduction from the previous year, (about £4500) but much of this is a reflection of the fact that we have been paying a fixed monthly amount for our electricity, as suggested by our provider, but at the end of the winter period we were still in credit, so we were then able to reduce the amount paid each month. We hope the installation of the new windows will help reduce our consumption during the winter months.

Regarding projects, at the end of the financial year we paid just over £12,300 as a deposit for the replacement windows due to be installed in August. This marks the beginning of the next phase of

the Hall modernisation. The Sizewell Community grant has now been received (after the year end),
and we will be fund raising and applying for more grants as the year progresses to help with the
works which we hope to carry out in the next year or two.
This will be an exciting and challenging year, and one in which we will be using some of the
reserves which have been raised in the past, along with newly raised funds, for major improvements
to our fabulous Hall.
I hope that this give you a good idea of our financial situation, thank you.

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