Boughton Under Blean Village Hall

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2026

Registered Charity Number: 257525

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Boughton Under Blean Village Hall continues to operate under its governing document, with Boughton Under Blean Parish Council acting as the Sole Trustee. Day-to-day management is delegated to the Village Hall Management Committee, made up of Parish Councillors and community volunteers. The committee met regularly throughout the year to oversee operations, maintenance, finance and community use of the hall.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charity's purpose is to provide a safe, accessible and well-maintained community facility for residents of Boughton Under Blean and the surrounding area. The hall supports a wide range of social, recreational, educational and community activities, including the continued provision of the public library and computer access delivered by Kent County Council.

3. Achievements and Performance

3.1 Infrastructure and Building Improvements

The committee oversaw a programme of continued improvements across the building. Work progressed on protecting and maintaining the main hall floor, and further attention was given to roof-related issues to improve long-term resilience. Grant-supported upgrades enabled additional energy-efficiency measures, building on the smart thermostats installed in the previous year. These measures contributed to noticeable reductions in energy use and operating costs. General maintenance continued throughout the year to support safety, accessibility and the long-term upkeep of the building. These works form part of a gradual, multi-year programme of modernisation.

3.2 Community Engagement

The hall remained a valued and well-used community facility, supporting a steady programme of local activities and group bookings. The football café initiative continued to strengthen community connections and was positively received by residents and visitors. Grant support enabled ongoing assistance to an early-years group, helping to promote social and educational development. A number of fundraising events were held during the year, contributing both to community engagement and to the hall's financial resilience.

3.3 Administrative and Financial Oversight

The committee maintained a business-like approach to financial management, supported by regular reporting and independent examination. Income from hirers remained stable, with natural fluctuations across the year. Expenditure was managed responsibly, including unplanned maintenance needs. Grant funding continued to be actively pursued to support future improvements. The online booking system remained in effective use, streamlining administration and supporting efficient hall management.

4. Financial Review

The charity ended the year in a stable financial position. Prudent management, community fundraising and successful grant activity supported ongoing operations and improvement plans. Reserves were managed responsibly, and the Trustee is satisfied that the charity remains financially sound.

5. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustee intends to continue the programme of gradual improvements to the building. Priorities for the coming year include further development of the bar area and foyer, replacement of the stage curtains, and continued support for community-focused initiatives and fundraising events.

6. Acknowledgement of Volunteers

The Trustee extends sincere thanks to all volunteers, committee members and supporters who contributed their time and energy throughout the year. Their commitment underpins the hall's continued success and ensures it remains a valued community facility.

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibility

The Trustee confirms that the charity has been managed in accordance with its governing document and relevant charity law. The Trustee remains committed to ensuring that Boughton Under Blean Village Hall continues to operate as a safe, accessible and well-run facility for the benefit of the local community.

Signed:



Terence Covell - Chairman Trustee to Boughton Under Blean Village Hall

BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN VILLAGE HALL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31.3.2026

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		2025/26	2024/25
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS			
	Hire of Hall	37,058.05	37,775.25
	KCC Library	6,000.00	4,800.00
	Bar	230.00	193.80
	Website Ads	0.00	0.00
	Other	657.08	420.63
	Grants	5,758.20	1,150.00
	Fund Raising	6,658.91	2,097.00
		56,362.24	46,436.68
	Deposits	2,680.00	2,125.00
		59,042.24	48,561.68
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS			
	Maintenance & Repair	5,067.51	5,804.03
	Utilities	6,943.33	9,350.53
	CCTV	288.00	0.00
	Cleaning	7,252.00	8,600.00
	Maintenance Contractor	3,900.00	3,400.00
	Professional Fees	2,518.40	1,207.11
	Keyholder	660.00	660.00
	Insurance	2,307.48	3,992.10
	Administration	544.60	644.90
	Grants	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	41.78	0.00
	Improvements	16,582.47	4,695.29
	Cancelled Bookings	£0.00	£595.00
		46,105.57	38,948.96
	Returned Deposits	1,729.50	2,100.00
		47,835.07	41,048.96
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)		11,207.17	7,512.72

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS			
	Unity Current Account	21,137.53	10,382.84
	Unity Savings Account	20,675.81	20,223.33
		41,813.34	30,606.17
LIABILITIES			
	Deposits Held	1,950.00	

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total balances 31 March 2025	30,606.17
Surplus or Deficit for year	11,207.17
Total balances 31 March 2026	41,813.34

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

Signed by the Chairman, Trustee of Boughton under Blean Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 257525

BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN VILLAGE HALL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31.3.2026

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		2025/26	2024/25
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS			
	Hire of Hall	37,058.05	37,775.25
	KCC Library	6,000.00	4,800.00
	Bar	230.00	193.80
	Website Ads	0.00	0.00
	Other	657.08	420.63
	Grants	5,758.20	1,150.00
	Fund Raising	6,658.91	2,097.00
		56,362.24	46,436.68
	Deposits	2,680.00	2,125.00
		59,042.24	48,561.68
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS			
	Maintenance & Repair	5,067.51	5,804.03
	Utilities	6,943.33	9,350.53
	CCTV	288.00	0.00
	Cleaning	7,252.00	8,600.00
	Maintenance Contractor	3,900.00	3,400.00
	Professional Fees	2,518.40	1,207.11
	Keyholder	660.00	660.00
	Insurance	2,307.48	3,992.10
	Administration	544.60	644.90
	Grants	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous	41.78	0.00
	Improvements	16,582.47	4,695.29
	Cancelled Bookings	£0.00	£595.00
		46,105.57	38,948.96
	Returned Deposits	1,729.50	2,100.00
		47,835.07	41,048.96
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)		11,207.17	7,512.72

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS			
	Unity Current Account	21,137.53	10,382.84
	Unity Savings Account	20,675.81	20,223.33
		41,813.34	30,606.17
LIABILITIES			
	Deposits Held	1,950.00	

BANK RECONCILIATION

Total balances 31 March 2025	30,606.17
Surplus or Deficit for year	11,207.17
Total balances 31 March 2026	41,813.34

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

Signed by the Chairman, Trustee of Boughton under Blean Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 257525

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Boughton under Blean Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	257525
Set out on pages	Receipts & Payments Account and Statement of Assets & Liabilities (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and 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 matter has 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 section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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:		**Date:**	09 July 2026
Name:	Lionel Robbins		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	24 Regency Court, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1BZ		