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Another challenging but relatively quiet year. As we suspected 12 months ago Pre-school were facing a difficult period and it came as little surprise when they folded earlier in the year.

This was a loss to the village as the main pre-school provider and also to the hall as the anchor occupier and source of income

The additional challenge 12 months ago was to replace Mike and Ruth Rogerson . The Chair welcome and are grateful for the involvement of both Linda and Paul over the last 12 months and hope that involvement continues

Chair also welcomes Ann onto the committee and secretary and in particular to her more detailed minutes compared to the frankly poor efforts by the previous secretary

Financially will remain in a relatively good position with cash reserves to fund the currently shortfall

Both costs and income are some pressure and we need to find sources of additional income to bridge the shortfall from the loss of pre school income

The chair thanks Judith again for her work in both managing both the hall and the finances. The aim like last year and year before is I hope to try and lessen this load on Judith

Day to day running would not of course be possible without the efforts of both Martin as caretaker and Geraldine as cleaner. The committee thanks both their efforts and hard work

Going forward for the next year the challenges will be in encouraging more user groups where we can and also new members for the Committee. The hall is undoubtedly an asset of the village but still under used

On behalf of the Committee I thank you again for all your efforts over the last 12 months and the committee look forward to facing the challenges of the next 12 months

COWLING VILLAGE HALL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
12 MONTHS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	ACTUAL	FORECAST 2025
RECEIPTS		
Room Hire		
Preschool	3810	3250
Homestart	4200	4200
Parish Council	285	450
WI / Thur Social / NA / Choir	2651	2150
WeighBT / Pilates / Dance / Zumba / Yoga	3968	3000
Badminton/Bowls/Ttennis	2197	2200
Little Learners/Play&Learn/Toddlers	2815	3000
Parties, Meetings etc	2582	3000
	22507	21250
Interest Received	525	525
Fundraising/Donations	1526	300
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24559	22075
PAYMENTS		
Rates & Water	5004	3000
Gas & Electricity		4600
Insurance	1059	1100
BT/Broadband & Mobile	80	650
Caretaker & Cleaner	9682	10100
Waste Bins	349	350
Cleaning Materials/Sundries	1209	1300
Repairs & Renewals	818	3500
TOTAL PAYMENTS	18200	24600
SURPLUS	6359	-2525
BALANCES IN HAND 1.1.25	30525	
CLOSING BALANCE 31.12.25	36885	

TREASURER : **JUDITH SILBERBERG**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT - see over

1. Ongoing Cost of Living crisis with war in Ukraine and unrest in Middle East affecting fuel and food costs
2. Room rates held per hour. Homestart (£350) and Pre-school (£650) rent held. Pre-school struggling given two months rent-free
   Forecast just for 5 months payments as pre-school closed end of July. Cleared rooms by end of Oct.
3. Energy: Fixed Electric and Gas with Octopus for 12 months. Issues with meter changes for smart meters.
   Invoiced for £4819.13 on 14/11 but they didn't then take the money. £5836.18 payment going through 19/01/26
4. Telephone: mobile £5pm. Broadband starting in credit £500+ and is still in credit at end of year.
5. £220.5 outstanding expected to be recouped in Jan 26. £34 pre-paid sessions for 2026.
6. Council Rates to be sorted out for charity relief so would expect rebate next year
7. Received £1,500 donation from New 2U - no restrictions
8. No major renovations made in 2025

Balances In Hand	31.12.25
Bank a/c	11304.41
Bank Dep a/cs	25345.55
Geraldine Float	25
Martin Float	7.5
Cash	202.42
Bar Stock	0
	36884.88

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Management Committee(trustees) of COWLING VILLAGE HALL Charity 1202587 on the accounts for the year ended 31st December,2025 set out overleaf

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee(trustees) and Independent Examiner

The Management Committee, as the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

*examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
*follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
*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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true & fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   *to keep accounting records in accordance with the 2011 Act, and
   *to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act
   have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

SIGNED.....

MRS ELISA BROWN:FCCA

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