Charity Number: 1197679

EAST RIDING VILLAGE HALLS NETWORK CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ended 31 March 2026

Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
For the period ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period to 31 March 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Constitution, and Charity Commission Guidance for Charities preparing their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Charity name: East Riding Village Halls Network

Registered charity number: 1197679

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Principal address: Community Vision CIO
Morley's Cottage
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Trustees: At the date of this report the trustees were:

Kay Parker	Chair from 18th November 2023
Jennifer Howard	Appointed 1st April 2022
Elizabeth Branton	Appointed 1st April 2022
Anita Liley	Appointed 1st April 2022
John Newlove	Appointed 1st April 2022
Robert Thomson	Appointed 1st April 2022
Caroline Scargill	Appointed 1st April 2022
Shelia Copestake	Appointed 18th November 2023
Dr Mie Mie Kyaing	Appointed 1st July 2024
Christine Davidson	Appointed 27th March 2026.
Patricia Barber	Appointed 21st April 2026
Nigel Taylor	Appointed 1st November 2025 Resigned 25th February 2026

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was established under a Constitution (Association model) dated 26th January 2022 and is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Governing body

The responsibility to ensure appropriate governance and management of the charity is vested in the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The appointment of trustees (members of the management committee) is in accordance with the constitution. The management committee consists of not more than twelve and not less than five members. All trustees retire at each annual general meeting and new trustees are elected at that meeting. Community Council to nominate one member of the management committee. The management committee has the power to co-opt individuals.

Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees undergo induction, provided by the current Trustee Board. The induction includes a discussion about the role and responsibilities of Trustees, the activities, aims and objectives of the Charity, the structure of the organisation, Board of Trustees, general procedures of the organisation. New Trustees are introduced to the other Trustees, and are provided with the Charity Commissions 'Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees', the Constitution, the latest statutory financial statements, Annual Report, and financial reports provided to the Board of Trustees.

The Management committee has been enhanced by new trustees coming forward.

Organisational Structure

The Trustee Board manages the Charity, in its day to day operations and strategic decisions at its meetings. Trustees are aware that any conflicts of interest are declared and minuted.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

As set out in the Constitution, the Charity's objects are:

Main objectives of the charity are:

For the public benefit to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the management committees of rural community buildings in furtherance of their objects or any one of them mainly but not exclusively by:

- encouraging and sharing best practice of managing rural community buildings through networking, peer support, training and information;
- researching and, where possible, implementing cost saving and income generating initiatives;
- working at local, regional and national levels to raise the profile of rural community buildings within the area of benefit

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty, contained in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. The charitable purpose of the charity within the meaning of the act is contained within its objects stated above.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of the financial period

Review of Activities 2025-26

Events and Meetings

Our big event this year (2025–2026) was our bi-annual conference at Holme on Spalding Moor Village Hall on 13 March. It was lovely to see so many people there — we had over 80 delegates attend, plus several stalls from a range of organisations. We also put together a short video of the day, which you can view by visiting www.ervhn.org.uk

Our networking meetings (including our online sessions) continue to be really popular. We try hard to make sure the topics reflect what you tell us you want, using feedback from our annual survey. This year, sessions covered (among other things) grant applications, food safety and governance.

Events and Meetings – con't

After a slow start, we're really pleased to see growing interest in our Business/Forward Planning support for trustees of community buildings. This is a two-hour session where we gently guide a discussion with trustees about putting together a forward plan, agreeing priorities, and working out who will do what (and by when). It's dedicated time to step back, think about the bigger picture, and leave with clear, achievable next steps.

Future Communities

This has been our third year of the Future Communities grant from FCI and RWE, and it's been great to see the difference it's making.

'Halls for all' — our micro grant — has been a real success, with 48 halls receiving £100 towards an event at their community hall. In March 2026 a further 37 halls also received a £100 micro grant "to celebrate Village Halls Week".

In April 2026, the Future Communities grant comes to the end of its three-year term. We're really pleased to share the good news that we have secured further funding from FCI/RWE for another two years which will enable us to continue the funding for 'Halls for all' and our bi-annual conference in 2028.

How we've been able to help

Our committee continues to support other trustees with all sorts of issues — from business planning to finding and keeping volunteers. We're getting lots of requests for support, and we don't expect that to slow down any time soon.

Hallmark accreditation continues to go from strength to strength. Thank you, as always, to John Newlove for leading and championing our accreditation programme.

Our new website continues to be developed and sees continued growth in views.

Membership updates

Our membership year starts on 1st June, and we've shared details with all current members and non-members. We'd love to grow our network further from the 104 member halls we currently have.

Working with others

We continue to make sure ERVHN is represented on the Rural Strategy and Safeguarding forums, and we're looking forward to continuing our partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action in the year ahead.
We are also involved with ERDIN and working to encourage halls to become IT hubs for their communities.

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A big thank you to our committee and volunteers

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone on our management committee who volunteers their time. Your ongoing commitment and hard work make such a difference to ERVHN.

And finally — thank you to our members

On behalf of everyone at ERVHN, thank you to all our members for your continued support and feedback over the last 12 months. We really do value your thoughts and ideas — they help shape what we do.

We're looking forward to a successful 2026, and we hope to see you at an event or meeting soon.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial regulations

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and comply with the Constitution, the Charities Act 2011, and Charity Commission Guidance for Charities preparing their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Financial results

Total income was £14,681, the majority of this came from a grant £8,777 and membership subscriptions £5,200. Total expenditure was £18,486. The deficit for the period was £3,805.

Policy on reserves

It is the aim of the Trustee Board to retain at least six months' core running costs in the unrestricted general fund to ensure a sufficient buffer to enable effective financial decision making and ensure there are reserves available for unexpected expenditure.

FUTURE PLANS

Continue to grow and support rural community buildings in their development with training and support with grant applications.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

We, the Trustees of the Charity who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true picture of the transactions that have occurred in relation to the charity. The charity have prepared their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis which is an acceptable format for a non-company charity with an income below £250,000.

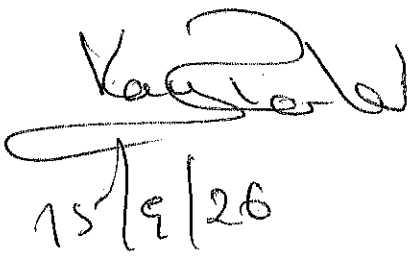
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Rebecca Triffitt MAAT of Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited, trading subsidiary of Community VISION (Voluntary Infrastructure Support Involving Organisations and Networks CIO) was the appointed Independent Examiner.

Approved by the Trustees on 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Kay Parker
Chair



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF EAST RIDING VILLAGE HALL NETWORK

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the period ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Rebecca Triffitt MAAT
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Date: 23/9/26

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the period ended 31 March 2026

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	1	2026	2026	2026	2025	2025	2025
Grants	4	-	8,777	8,777	-	11,091	11,091
Membership Fees		5,200	-	5,200	5,150	-	5,150
Donations		-	-	-	-	-	-
Events		704	-	704	363	-	363
Total Income		5,904	8,777	14,681	5,513	11,091	16,604
Expenditure							
HWRA Fees for Village Halls		-	-	-	2,550	-	2,550
Insurance		699	-	699	680	-	680
Stationery & Postage		214	-	214	156	-	156
Marketing		-	798	798	87	3,536	3,623
Training		-	-	-	-	3,400	3,400
Accounts Fees		220	-	220	211	-	211
Management meeting costs		1,265	-	1,265	60	60	120
Network meeting costs		4,112	1,434	5,546	124	-	124
Small Project/Grants		1,113	8,600	9,713	1,145	2,905	4,050
Hallmark expenses		31	-	31	-	128	128
Total Expenditure		7,654	10,832	18,486	5,013	10,029	15,042
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,750)	(2,055)	(3,805)	500	1,062	1,562
Total monetary fund brought forward		17,461	2,055	19,516	16,961	993	17,954
Total monetary funds carried forward		15,711	-	15,711	17,461	2,055	19,516

notes on pages 11 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
at 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
MONETARY FUNDS			
Petty Cash		-	-
Lloyds Bank		15,711	19,516
		15,711	19,516
Comprising:			
Unrestricted	5	15,711	17,461
Restricted		-	2,055
		15,711	19,516
NON-MONETARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
FIXED ASSETS			
Gazebo		155	155
Display Board		303	303
Projector & Project Screen		286	286
Flag Kits		338	338
		1,082	1,082
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
Accounts Fee		240	210
Trade Creditors		-	-
		240	210

The notes on pages 11 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on date 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Kay Parker Chairperson

15/9/26

Caroline Scargill Treasurer

15/9/26.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation
The charity have prepared their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis in line with Charity Commission guidance. This is an acceptable format for a non-company charity with an income below £250,000.

Going concern
The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and the accounts have been prepared on this basis.

Fund accounting
Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. Restricted funds are accounted for separately to each other and to the core funding of the Charity.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee.

3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment with a life-span over 1 year and with a cost of over £100 is capitalised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at original cost. All equipment purchased is included in the Receipts and Payments Account, equipment that does not meet the criteria above has not been included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

4. GRANTS RECEIVED

All grants received were restricted.

	2026	2025
	£	£
East Riding Yorkshire Council	8,777	11,091
	8,777	11,091

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4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	April 2025	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfer Between funds*	*March 2026*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	2,055	8,777	(10,832)	-	-
Total restricted funds	2,055	8,777	(10,832)	-	-

A brief description of the restricted funds are shown below:

Future Communities Initiative Community Fund - ERYC
Restricted funding received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council to contribute towards the future communities' initiative community funds to help the village hall grown and development new opportunities.