THE VICTORIA HALL (HARTLEY WINTNEY) CHARITY

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1195097
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER CE025440

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Reference and administrative information

Registered charity number	1195097
Registered company number	CE025440
Trustees	Edward Woods - Chairman (resigned 29/07/26) Derek Smee - Deputy Chairman Nicholas Gibbons - Treasurer Philip Baylis Graham Yule Gillian Springett Lynette McDonald-Cheesman (appointed Chair 29/07/26) Paul Trowbridge Geoffrey Donkin (resigned 29/07/26) Dawn Jacobs (appointed 29/07/26) Peter Gee acted as the Hartley Wintney Parish Council representative during the year Helen Lewis acted as the Hartley Arts Group representative during the year
Principal office	Victoria Hall Complex West Green Road Hartley Wintney Hampshire RG27 8RQ
Independent examiner	V Frost FCA The Old Post Office High Street Hartley Wintney Hampshire RG27 8NY
Banker	CAF Bank Limited Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
Mortgage Provider	HSBC

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31 March 2026

The Charity Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2026, which should be read in conjunction with the Independently Examined Accounts for the same period.

Trustee Appointment
Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for three years.

Legal Status
The Victoria Hall (Hartley Wintney) Charity was established on 8 July 2021 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On 20 October 2023 the net assets and staff of the Victoria Hall Charity (registration number 207055) were transferred to the Charity. From that date the charitable activities have been operated through the Charity and have remained unchanged.

Object, Policies and Organisation
The object of the Charity is to manage and maintain the Victoria Hall complex comprising five halls and kitchen facilities, for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Hartley Wintney and the surrounding neighbourhood, for education, recreation and lesiure time activities with the purpose of improving their quality of life.

The halls are available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreement and scale of charges at the time. It is intended that the scale of charges are sufficient to generate enough income to meet the ordinary day to day expenditure required to operate the halls. Major repair, maintenance and improvement projects are funded by income generated from fundraising events, fundraising campaigns, donations and grants.

Risk Assessment
The Trustees believe that systems are in place to mitigate the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed. A review of all policies is carried out annually and policies are updated as required.

Building and Maintenance
A programme of continuous maintenance is undertaken to ensure that the fabric of the buildings is not compromised through wear and tear and that the interior appearance of the halls is kept in good order.

The original Victoria Hall and Edward Hall (constructed in 1899), the foyer (added in 1999) and the Jubilee Hall (added in 2013), together with the Lady Kaye meeting room and the Appleton Hall need ongoing repair and maintenance work and energy efficiency improvements. The Senior Leadership Team, comprising four Trustees, is tasked with reviewing and prioritising maintenance and improvement projects and exploring grant funding and other fundraising opportunities. In the year the Charity successfully ran a targetted fundraising campaign to help with the repair of the gully between the Victoria Hall and the foyer which has been leaking during periods of heavy rain.

Fundraising events held during the year
Throughout the year, the Charity organises a range of fundraising events to help with the general upkeep of the halls. The events range from screenings of opera, ballet and theatre to films, live bands, musical evenings and talks by authors and travel writers. All these events were organised and run by a small group of volunteers to whom the Trustees are very grateful.

Finances
The Trustees present the Independently Examined Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 which they consider to be satisfactory. The net income for the year was £65,212 (prior year: net expenditure £6,167). The result reflects a successful fundraising campaign for the gully project which generated fundraising, donation and grant income of £37,488 and a low spend on repairs and maintenance whilst the extent of the work required to the gully was being assessed. The repair work was carried out in May.

The Trustees review the level of income reserves at the regular Trustee meetings.The agreed reserve policy is to maintain a minimum cash balance of £20,000 which approximates to ten months of loan repayments . The Charity does not make investments or give grants.

Responsibilities for the Financial Statements
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements on an accruals basis.

Public Benefit
The Trustees have had regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which benefit is relevant.

Staff
During the year the Charity employed two part time Office Managers working on a job share basis and three part time Caretakers. The Charity offers it's employees the opportunity to join a workplace pension scheme. The efficient running of the hall and the delivery of a high quality service is due to the dedication and commitment of the staff and all the volunteers.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Lynette McDonald-Cheesman Chair Date: 5/8/2026

Nicholas Gibbons Treasurer Date: 5/8/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year Ended 31 March 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VICTORIA HALL (HARTLEY WINTNEY) CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that an audit is not required for this year under charity law and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

V FROST FCA
The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NY

11TH AUGUST 2026

THE VICTORIA HALL (HARTLEY WINTNEY) CHARITY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year to 31 March 2026

	Note	Year to 31 March 2026		Year to 31 March 2025	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM HALL HIRE:					
Victoria Hall			64,716		53,937
Appleton Hall and Lady Kaye meeting room	2		37,889		40,485
Edward Hall			8,804		6,927
Jubilee Hall			31,457		27,932
Kitchen and other facilities (tables, technical equipment)			1,557		2,211
			144,423		**131,490**
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING:					
Fundraising receipts	3		46,180		48,097
Fundraising costs		20,550		26,350	
Advertising and Publicity costs		7,934		7,801	
		28,484	**46,180**	**34,151**	**48,097**
DIRECT COSTS:					
Cleaning		25,976		26,868	
Utilities		14,556		11,671	
		40,532		**38,539**	
INDIRECT COSTS:					
Office expenses		990		1,145	
Management salaries		25,640		25,387	
Other salaries		24,670		25,461	
Council Tax		836		821	
Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements		11,842		33,984	
Other Indirect Costs (including insurance)		10,576		9,824	
		74,554		**96,622**	
FINANCE CHARGES, GRANTS and DONATIONS:					
Financial charges (including mortgage interest)		16,012		18,152	
Interest Income			962		929
Grants received in year	4		5,000		0
Hart Lottery receipts			177		156
Donations received in year	5		28,052		623
		16,012	**34,191**	**18,151**	**1,709**
Total Income in the period			**224,794**		**181,296**
Total Expenditure in the period			**(159,582)**		**(187,463)**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			**65,212**		**(6,167)**

THE VICTORIA HALL (HARTLEY WINTNEY) CHARITY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Year Ended 31 March 2026

ASSETS and LIABILITIES	Note	At 31 March 2026		At 31 March 2025	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Land and Buildings					
Victoria and Edward Halls	6	558,000		558,000	
Jubilee Hall	6	366,000		366,000	
Old BT strip of land	6	1,881		1,881	
			925,881		**925,881**
CURRENT ASSETS					
CAF Gold Account		86,235		36,898	
CAF Cash Account		4,054		534	
HSBC		478		498	
Cash events float and petty cash		1,421		1,257	
Alcohol stock		120		450	
Food and soft drinks stock		62		75	
Debtors	7	14,888		10,080	
			107,258		**49,792**
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Deferred Income	8	(4,538)		(5,425)	
Creditors	9	(7,132)		(4,783)	
			(11,670)		**(10,208)**
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
HSBC Mortgage Account	10		**(178,592)**		**(187,800)**
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**842,877**		**777,665**

FUND BALANCE (accumulated revaluations and unrestricted income funds)	At 31 March 2026		At 31 March 2025	
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance		**777,665**		783,832
Surplus/ (Deficit) in the year		65,212		(6,167)
Closing balance		**842,877**		**777,665**

Lynette McDonald-Cheesman
Chair — Date: 5/8/2026.

Nicholas Gibbons
Treasurer — Date: 5/8/2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 2026

1 The Accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

2 The Appleton Hall and the Lady Kaye meeting room are owned by the Hartley Wintney Parish Council. The Charity manages these halls in accordance with a Deed of Partition between the parties. Under the terms of the agreement, the Charity retains the hall hire income but pays the running costs.

3 Fundraising income includes £5,371 raised specifically to help repair the gully by holding a fashion show and from the sale of raffle tickets.

4 A grant of £5,000 was received from the Garfield Weston Foundation to help with the repair to the gully.

5 Donations received from the local community as a result of a fundraising campaign for the gully repairs totalled £27,117. This includes £3,746 of gift aid.

6 Land and property values are as follows:
Victoria Hall (including the Edward Hall) valued in 2021 - £558,000
Jubilee Hall valued in 2021 - £366,000
BT land valued at 1997 purchase price - £1,881

The Victoria Hall, Edward Hall and Jubilee Hall book valuations are based on market valuations which were obtained in December 2021 as part of the mortgage application.The BT land is valued at the purchase price.

7 Debtors represent hall hire charges that were unpaid at 31 March 2026.

8 Deferred income represents payments received in the year for hall hire and events taking place after 31 March 2026.

9 Creditors represent amounts due for services (mainly cleaning and utilities) received during the year but paid after 31 March 2026.

10 HSBC hold a First Charge over the property known as The Victoria Hall Complex, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney, Hants, RG27 8RQ. A loan for £198,000 was granted by HSBC to the Charity on 29 September 2023. The loan is for 15 years to September 2038. The loan balance at 31 March 2026 was £178,592.