CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/2025 **Period start date** **To 28/02/2026**
Period end date

Charity name: Darsham Village Hall

Charity registration number: 230730

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To provide a place for the use of villagers and external hirers to partake in social and educational activities**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**The Hall has continued to provide a meeting place for a wide variety of groups and individuals for a variety of purposes. By fundraising and other events, it promotes social interaction and encourages health and wellbeing groups**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees maintain the village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Darsham and district without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**Not Applicable**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**Not Applicable**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**Volunteers assist and support trustees in organising and managing fund raising events and providing time and expertise when asked to do so.** **Financial contributions are sometimes received from individuals who live in or have lived in the community.**

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**In planning activities and improvements, we endeavour to always bear in mind the impact on individuals using the hall and local residents.** **The playground, opened in October 2024, is a popular addition to our facilities. The equipment is monitored regularly to ensure it is safe to use.** **The hall is hired out regularly and the income this generates helps trustees maintain the hall and ensure it remains an attractive and safe environment for all its users.** **Further improvements to the hall and its surrounding area have been identified, and villagers opinion sought.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**The trustees hold an annual village fete to raise funds for improvements within the hall. This together with coffee mornings, have proven to be very successful fundraising activities.**
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**The money the trustees hold in an investment account continues to grow with interest added every quarter. As no funds were withdrawn this year we are in a good financial situation.**
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The charity is in a stable financial situation. Unrestricted funds held in the bank amount to £13,656.65, restricted funds amount to £2,280.82. A further £23,287.24 is held in an investment account and £154.35 held in cash**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Our policy states that an amount of at least £5,000 should be kept in the current account as a general fund for ongoing running costs of the hall and in the deposit account £15,000 should be designated as a contingency fund.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£39,379**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**Not Applicable**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**Not Applicable**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**Not Applicable**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	**Our main source of funding is from hall hire charges and the running of a 100 club. Fund raising events are held throughout the year to further bolster the charities funds**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**Not Applicable**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**The principal risk facing the charity would be the decrease in funds resulting from regular hirers of the hall deciding not to use our facilities.**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Scheme adopted in 1950 and updated 14th January 2013 and 2024.**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**Unincorporated Association**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the annual general meeting. Each trustee is nominated and seconded by village residents. All trustees are volunteers.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Darsham Village hall
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	230730
Charity's principal address	Darsham Village Hall Cheyney Green Darsham IP17 3FA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Heather Ballantine	Joint Chair		
2	Jill Edwards	Joint Chair		
3	Alison Robinson	Treasurer		
4	Philip Robinson			
5	Michael Shipp			
6	David Taylor			
7	Becky Ling			
8	Annie McPhail			
9	Alan Holland			
10	Paul Diamond		05/11/2025 - present	
11	Sally Goodacre		21/10/2025 – 08/2026	
12	Jayne Holmes		21/10/2025-present	
13	Ronald Clarke			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Alison Robinson	J Edwards.
Full name(s)	Alison Robinson	JILL EDWARDS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	CO-CHAIR.
Date	2/9/2026	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Darsham Village Hall	230730

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/03/2025	To	Period end date 28/02/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Deposit Account to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	15,206		-	15,206	13,246
100 Club	4,648	-	-	4,648	4,216
Donations	618	-	-	618	2,224
Events	3,962	-	-	3,962	3,632
Easy Fundraising	161	-	-	161	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	24,595	-	-	24,595	23,318
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest	923	-		923	1,070
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	923	-	-	923	1,070
Total receipts	25,518	-	-	25,518	24,388
A3 Payments					
100 Club	2,055	-	-	2,055	2,125
Cleaning	3,294	-	-	3,294	2,599
Repairs and Maintenance	2,969	-	-	2,969	6,705
Bank Charges	64	-	-	64	139
Insurance and licences	1,798	-	-	1,798	1,414
Gardening	869	-	-	869	
Donations					650
Events	997	-	-	997	1,291
Deposit Refunds	1,835	-	-	1,835	815
Running costs	5,404	-	-	5,404	3,206
Sub total	19,285	-	-	19,285	18,944
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,285	-	-	19,285	18,944
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,233	-	-	6,233	5,444
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,865	2,281	-	33,146	-
Cash funds this year end	37,098	2,281	-	39,379	5,444

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	13,657	2,281	-
	Deposit Account	23,287	-	-
	Cash Funds	154	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	37,098	2,281	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A J Robinson	A. J. ROBINSON	27/8/26
	H Ballantine	HEATHER BALLANTINE	27/8/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Darsham Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	28th February 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	230730
Set out on pages	8 and 9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:	Daniel	**Date:**	27/08/2026
Name:	Alan Davidson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	19 Cheyney Green, Darsham, Saxmundham, Suffolk, IP17 3FA		