HATFIELD HEATH VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Charity registration number 1198523

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION
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Management committee
Mrs S Saban, Royal British Legion
P Graves, Cricket and Bowls Clubs
Mrs C Saban, Gardening Club - resigned
D Parish, History Society
M Pyle, Football Club
J Jackson, United Reformed Church
P Colgate, Allotment Society

Trustees
R Breavington – Chairman (resigned as Chairman 24th April 2025)
M Allen (appointed Chairman 24th April 2025)
M Leach
Mrs M Lines
H Allen
S Leach
C Leach

Charity registered number
1198523

Principal office
The Village Hall, Hatfield Heath, Bishops Stortford, CM22 7EA

Independent Examiner
Community360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester C01 1UG

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The Trust has had another solid year and continued its progress from the years before. The conclusion of the lease for the Village Hall in February enabled the Trust to commit expenditure on the completion of redecoration works both internally and externally. This work had been identified in the condition survey that had been held in abeyance until the lease had been secured. Further works will be undertaken in due course. All of this could not have been achieved without the support and enthusiasm of the executive committee and trustees on the management committee.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution
The principal object of the charity is to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Hatfield Heath and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use of meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The day to day management of the charity is the responsibility of the Executive Committee who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making
A Management Committee consisting of elected members, representative members and co-opted members controls the charity. The day to day organisation is carried out by an Executive Committee comprising of the senior officers and other members of the Management Committee. The Executive Committee meets as required and reports to the Management Committee at its quarterly meeting. There is an Annual General Meeting held each year.

Risk Management
The Executive committee have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and Objectives
The objectives of the Trust are to ensure that there continues to be a village hall for the use of the local community in accordance with the constitution and it has put in place policies that they believe will ensure that the objectives are met.

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Community Engagement and Activities
During 2025 we continued to promote the village hall and institute. Several new activities have been added, alongside regular bookings. There is a wide range of fitness and educational activities that support the trust's aim to offer something for as many residents as possible. The re-decoration works have improved the appearance of the hall and contributed to an increase in family, social and community events hosted in the hall. The trust now also hosts a fortnightly community shop that brings opportunities and support for residents of the village.

The trust has continued to attract grant-funding and has been fortunate to be successful in obtaining funding from the Community Development Grant to improve the bar facilities in the village hall and a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) grant to improve toilet facilities in the institute.

The Trust continues to support the Welcome Space - a group setting for residents enjoying companionship, support, games and crafts together with cake and beverages. The Men's Shed is also supported by the trust providing opportunities for men to socialise alongside promoting wellbeing and working together on projects in the shed or chatting over tea and biscuits.

Financial Review
The trust operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and relies on the support of volunteers to meet its objectives.

The financial position of the trust remains very stable and has supported improvements to the building. This is underwritten by the trust's reserve policy that is intended to maintain sufficient funds to meet any liabilities and to service the maintenance and upkeep required.
The trust is planning to continue to improve facilities in accordance with the condition report survey and its arising works over a 5-year period. Achieving this objective will require the expenditure of some reserve funds and the search for additional external grant funding that is likely to require match funding.

We have received a generous donation from the Bridge Club which holds weekly sessions in the village hall.

The trust has negotiated fixed rate electric and gas supply until Spring 2028.

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Conclusion and Future Plans
2025 has been a good year for the trust, building upon and consolidating the progress made over recent years. The new lease and license have provided a firm footing and surety for the trust to look positively into the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees, volunteers, donors and community members who give personal support and time to the Hatfield Heath Village Hall Trust. Without this great commitment the trust could not operate. It is because of this collective effort and dedication that the future of the trust is very positive. We look forwards to continuing the undoubted endeavour to realise exciting developments into the coming year and future.

M. P. Allen, Chairman



Signed……..

07.05.26

Date……..

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of Hatfield Heath Village Hall Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages six to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

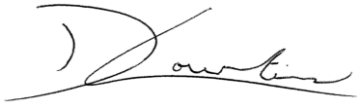
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 come across no other 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:



Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex Date 13/05/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Designated £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Charitable activities	3	27,318	15,000	-	42,318	36,915
Other income	2	2,196	-	-	2,196	2,616
Total incoming resources		29,514	15,000	-	44,514	39,531
Resources expended						
Charitable activities	4	51,779	16,300	-	68,079	25,414
Total resources expended		51,779	16,300	-	68,079	25,414
Operating surplus		(22,265)	(1,300)	-	(23,565)	14,117
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	7	(1,612)	-	-	(1,612)	4,221
Revaluation		200,000	-	-	200,000	-
Net income		176,123	(1,300)	-	174,823	18,338
Funds at 1 January 2025	9	149,832	8,992	36,755	195,579	177,241
Funds at 31 December 2025	9	**325,955**	**7,692**	**36,755**	**370,402**	**195,579**

Notes on pages 8-12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	219,075	7,751
Investments	7	81,066	82,678
		300,141	90,429
Current assets			
Debtors	6	3,897	12,447
Cash at bank and in hand		75,195	93,146
		79,092	105,593
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	8,830	442
Net current assets/(liabilities)		70,261	105,150
Net assets		**370,402**	**195,579**
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	9	125,955	149,832
Revaluation reserve	9	200,000	-
Restricted funds	9	7,692	8,992
Designated funds	9	36,755	36,755
Total funds	9	**370,402**	**195,579**

Signed on behalf of the trustees: M.A Date: 07.05.26

Name: MICHAEL ALLEN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise aplicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Rebublic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay. Expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs classified as governance costs relate to costs incurred in connection with compliance with constitutional, audit and other statutory requirements.

Going concern

These accounts were prepared on a going concern basis.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation
Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives, at the following annual rates:

Village Hall & Institute	2% Straight line
Equipment	10% Straight line

2. Other income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	2,196	2,616
	2,196	**2,616**

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Use of hall	26,862	-	26,862	27,695
Grants & donations	456	15,000	15,456	9,220
	27,318	**15,000**	**42,318**	**36,915**

4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance costs	250	-	250	265
Sundry expenses	374	-	374	1,946
Window cleaning and gardening	979	-	979	890
Repairs and renewals	29,928	15,000	44,928	4,702
Heat, light & water	4,818	-	4,818	3,516
Insurances	2,763	-	2,763	2,224
Licences	247	-	247	356
Staff costs	9,376	-	9,376	8,879
Advertising	176	-	176	150
Depreciation	2,868	1,300	4,168	2,486
	51,779	**16,300**	**68,079**	**25,414**

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property hall	Leasehold property institute	Freehold land	Plant & machinery	Office equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£		£	£	£	£
Cost							
As at 1 January 2025	8,524	11,306	-	24,862	22,540	-	67,232
Additions	8,993	3,975	200,000	-	-	1,224	214,192
As at 31 December 2025	**17,517**	**15,281**	**200,000**	**24,862**	**22,540**	**1,224**	**281,424**
Depreciation							
As at 1 January 2025	8,524	11,306	-	17,111	22,540	-	59,481
Charge for the year	180	80	-	2,486	-	122	2,868
As at 31 December 2025	**8,704**	**11,386**	**-**	**19,597**	**22,540**	**122**	**62,349**
Net Book Value							
As at 31 December 2025	**8,813**	**3,895**	**200,000**	**5,265**	**-**	**1,102**	**219,075**
As at 31 December 2024	-	-	-	7,751	-	-	7,751

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6. Debtors

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,897	12,447
	3,897	**12,447**

7. Fixed asset investment

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
COIF - Investment Fund	81,066	82,678
	81,066	**82,678**

8. Creditors: falling due within a year

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Accruals	1,330	442
Deferred income	7,500	-
	8,830	**442**

9. Summary of funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains / (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
Designated funds	**36,755**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36,755**
Restricted					
Community Building Fund	8,992	-	1,300	-	7,692
Uttlesford District Council	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Total Restricted	**8,992**	**15,000**	**16,300**	-	**7,692**
Unrestricted	149,832	29,514	51,779	1,612	125,955
Revaluation reserve	-	200,000	-		200,000
Total Unrestricted	**149,832**	**229,514**	**51,779**	**1,612**	**325,955**
Total Funds	**195,579**	**244,514**	**68,079**	**1,612**	**370,402**

The Designated Fund is the Building Fund, designated by the Executive Committee to cover major, unexpected building works as opposed to day to day maintenance and repairs.

The RCCE/ECC Covid Safe Community Building Fund was to install a ventilation system. This was purchased in December 2021, therefore in monetary terms the restricted funds are fully spent. The depreciation for this item is to be allocated each year, therefore there is a carried forward balance for accounting purposes.

10. Staff costs

The charity employed on average 1 (2024:1) part-time staff in the period. No staff member was paid in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).