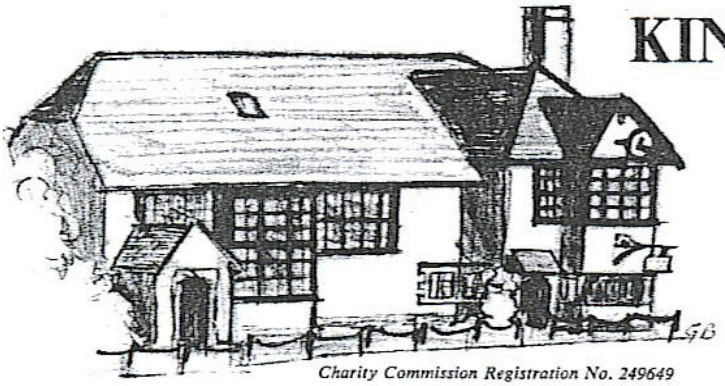


KING EDWARD HALL
LINDFIELD, SUSSEX RH16 2HH
Please reply to:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

CHAIRMAN'S AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

TRUSTEES:
Mr Simon Cartwright
Mr Mark White
Mr Ian Sayers

OFFICERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN: Mr Will Blunden
TREASURER: Mr Stephen Gray
BOOKINGS SECRETARY: Mrs Tracy Ely
SECRETARY: Mr Rupert Ayton

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mrs Katherine Alcock
Mr Roger Pickett
Mr Ron Skinner
Mrs Janet Smith
Mrs Sue Phipps
Mrs Sue Blunden) Lindfield Club
Mr Paul Turner) Delegates

The King Edward Hall was established as a charity in 1911 and is registered with the Charity Commission, No. 249649. Its full postal address is The King Edward Hall, 24 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex. RH16 2HH.

OBJECTS, ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

The King Edward Hall was established as a charity to enhance the community life of the inhabitants of Lindfield by providing communal facilities. The Hall is available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreements and scale of charges adopted for the year. It is intended that the scale of charges is sufficient to generate enough income to meet all the expenditure

incurred in operating the Hall. Major improvement projects are funded by specific appeals, fund-raising and grants. Three Trustees, with a Management Committee comprising elected and nominated members, administer the charity.

REVIEW OF YEAR SPANNING MARCH 2025 TO MARCH 2026

The Hall bookings remain buoyant thanks to our efficient hardworking Booking Secretary, Tracy Ely, her skills in managing and accommodating new and existing bookings means we have had one of our busiest years ever. Stephen Gray our Treasurer continues to look after the Halls finances, under his guidance the Hall is in a very healthy position should any unforeseen occurrence arise. Rupert Ayton is our secretary who continues to provide the committee with all the legal updates on running a community venue as well as his other secretarial duties.

Day to day maintenance has been carried out promptly together with any decoration deemed necessary to keep the Hall in good order. Other maintenance and improvements carried out during the year include, replacing three hardwood window frames and replacing the sills in others. Inside the hall we have installed a stainless-steel water dispenser so that drinking water can be obtained when the kitchens are locked. We have replaced the old fluorescent lights in the library with new LED ones. The annual deep clean of the kitchen and kitchen appliances has taken place and the hearing loop system has been checked and a hearing loop receiver has been purchased so that we can check the system. We are currently investigating how we can improve our Wi-Fi coverage throughout the building. Thanks to Ron Skinner who obtained a lottery grant towards the cost of fitting new stage lighting which will be able to be accessed by all hirers, unfortunately due to the efficiency of our Booking Secretary we are having difficulty in finding time for it to be installed. At long last and in conjunction with the Parish Council we have finally got the exterior clock working thanks to the perseverance of Roger Pickett. Due to the high cost involved with the refurbishment of the Old Fire Station we have decided to pause this project and are currently using it to store our village day equipment. That is the report of the current maintenance but there is future work that will be needed to be carried out in the future. We have produced a list of 23 items that will need to be carried out in the next 10 years at an approximate cost of around £300,000.00 which shows how essential fundraising is.

The Village Run and especially Village Day were a huge success this year beating all records by raising over £22,000 Village Day gets bigger and better each year. These two events are our main fundraisers and without which we would be unable to maintain the Hall to the high standard our Hirers have come to expect. Our grateful thanks to the Village Day subcommittee, many of whom have no other connection with the hall and who devote so much time and energy in organizing these two events. Together with Bonfire Night many villagers consider these to be the highlights of the year. The continuing success of the Hall is due to the commitment of the Trustees, Management Committee, and Officers especially Tracy Ely the Booking Secretary who worked tirelessly throughout the year sorting out the many challenges that go with the position. Also, Katherine Alcock, David Tingley co-Chairs of the Village Day committee, and the rest of the Village Day Committee and all those that help make these events a success. Sincere thanks go to Jennie Powell and her team of helpers who provide the much-appreciated monthly film shows. And Micky Batchelor our Premises Supervisor who makes sure we do not contravene our Premises Licence when Hirers are supplying alcohol. Last, but not least our team of Stewards, Phillip Hughes, Andrei Hadimbu, and Tim Bishop who work tirelessly to keep the Hall running at all times. Unfortunately, due to having to relocate to London we lost Piers Gielgud and we thank him for his service to the Hall. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team they all take pride in our Hall and strive to keep it clean, tidy and safe at all times.

Will Blunden

Chairman of the Management Committee

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Registered Charity No 249649

Accounts for year to 31st December 2025

1. Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

		2025	2024
Income receipts			
Fund raising			
Trading activities			
	Hall hire	£92,544.12	£72,433.83
	Rent	£14,097.54	£14,047.54
	Other	£14,542.00	£2,240.53
	Recovery	£0.00	£1,988.10
Investment income			
	Building society interest	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£121,183.66	£90,710.00
Direct charitable expenditure			
	Wages	£36,156.87	£40,304.23
	Gas & Elec	£4,918.05	£5,327.26
	Water & Sewage	£7.58	£222.26
	Cleaning & Materials	£10,475.24	£8,965.24
	Maint'ce	£2,043.14	£2,505.63
	Licences	£643.24	£1,360.85
	Admin & Phone box	£2,003.13	£2,252.70
	Insurance	£4,464.36	£4,353.16
	Misc	£1,289.61	£2,441.15
	Council Tax	£1,327.34	£1,226.59
		£63,328.56	£68,959.07
Other expenditure			
	Officers Expenses	£4,860.00	£6,100.00
		£4,860.00	£6,100.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£68,188.56	£75,059.07
Net Receipts for the year		£52,995.10	£15,650.93
Bank balances as at 31/12/2024		£168,336.31	£152,685.38
Bank balances as at 31/12/2025		£221,331.41	£168,336.31

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2. Receipts and payments Account (Refurbishment Fund)

		2025	2024
Donations		£0.00	£0.00
Misc		£0.00	£0.00
Fund raising			
	Village Day and Fun Run	£22,000.00	£18,000.00
Cinema		£5,421.84	£4,892.50
Total receipts		£27,421.84	£22,892.50
Direct charitable expenditure			
	Cinema expenses	£4,289.36	£3,603.37
	Equipment	£138.74	£6,565.20
	Major refurbishment	£1,966.80	£11,809.57
		£6,394.90	£21,978.14
Other expenditure			
Total payments		£6,394.90	£21,978.14
Net Receipts for the year		£21,026.94	£914.36
Bank balances at 31 December 2024		£43,483.06	£42,568.70
Cash and bank balances at 31 Dec 2025		£64,510.00	£43,483.06

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3. Statements of assets and liabilities at 31st December 2025

		2025	2024
Monetary assets			
	Bank Balances		
	Girobank cheque account	£234,841.41	£182,819.37
	Barclays (Village Day)	£51,000.00	£29,000.00
	Total cash	£285,841.41	£211,819.37
Bank deposits (by fund)			
	General Purpose Fund	£221,331.41	£168,336.31
	Refurbishment Fund	£64,510.00	£43,483.06
	Total cash	£285,841.41	£211,819.37
Debtors			
Liabilities			
Non Monetary Assets			
Permanent Endowment	Land and building used by the King Edward Hall (freehold vested in the Trustees)		
Other assets (non-endowed)	held for the functional use by the charity		

Furniture and equipment in hall as per inventory (costs unknown):
Tables, chairs, PA system, two ovens, kitchen utensils, etc
(in fair condition and over 14 years old)
One new fridge at cost £252
150 chairs for main hall at cost £6,169
30 chairs for library at cost £1,171
10 tables at cost £799 (all in good condition and less than 10 years old)
10 new tables at cost £1500 (4 years old)
6 Mobile Screens at a cost of £1954 (3 years old)
Hot cupboard
Complete replacement of Kitchen Equipment added in 2015
Radiator replacement in 2015

W Blunden, Chairman
9th March 2026

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

Keymer Haslam & Co

Chartered Accountants and Independent Financial Advisers

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IPI/SJ 13 February 2026

Stephen Gray Esq
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Dear Stephen

Further to our email correspondence I have now completed our examination for the year to 31 December 2025.

In order to be able to comply with the requirements of our professional body we have to record the following:

1. You have confirmed the accounting records to be complete.
2. You have carried out a review of the Trust's internal financial controls in the year.
3. You have assessed the Trust's financial position, consider it to be a "going concern" and believe the level of reserves held to be adequate and in accordance with the reserves policy.

Please can you sign and date (below) and return the enclosed copy of this letter to confirm the above three points.

Please let me have a signed set of the accounts for my files and whatever sets you need for me to sign in due course.

I am enclosing a note of my firm's fees which I trust meets with your approval.

With best wishes

Ian Ingleton
For Keymer Haslam & Co
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The Trustees agree and have addressed the matters above and have taken action where necessary

On behalf of the Trustees ..... 9/3 ... 2026