West Buckland Village Hall Trust

Charity number 268843

West Buckland Village Hall,
Silver Street, West Buckland,
Somerset
TA21 9NA

Trustees

Edna Harding
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Trustees Report 2025

The charity's governing document is a Trust deed made by West Buckland Parish Council on 27th November 1974. The function of the Charitable Trust's Committee is to manage and maintain West Buckland Village Hall without distinction of political, religious or other opinion, including its use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Parish of West Buckland, Somerset.

To this end, the two main areas of the building are hired out to local individuals and organisations and the income received is used to maintain the buildings and grounds. Users of the hall include the Parish Council, Women's Institute, Friendship Club, St Mary's Parish Church, exercise classes, and martial arts, handicraft and dog training groups. Individual villagers also hire the hall for parties and funeral wakes. There is a Wi-Fi system installed at the hall for users to make use of the internet, a full sound system incorporating a hearing loop for those with impaired hearing and ceiling-mounted projector and screen.

In addition, the Committee organises fundraising events to supplement the charity's income and occasionally subsidises events for the benefit of local inhabitants. In 2025 these included monthly Pub Nights, a June Summer Fair and New Year's Eve celebration for villagers to attend.

Booking the hall had always been handled by a booking secretary using a manual system but in 2025 the Hallmaster electronic booking system was investigated and a trial ran in December prior to planned full implementation on 1st January 2026. As part of this change Hiring Terms and Conditions and various other policies came under review including Health and Safety, Fire and Safeguarding. It is planned to implement revised policies in 2026. An independent website is also under development.

Some of the hall's electricity is generated from solar panels on the roof which were installed several years ago. There is an electric vehicle charging point managed by the Parish Council connected to the hall's electrical supply which benefits villagers and produces a small income for the hall. A Fish and Chip vendor has been allowed to park fortnightly in the car park for the convenience of villagers and the village hall receives a small payment to cover electricity used by the van.

In addition to regular cleaning and maintenance of the hall, in the past year the acoustic clouds were raised slightly to better avoid damage by hall users, new thermostatic radiator valves were fitted and the 80 hall chairs were professionally cleaned. Agreement was reached with the kitchen's installers to repair or replace the cracked work surface in the kitchen under warranty, the work to be carried out in 2026. The committee also plan a change to the heating system in 2026 to enable the different areas of the building to be heated independently.

There was disruption in April 2025 due to illegal occupation of and damage to the adjacent village playing field by travellers. Precautionary closure of the hall for a few days affected 7 hirers and resulted in about £150 lost income for the hall. The Parish Council arranged the installation of large concrete blocks on the edge of the playing field to prevent reoccurrence for which the Village Hall paid half the cost, viewing it to be of benefit to the village.

Whenever committee decisions are to be made regarding the charity, the trustees take the Commission's public benefit guidance into account and all decisions are minuted.

S Porcas

Susan Porcas, authorised Trustee

14th October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees WEST BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

On accounts for the year ended 31ST DECEMBER 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 268843

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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: NBall **Date:** 17/03/2026

Name: NAOMI BALL

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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.	

West Buckland Village Hall Trust

Treasurers Report 2025

During the year the income decreased from £28678 to £25410 due in good measure to the monthly pub nights held in the hall which showed a lower income, the difference being £4827. Lettings held up well and, in the end, showed a very slight decrease over the previous year.

Expenditure was kept well under control and with the introduction of a new electricity contract we saved over £400 during the year. As one would expect following a reduction in income from the bar, expense also showed a reduction of £2151.
One major expense in 2025 was a contribution of just over £2000 to the Parish Council for the purchase of concrete 'lego' blocks following the unfortunate incident when the field became a traveller encampment.
Also during the year we improved the fencing around the hall and also fitted new valves to all the radiators.

With the village fete being a great success this showed an overall surplus of £1697

Overall, the Trust showed a surplus of £4169 for 2025
The balance held in the bank at the end of 2025 was £29936 and this was felt a reasonable sum to cover any ongoing expense that the committee could foresee.

The accounts were examined for the committee by Blackdown Hills Accounting Ltd and they concluded that they reflected the affairs of the trust for 2025.

With this being my last report a Treasurer, my thanks must go to everyone on the committee for making my job relatively easy and I would like to wish whoever takes on the role the very best of luck for the future and I hope that they have as enjoyable time as I have

Henry Richbell
Treasurer

	West Buckland Village Hall Trust Accounts 2025					
	2025 Current	Petty Cash	Totals	2024 Current	Petty Cash	Totals
Receipts						
Letting Fees	£16,351.50		£16,351.50	£16,494.00		£16,494.00
Pub Nights	£4,007.41		£4,007.41	£8,834.65		£8,834.65
Fundraising	£258.00		£258.00			£0.00
Cash Paid in	£395.45		£395.45	£162.16		£162.16
Electricity Recharge	£227.27		£227.27			£0.00
Events	£4,163.57		£4,163.57	£2,887.66		£2,887.66
Donation	£6.56		£6.56	£300.00		£300.00
Total Receipts	£25,409.76	£0.00	£25,409.76	£28,678.47	£0.00	£28,678.47
Payments						
Wages	£5,110.00		£5,110.00	£5,003.00		£5,003.00
Cleaning Materials	£483.20		£483.20	£504.83		£504.83
Electricity/Oil	£1,390.30		£1,390.30	£1,818.09		£1,818.09
Water	£215.99		£215.99	£371.72		£371.72
Initial - waste bins	£521.40		£521.40	£478.46		£478.46
Insurance	£689.29		£689.29	£669.42		£669.42
Officers' Expenses	£43.88		£43.88	£66.43		£66.43
Fundraising Expenses	£0.00		£0.00	£210.00		£210.00
Fire Alarm/Extinguisher Maintenance	£63.72		£63.72	£503.40		£503.40
Fees/Subscriptions/Licences	£608.68		£608.68	£668.68		£668.68
Donations	£258.00		£258.00	£700.00		£700.00
Letting Fees Refund	£20.00		£20.00	£14.00		£14.00
Pub Night Expenses	£2,393.47		£2,393.47	£4,545.30		£4,545.30
WiFi	£510.37		£510.37	£278.68		£278.68
Events	£2,465.86		£2,465.86	£1,515.22		£1,515.22
Window Cleaner	£124.00		£124.00	£96.00		£96.00
Lego Blocks	£2,025.00		£2,025.00	£0.00		£0.00
Office Expenses	£0.00		£0.00	£94.23		£94.23
Repairs & Maintenance	£3,556.65		£3,556.65	£475.40		£475.40
New Equipment	£761.24		£761.24	£5,213.23		£5,213.23
Total Payments	£21,241.05	£0.00	£21,241.05	£23,226.09	£0.00	£23,226.09
Income less Expenses	**£4,168.71**	**£0.00**	**£4,168.71**	**£5,452.38**	**£0.00**	**£5,452.38**

Receipts	Letting Fees	Pub Takings	Fundraising	Cash paid in	Electricity rech:	Events	Donation	Monthly totals
January	£1,470.50	£742.97			£132.34	£335.00	£0.01	£2,680.82
February	£850.50	£295.29						£1,145.79
March	£1,852.00	£309.39		£395.45		£492.86	£6.55	£3,056.25
April	£1,433.00	£256.39				£170.07		£1,859.46
May	£1,133.00	£378.17						£1,511.17
June	£1,194.00	£430.82	£258.00			£1,861.98		£3,744.80
July	£1,443.00	£325.08				£20.00		£1,788.08
August	£1,256.00	£305.56				£848.42		£2,409.98
September	£1,254.50	£292.66						£1,547.16
October	£1,599.00	£220.19				£49.91		£1,869.10
November	£918.00	£274.44				£385.33		£1,577.77
December	£1,948.00	£176.45			£94.93			£2,219.38
Totals - Bank	£16,351.50	£4,007.41	£258.00	£395.45	£227.27	£4,163.57	£6.56	£25,409.76

Expeneses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals		
Wages	£434.00	£392.00	£434.00	£420.00	£434.00	£420.00	£434.00	£434.00	£420.00	£434.00	£420.00	£434.00	£5,110.00		
Cleaning Materials	£231.63		£114.00			£137.57							£483.20		
Electricity/Oil	£92.44	£116.70	£660.52	£76.01	£72.33	£71.43	£25.33	£27.69	£28.98	£63.59	£40.14	£95.14	£1,390.30		
Water					£215.99								£215.99		
Initial - waste bins	£37.18	£37.18		£74.36	£37.18	£90.10	£40.90	£40.90	£40.90	£40.90	£40.90	£40.90	£521.40		
Insurance				£689.29									£689.29		
Officers' Expenses						£43.88							£43.88		
Fundraising Expenses													£0.00		
Fire Alarm/Extinguisher Maintenance				£63.72									£63.72		
Fees/Subscriptions/Licences					£20.00	£290.00	£298.68						£608.68		
Donation							£258.00						£258.00		
Letting Fees Refund									£20.00				£20.00		
Pub Night Expenses	£243.91	£64.49	£130.75	£202.15	£196.50	£210.72	£68.70	£460.58	£106.41	£50.00	£477.17	£182.09	£2,393.47		
WI-Fi	38.73	£52.33	£44.30	£33.54	£33.54	£33.54	£33.54	£33.54	£33.54	£39.54	£94.69	£39.54	£510.37		
Events	760.0		£151.21			1172.49	382.16						£2,465.86		
Window Cleaner		£16.00	£16.00	£18.00					£17.00	£40.00		£17.00	£124.00		
Lego Blocks					£2,025.00								£2,025.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	258.0		£78.30	£124.55	£1,090.72	£70.50		£375.00				£1,559.58	£3,556.65		
New Equipment	81.12						81.12				334.00	265.00	£761.24		
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Totals	£2,177.01	£678.70	£1,649.08	£1,701.62	£4,125.26	£2,540.23	£1,622.43	£1,371.71	£666.83	£668.03	£1,406.90	£2,633.25	£21,241.05	£21,241.05	£0.00