Layer de la Haye Queen Elizabeth Hall

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year End
31st March 2026

Trustees Elected
Mr Ian Moore (Chair) (Management)
Mrs Carole Littlewood (Hon Secretary) (Management)
Mrs Susan Neal (Hon Treasurer) (Management)
Mr Graham Duthie (Vice Chair) (Management)

Representatives
Mr Peter Halls (Bowls)
Mrs M A Hughes (Scouts and Church)
Mrs Amy Goodburn (Pre School)
Mrs Christine Halls (Layer Ladies)
Mrs B Clay (Good Companion and JB TOTS)
Mrs Rena Adams (Good companions and JB Tots)
Mrs Lesley Ellis(Badminton)
Mrs G Barclay (Brownies)
Mrs Laura Lawrence (Booking Clerk)
Mrs Karena Dunn (Cleaner and Pre-School)
Mr Graham Duthie (Gardening club and Bowls)
Mr Tony Jacks (Church)

Charity Name: Layer De la Haye Queen Elizabeth Hall
Registration Number: 212645

The object of the charity is to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Layer de la Haye and others for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions for the said inhabitants. The main hall is used by Layer Preschool each day during term time.

Income is generated from Hire fees, charity events and donations.
Expenditure covers wages, utility bills, insurance, General rates, Licences, cleaning, computer software, general expenses and upkeep of the building.
This year expenditure exceeded income due to some unexpected repairs required to the hall.

Cash reserves at the end of the year were £39,470. The reserves policy is to allow for running costs of the two halls and for necessary repairs.

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: LAYER DE LA HAYE QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

On accounts for the year ended: 31ST MARCH 2026

Charity no (if any): 212645

Set out on pages: (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026

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

~~[~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~]~~. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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. DuMie **Date:** 29/7/2026

Name: MR GRAHAM C. S. DUTHIE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ASSOCIATE CHARTERED INSITUTE OF BANKERS

(if any):	
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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.	

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

	Total		
	This year	Last year	Variance
IR0101 - Hall Hire & Lettings	29,128.94	28,910.25	218.69
IR0102 - Hall Fumd Raising	0.00	750.00	-750.00
IR0103 - Bar Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00
IR0104 - Deposits not Returned	0.00	0.00	0.00
IR0105 - Phone Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
IG0201 - Deposit Account Interest	466.99	395.80	71.19
IG0202 - Savings Account Interest	10.22	0.00	10.22
IG0203 - Virgin Money Interest	581.86	0.00	581.86
FURL - Furlough	0.00	0.00	0.00
IR106 - Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
	30,188.01	30,056.05	131.96
EG0101 - Wages	9,287.43	10,228.27	-940.84
EG0151 - General Rates	811.10	210.36	600.74
EG0200 - Insurance	3,687.43	3,510.90	176.53
EG0251 - Electricity	6,505.00	7,139.36	-634.36
EG0252 - Gas	1,679.86	1,205.72	474.14
EG0253 - Water	984.05	848.45	135.60
EG0301 - Entertianment	0.00	85.00	-85.00
EG0351 - Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0352 - Stationery	107.66	8.00	99.66
EG0353 - Books	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0401 - Telephone & Broadband	439.80	775.29	-335.49
EG0402 - Computer & Software	510.00	463.56	46.44
EG0451 - Licences	1,446.30	934.78	511.52
EG0452 - Premises Expenses	0.00	117.86	-117.86
EG0453 - Booking & Caretaker	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0454 - Equipment Hire & Purchase	197.88	0.00	197.88
EG0455 - Cleaning	2,003.45	2,590.85	-587.40
EG0456 - Repairs & Renweals	4,352.59	8,055.49	-3,702.90
EG0457 - Annexe Building Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0458 - Bank Charges	54.00	130.20	-76.20
EG0459 - Covid expendoture	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0490 - Extraordinary Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG0500 - Hall Hire	314.00	0.00	314.00
	32,380.55	36,304.09	(3,923.54)
Profit / (Loss)	(2,192.54)	(6,248.04)	4,055.50

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

		Total		
		This year	Last year	Variance
	IR0101 - Hall Hire & Lettings	27,217.13	24,451.15	2,765.98
	IR0102 - Hall Fumd Raising	375.00	341.00	34.00
	IR0104 - Deposits not Returned	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
	IR0105 - Phone Income	225.00	210.00	15.00
	IG0201 - Deposit Account Interest	91.71	2.59	89.12
	IG0202 - Savings Account Interest	2.40	0.08	2.32
	IG0203 - Virgin Money Interest	188.23	0.00	188.23
	Total Income	28,099.47	25,404.82	2,694.65
	EG0101 - Wages	9,703.65	6,158.49	3,545.16
	EG0151 - General Rates	373.76	166.79	206.97
	EG0200 - Insurance	3,156.00	2,944.90	211.10
	EG0251 - Electricity	5,900.18	4,356.10	1,544.08
	EG0252 - Gas	570.70	532.05	38.65
	EG0253 - Water	862.45	675.77	186.68
	EG0352 - Stationery	9.99	0.00	9.99
	EG0401 - Telephone & Broadband	879.73	874.60	5.13
	EG0402 - Computer & Software	1,507.50	414.00	1,093.50
	EG0451 - Licences	1,143.22	180.00	963.22
	EG0452 - Premises Expenses	227.06	1,050.30	(823.24)
	EG0454 - Equipment Hire & Purchase	79.98	148.00	(68.02)
	EG0455 - Cleaning	2,636.08	2,142.85	493.23
	EG0456 - Repairs & Renweals	1,930.73	2,606.18	(675.45)
	EG0458 - Bank Charges	132.34	38.80	93.54
	EG0490 - Extraordinary Expenditure	0.00	5,230.00	(5,230.00)
	Total Expenses	29,113.37	27,518.83	1,594.54
	Income over expenses	(1,013.90)	(2,114.01)	1,100.11