

The Constable Memorial Hall

Gandish Road, East Bergholt, COLCHESTER, Essex, CO7 6TP

Charity No.: 1200327

TRUSTEES REPORT 2024

The original charity was established by the Trust Deed dated 21 January 1956, and is registered with the **Charity Commission, No 304744.** The Charity in September 2022 became a CIO registered with the **Charity Commission, No 1200327**

Objects, Organisation and activities

The charity is established to enhance the community life of the inhabitants of East Bergholt by providing communal facilities and promoting community projects of a charitable nature.

The Village Hall is available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreement and scale of charges adopted for the year. It is intended that the scale of charges be sufficient to generate enough income to meet all expenditure incurred in providing the Hall.

The charity is organised as an independent association of local residents with a management committee comprising elected and nominated members. Activities include the provision of the Village Hall as a permanent community facility and a variety of community projects as funds permit from time to time.

Booking receipts have increased throughout the year and resulted in a much needed rise in booking income.
The weekly 'Community Café' run by volunteers continues and has arranged Outings which have proved popular.

The refurbishment of the Benneworth Lounge and the kitchen, has seen a steady increase of hirers of these areas.

Once again, the Constable Hall Committee wishes to thank the East Bergholt Parish Council for their annual grant of £500 towards the running of the hall and payment of £13.50 for the rent of the playing field. It is much appreciated and not taken for granted.
The Constable Hall is meeting costs and making a surplus. The committee will continue to improve the premises throughout 2024 and beyond.

Bank Rec 2024

	Barclays	Lloyds
Bal B/fwd	32085.43	856.00
Income in Year	37201.81	1164.00
Expenditure in Year	25225.20	0.00
Movement in Year	11976.61	1164.00
Balance c/fws 31/12/2024	44062.04	2020.00
Balance per Bank Statement	44062.04	2020.00
DIFF	0.00	0.00

Constable Hall Financial Summary for period 1.1.24– 31.12.24

Income	£	
Bookings	17962.04	
Returnable deposits	2400.00	
Black Box	1576.80	
Parish Council rent and grant	513.50	
Donations/refunds [	5426.07	
Bullough Temps [		
Constable Hall	27878.41	
Warm Space Grant funding (Living Well)	1164.00	
Warm Space Cafe	9323.40	
		38365.81
Expenditure		
Returned deposits	2200.00	
Maintenance	3242.44	
Cleaner	3300.00	
Insurance, Legal & Licences	2455.43	
Water	156.00	
Fire Ext Service	189.60	
Electricity	1924.82	
Gas	1260.00	
Parish Magazine Adverts	224.00	
County Broadband	99.99	
Hallmaster, IT & Plusnet	633.12	
Babergh	3.20	
TV Licence	169.50	
Constable Hall Expenses	1652.38	
Bullough Temps	3012.00	
Constable Hall		20522.48
Warm Space		4702.72
		25225.20
Surplus for the Year		13140.61
Surplus for period Constable Hall		7355.93
Warm Space		5784.68
		13140.61

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Constable Memorial Hall, East Bergholt (cio)

On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1200327 (formerly 304744)

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024DD / MM / YYYY.

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	*G S Oakshett*	**Date:**	29/08/2026

Name: Geoffrey Oakshett

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACMA, CGMA

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	Completion of this report has been delayed due to extensive discussions with Trustees regarding the quality of governance information available from the cash accounting system and with the recent conversion to a CIO. The situation has been exacerbated by ongoing health issues amongst the Trustees. The Trustees have fully embraced the shortcomings and will be implementing a new electronic accounting system. This system development is ongoing.