BERRYFIELD VILLAGE HALL
AGM
26th October 2026, 7.30pm

Present:- Shona, Lucy, Jacqui, Sal, Ashley, Mary-Ann
Apologies:- Richard, Gill, Carole

Minutes of previous meeting, agreed.

Chairs report:-

Since our last AGM in June 2025, Berryfield Village Hall continues to be a busy and thriving space for the community as we continue in our fourth year of operation. The hall is in use every day of the week and it is also listed as the Berryfield polling station.

The hall currently hosts approximately 20 regular groups and a diverse range of activities for all ages. For example, art/crafts, fitness, dance classes, Sound Bath, home education groups and community events for all ages and local families. It is also well used by private hirers for meetings, training, parties and celebrations.

In 2025 as a result of increased footfall and the number of events being held, we achieved the following:

· Reorganised the two walk-in cupboards to make better use of the limited space so that our moveable furniture is easier and safer to access when setting up and clearing away for all users. With grant funding we purchased chair and table trucks and extra shelving was also installed in the larger cupboard.

. Our cleaning regime changed from July, which is working much better. We also have the retained services of a local cleaning company for holiday cover. Plus, we now have a contract with a hygiene company to service sanitary and nappy bins.

· We have started to put monies into a savings account for financial reserves.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will seek grant funding to help with major repairs of our moveable partition. We will also continue building up our reserve funds. We are considering what other minor improvements will help the smooth running of the hall – for example, an external key box and a fixed hot water dispenser.

As a charitable trust, the village hall cannot run without our volunteers. Thank you to my fellow trustees and the committee members for their unpaid time and ongoing commitment to help make the hall a success.

Can you help us?

If you live in Berryfield, we always welcome volunteers to help with opening/closing the hall for one-off bookings and occasionally our moveable partition. No regular commitment is required. If you are interested, then please contact us.

Finance report:-

2025 was another successful year. We started the year with an overall balance of £17,037.

Income totalled £28,875 total (2024: £38,572) of which

· £23,375 was hiring fees – up 17% on the previous year

· £5,500 were grants which included an Artwork preservation fund of £3,800 from MWPC which is held in restricted funds for future years

Hiring fees were reviewed but remained unchanged during the year

Expenditure totalled £13,386 and the largest expenses were:

· £3,225 electricity (2024 £2,699) – full year of air conditioning

· £3,599 cleaning (2024: £3,000)

· £3,231 maintenance – (including alarm & air conditioning servicing)

· £1,470 Storage improvements

There was an overall surplus - £11,689 + £3800 restricted money

The balance at the year-end was £32,526 of which £3,800 is restricted. This is held in 2 accounts

· £22,526 Barclays current account plus

· £10,000 in 1 yr fixed term savings (4.65%)

In 2026, we ill continue to maximize interest on our savings (currently £15k held with Hampshire Trust). We are seeking a contract for the solar power generated to reduce the rising electricity expenses.

Election

The following officers and were unanimously re-elected:

- Chair-Shona
- Finance-Lucy
- Secretary-Jacqui

And the other trustees and committee members are happy to continue in their roles.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Berryfield Village Hall Trust
Accounts to 31st December 2025

Income & Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Income				
Hirers fees - regular	17,828		17,828	14,944
Hirers fees - ad hoc	5,547		5,547	5,103
Donations	-		-	-
Grants	1,700	3,800	5,500	18,525
	25,075	3,800	28,875	38,572
Expenditure				
Electricity	3,225		3,225	2,699
Water	659		659	461
Rent	10		10	10
Telephone / internet	548		548	509
Insurance	732		732	792
Capital projects	1,470		1,470	20,094
Maintenance	1,926		1,926	3,231
Watste removal	404		404	
Gardening	288		288	528
Cleaning	3,599		3,599	3,000
Hall supplies	74		74	240
Bank charges	107		107	9
Subscriptions	343		343	317
	13,386	-	13,386	31,889
Surplus / (Deficit)	11,689	3,800	15,489	6,683

Balance sheet

	2025	2024
Assets		
Bank	22,526	17,038
Fixed bomd	10,000	
Net Assets	32,526	17,038
Reserves		
Unrestricted	28,726	17,038
Restricted	3,800	-
Total reserves	**32,526**	**17,038**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	BERRYFIELD VILLAGE HALL TRUST		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1201530

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	26/10/2026

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