CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Biddestone Village Hall and Recreation Trust
Charity registration number: 1167177

Objectives and Activities

The Trust is a Charitable Company existing for the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Biddestone and Slaughterford and the hamlets of Hartham and Giddea Hall without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of life for inhabitants.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in maintaining this provision.

Achievements and Performance

During the financial year to 31 March 2026 the Trust saw an increased use of the Village Hall by the community both through regular bookings providing a range of activities and, also, through one-off bookings for private occasions. The income from this area rose by 10% to £21,984 in the year. The associated Cricket, Tennis, Boules Clubs and the Allotments also continue to provide the Trust with essential income whilst meeting the charitable aims of the organisation. Trading activities which provide the a significant source of income for the Trust saw a marked uplift from £34,402 to £47,842 in the year.

The financial position of the Trust has slightly increased compared to the previous year with gains in both the deposit and current account balances held. The overall running costs of the Village Hall increased significantly in the year largely caused by the rise in fuel prices. It is therefore critical that a cash balance is held on account to meet ongoing running costs.

A small amount of fixed asset improvements were added in the year – the main item being replacement equipment in the children's playground which is an essential part of the service provided to the community. The freehold property remains the main asset of the Trust and other fixed assets have been depreciated in line with policy.

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31 March 2026

	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Income:		
Charitable Activities	27,932	19,952
Other Trading Activites	47,842	34,402
Investments	287	314
Other Income	499	198
Total	76,019	54,866
Expenditure:		
Charitable Activities	53,204	33,265
Trading Activities	22,731	19,243
Total	75,935	52,209
Net Gain for the year	84	2,358
Reconciliation of Funds		
Brought forward	556,806	
Carried forward	556,890	

Balance Sheet 31 March 2026

	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Fixed Assets	524,750	529,945
Current Assets		
Debtors and Accrued Income	4,782	-
Cash at bank	29,993	26,861
Total Current Assets	34,775	26,861
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	2,200	-
Deferred Income	435	-
	2,635	-
Net Current Assets	32,140	26,861
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	556,890	556,806
Total Capital & Reserves	556,890	556,806

Trustees

Name	Role	Date of appointment
David John Daniel	Chair	10 March 2021
David Arthur Pearce	Vice-Chair	16 April 2024
Alison Jane Stratton	Trustee	01 January 2026
Susan Brown	Trustee	01 January 2025
Jacqueline Needham	Trustee	16 April 2024
Helen Mary Luise Perrett	Treasurer	1 April 2026
Valerie Margaret Spencer-Jones	Trustee	13 May 2021
David John New	Trustee	10 March 2021

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		

Date	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: Biddestone Village Hall and Recreation Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1167177
Set out on pages	This page only		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 11TH AUGUST 2026

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Signature(s)	D	
Full name(s)	DAVID ARTHUR PEARCE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	VICE CHAIR	
Date	15/09/2026	