ASTON-BY-STONE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES' REPORT

Charity No: 1183768

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2026

Report compiled: Summer 2026

Reserves Policy

2026 will see an increase in the reserves to £43,094.94
Which includes an interest payment of £1121.08

We continue to ensure that the Hall has reserves to cover standard operating costs for up to two years in the event of unforeseen circumstances which may lead to the halls closure. We are also actively saving funds to support our next improvement project – rear car park improvements.

Hire Fees

The calculation used to set our hire fees is from the Acre Guidance 41 – Accounting and Village Halls.

A - Total Standard Operating Costs for 25-26 = £12,396.17
B - Total Number of hours hired to Regular Hirers for 25-26 = 1126.15
A divided by B = £11.00

Due to a fault with the main boiler which needs to be replaced at a cost of £3260.00 and also with the hot water dispensing boiler which also needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately £500, therefore the trustees reviewed hire fee's in Summer term 2026.

It was agreed that from September 2026 regular hire fees would increase to £14.50/hr (from £14.00) and casual hire fees increase to £21.00/hr (from £20.00).

Policy Review

↓ Policy/Document	Review	Next review	Date
Hiring Agreement	Annually	July/Aug 27	
General RA	Annually	Autumn 27	
Fire RA	Annually	Autumn 27	
Safeguarding	Every three years	Autumn 27	
Data Protection Policy	As required and annually.	Spring 27	
Data Retention Policy	Annually	Spring 27	
Privacy	As required.	Spring 27	
Finance Policy	Every three years	Summer 27	
Reserves policy	Annually	Summer 27	

Contributions from groups and feedback from hirers

This year rather than giving a short report, regular hirers had been asked to submit three words to describe the Village Hall and what it means to them. Responses, which will be used to inform our marketing material, included the following:

"just what is needed", "wonderfully welcoming place, peaceful, beautiful surroundings", "nostalgic, supporting the community, cosy, loud [when full of children]", "community wellbeing provision", "ideal space, warm, clean", "community, clean, well-organised", "welcoming".

Election of Trustees

ES recapped the organisation's position following an amendment to the Constitution in 2024 whereby Trustees are appointed for a 4 year period to facilitate long-term planning. ES reminded attendees that Trustees are committee members and committee members are Trustees. Trustees each have a role and actively contribute to keeping the village hall open and operational.

JJ, LH and ES having served their 4 years, step down this year while the others continue, but are willing to stand for re-appointment.

- ES was proposed to stand by JW and JJ
- JJ was proposed to stand by SBB and ES
- LH was proposed by JJ and AT

Therefore, there remain a total of six Trustees. All committee members were willing to continue in their individual roles: ES and LH sharing oversight of maintenance, ES as Chair, JJ as Treasurer, JW as Secretary, SBB as casual bookings secretary, AT as housekeeping.

Report from the Chair (ES)

It's been a good year for AVH and there's been lots of activity – many hours of hiring, some fundraising, significant improvement work and we have more hands to join our volunteer group to help out. Aston-by-Stone Village Hall is well maintained and supported by a team of people who work hard to make it available and accessible for our local community.

Casual and regular hirers continue to use our hall, we are a busy hub of activity for a wide range of groups, clubs and social events. Sometimes groups close and new hirers come along and fill their slot. I just want to mention Anne and Caroline who have decided to retire this year from running toddler group. Children for many years, particularly from the village, have attended the group and some, including myself, have forged lifelong friendships and will have fond memories of painting, singing, playing at the village hall with family and friends. Many thanks to Anne and Caroline for all they've done, we wish them all the very best.

Three big pieces of news to highlight this year; firstly we've had a logo change. Trustees were keen to have a distinct and unique logo to identify the hall and thanks to Jennifer we now have a new logo. Our logo features the prominent landmarks in Aston-by-Stone, namely our village hall, church and the river. It's great – big thank you to Jennifer!

Secondly, our courtyard is fully finished and available for hirers to use. Guides have put up birdboxes and insect houses, Allan has made a storytelling chair and Graham's planting is getting established – it looks lovely out there and we hope regular and casual hirers enjoy this improved outdoor space.

Finally, Alison has joined as a trustee and is taking a lead on housekeeping which, as a busy village hall, is a really important role for us to have covered, so thank you Alison.

And, to finish this report, this is my fourth year as Chair and Trustee of Aston-by-Stone Village Hall and also Jenny's fourth year as Treasurer and Trustee. As our constitution dictates, we must retire this year because we have reached the end of our four year term, we can however be re-elected. This does provide an opportunity, for me particularly, to reflect on what we've achieved in the last four years. We have built up a board of trustees, established robust systems for hiring and we now have numerous volunteers volunteering to help out and support the hall. Our strengths are that we make informed decisions and work together. We have developed our provision over time and do not over commit ourselves; in doing so we reliably offer a hall that is clean and tidy, welcoming and inclusive.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making Aston-by-Stone Village Hall a successful community space and an amazing charitable organisation.

Emma Snowden

Chair of AVH Management Committee, Trustee 26th April 2026

Profit and Loss Accounts 25/26 presented by Jenny Johnston (AVH Treasurer and Trustee)

Aston By Stone Village Hall — **Profit & Loss Account For Financial Years:** 01/02/22 - 31/01/23; 01/02/23 - 31/01/24; 01/02/24 - 31/01/25; 01/02/25 - 31/01/26

CLIENT	Commercial / Non-Commercial	Yr End 2026		Yr End 2025	
		Paid Out	Receipts	Paid Out	Receipts
Art Group	Non-Commercial		£ 1,456.00		£ 1,446.00
Bowling	Non-Commercial		£ 1,036.00		£ 1,018.00
Aston Scout Group	Non-Commercial		£ 1,935.50		£ 2,307.25
Brownies	Non-Commercial		£ 504.00		£ 772.00
Toddlers	Commercial		£ 868.00		£ 962.00
Guides	Non-Commercial		£ 588.00		£ 604.50
Rainbows	Non-Commercial		£ 462.00		£ 468.00
Yoga - Lara	Commercial		£ 1,120.00		£ 935.00
U3A - Shakepeare	Non-Commercial		£ 1,176.00		£ 1,120.00
U3A - Canasta	Non-Commercial		£ 1,148.00		£ 1,122.00
Velocettes	Non-Commercial		£ 336.00		£ 1,130.00
WI Group	Non-Commercial		£ 546.00		£ 525.50
Tai Chi	Commercial		£ 616.00		£ 561.00
Table Tennis	Non-Commercial		£ 448.00		£ 463.00
Exercise	Non-Commercial		£ 1,176.00		£ 939.00
Recorders	Non-Commercial		£ 210.00		£ 159.80
Chanteuse	Non-Commercial		£ 350.00		£ 344.00
Jane Austen	Non-Commercial		£ 224.00		£ 218.00
Yoga - Donna	Commercial		£ -		£ 126.00
Sing & Sign - Ruth	Commercial		£ -		£ 331.50
Pilates - Aby	Commercial		£ 294.00		£ 532.00
St Saviours Church	Non-Commercial		£ 84.00		£ 63.00
Smarties Day Nursery	Commercial		£ 189.00		
Everyone Health (Weight)	Commercial		£ 846.00		
Hall Hire	Non-Commercial		£ 3,687.00		£ 5,963.50
Rebates			£ -		£ -
Casual Hirer Deposits**			£ 3,840.00		£ 6,400.00
INCOME			**£ 19,299.50**		**£ 22,111.05**
Donations*			£ 178.70		£ -
Fundraising ****			£ 520.00		£ 1,174.00
Grants			£ -		£ 15,950.00
Elections Hire			£ 320.00		£ 608.00
Miscellaneous**			£ 201.81		£ 9.71
TOTAL INCOME			**£ 20,520.01**		**£ 39,852.76**
Expenses					
Water		£ 314.49		£ 589.02	
Gas		£ 1,918.51		£ 2,546.69	
Electric		£ 753.95		£ 1,502.00	
Insurance		£ 929.14		£ 911.22	
Solicitors Fees				£ -	
Admin/Office Supplies/Post					
Hallbooking.com Fee		£ 144.00		£ 120.00	
Licences (PPL & PRS)		£ 351.99		£ 457.06	
Maintenance / Equipment		£ 3,931.85		£ 4,887.56	
Cleaning		£ 3,461.37		£ 3,439.48	
Lottery Bid Spend		£ 142.08		£ 17,820.00	
Other Professional Services				£ 307.39	
Misc		£ 590.87		£ 666.62	
Casual Deposits Refunded ***		£ 4,020.00		£ 5,979.50	
Transfer into Savings (HEBS)		£ 10,000.00		£ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES		**£ 12,538.25**		**£ 33,247.04**	
LOSS/PROFIT		**£ 7,981.76**		**£ 6,605.72**	

CCLA Charity Account			
Hanley Building Society		£ 43,094.94	£ 31,973.86
Interest gained from HEBS		£ 1,121.08	£ 932.10
Closing Bank Balance	Natwest		
	Lloyds	£ 12,139.32	£ 14,337.56

Note

* Donations: General - (from village coffee mornings/afternoon tea)

** Miscellaneous - 2024 = Closure of the CCLA Accounts (£485.79) & Closure of the Natwest Accounts (£70.75) / 2025 - Scout group contribution to electrics (£75), Payment errors (£126.81)

*** Deposits: From casual hirers are damage deposits that are refunded to the hirer following their hire period and satisfactory return of the hall

**** Fundraising - Wreath Making

Therefore not included in the overall income and expenditure