Chipperfield Village Hall
Report Of the Trustees
For the financial year to 31 March 2026

Reference and Administrative details

The registered number of the charity is 250164 and it is governed by a body of Trustees in accordance with a Charity document dated 25 February 1982 as amended on 8 July 2020 as amended on 5 July 2021.

Principal Address

Chipperfield Village Hall, The Common, Chipperfield, WD4 9BS

Independent Examiner

Simon Gruselle, The Old Forge, The Street, Chipperfield, Hertfordshire WD4 9BH

Structure Governance and Management

Trustees

The Trustees of the charity who acted during the period covered by this report were as follows

Paul Elkin Chairmain Appointed September 2025

Mr. Mark Baumal Treasurer appointed 20-10-2023

Mr. H Clifford, ex-Officio

Mrs. Andrea Thornton Secretary appointed 20-10-2023

Background

The Chipperfield Village Hall is a registered Charity governed by a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25 February 1982. The Hall and land on which it is sited is held by the Trustees on behalf of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity as set out in the scheme are the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the inhabitants of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chipperfield.

The hall includes a small partitioned off area which is let for a period of 49 years from 30 September 2015 under a formal agreement to Chipperfield Parish Council at an agreed rent under the lease.

Use of the remainder of the hall is charged at agreed rates and under the terms of a hire document. The management committee and Trustees meet on a regular basis to ensure the proper running of the hall. The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Activities and Achievements

The hall has attracted new hirers, and we continue to try to maximise our letting income.

We continued to receive fixed rental income both in relation to the Parish Clerk's office and for storage facilities for the Chipperfield Theatre Group.

We were received 1 grants within the year, £1,500 from £1,500 from Chipperfield Parrish Council that was used in previous year and been removed in the accruals.

We have received bequest Balance of £686.
We have allocated £13592 of bequest to below

£4220.75 on outside window refurbishment, kitchen and rear toilet decoration and refurbishment.

£1657.97 on the new children's chairs and tables.

£6542 on the new kitchen floor (this was much higher due to flooded floor).

£1171.20 on chair cleaning.

The forecast for future years shows that the costs of hall management excluding major renovation work should be covered by current levels of hire. There are reserves currently held to cover general maintenance for many years, but the trustees do not underestimate the potential costs of repairs, heating, windows, and roofing which will need attention in years to come. A constant review of planned maintenance and financial forecasting is required to ensure that the hall remains in good order.

Financial Review

Hall hire income was slightly up on 2024/25.

We also have received balance of bequest for £686 and £13592 of the Bequest has been used for the restoration of the hall and chair purchase as above list. This very generous bequest will help keep the hall in good order for many years to come.
Total income from hall hire was £34426 in the year.

The largest regular costs for the hall are insurance, utility bills, caretaking and cleaning. Utility costs continue to increase and will increase again in the current year. Caretaking and cleaning costs have increased partly in line with the requirements stemming from the increased use of the hall, but we are also reaping the benefit of the improvements in the general state of the hall.

The profit on normal activities was £6471, an improvement in the profit of £2303 for the previous year.

The total loss which includes the Bequest spending is (£6435)

The Reserves at the end of the year were £715932

Declaration

The Trustees have approved the Trustees' Report above

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Paul Elkin Trustee

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Andrea Thornton Trustee

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Hugh Clifford Trustee