Charity No: 269399

PELDON & WIGBOROUGHS COMMUNITY HALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended

31 MARCH 2026

Registered charity number: 269399

Board of Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Principal activity and governance structure

The principal activity of the Charity is to maintain and manage the Hall for the benefit of the residents of Peldon, Great & Little Wigborough and local community groups. The Trustees are also responsible as charity trustees for administering certain funds held in trust for the enhancement of the nave of St. Stephen's Church, Great Wigborough to make it more suitable for use as a community venue ("Nave Project").

The Board of Trustees has delegated certain powers to a Management Committee ("MC"). The role of the MC is to ensure that the Hall functions effectively and efficiently on a day-to-day basis. The MC's report on the year is on pages 4 – 5.

Financial review

The Treasurer's report on pages 6 – 11 provides a commentary on the financial results for the year and position at the year end, including details of the Nave Project. The Treasurer and the Trustees would like to thank Steve Copeland for his invaluable support in acting as the Independent Examiner of the Charity's accounts since the PWCH was established.

Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

Mrs Alison Biegel*

Mr Stewart Bilsland* (Treasurer)

Mrs Liz Davidson

Mr Robert Davidson* (Chairman)

Mr Phil Gladwin

Mr Bob Holmes*

Mrs Katrina Lewis

Mr Jamie Longstaff*

Mr Will Newton* (Secretary)

**elected Trustees; otherwise appointed Trustees.*

Changes to the Board of Trustees after the year end

On 1 April 2026, Mr Bob Holmes advised the Board that he was resigning from the Board of Trustees and as the Chair of the MC with immediate effect as he was moving away from the area. The remaining Trustees would like to thank Bob for his long-standing contribution as a Trustee and MC member and, more broadly, for his drive, inspiration and support in the initial development of the Hall's and its wider activities over the last few years.

Changes to the Charity's governing documents

Nil

Required disclosures

In the financial year:

1. none of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Charity;
2. none of the Trustees received reimbursement for expenses other than in relation to the reimbursement at cost of various supplies purchased for the normal operating requirements of the Hall; and
3. no related party transactions were entered into by the Charity.

On behalf of the Trustees.

Will Newton
Secretary
June 2026

Report of the Hall Management Committee

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

It is a pleasure to be able to report on another successful year for the Hall.

This year, the Hall did not raise as much income from its day-to-day operations with the income it receives from hire charges to external users and from the clubs it runs being insufficient to cover its day-to-day running costs by just over £1,600. This means that any income earned from fundraising activities had to cover this small day to day deficit but with the majority being used to improve the Hall's facilities. The Treasurer's report that follows this report sets all this out in more detail.

The Hall continues to be well used throughout the year, both by regular hirers, one-off bookings and Hall clubs. Unfortunately, during the year we lost the regular Sunday morning booking with the Citadel of Grace Church which explains the deficit in income for this year. On the other hand, we welcomed one new weekly activity – Strollercise – in the year, while other regular fitness, art classes and other activities continue as before. Other regular hirers now include breadmaking, as well as training classes for dogs (and their owners), and physiotherapy classes run by NHS, in addition to the odd Covid vaccination clinic.

Once again, we decided not to increase our hire charges notwithstanding significant general cost inflation. The installation of solar panels on the roof of the Hall in August 2024 has helped to mitigate these costs substantially with a net cost of only £150 for electricity by supplying surplus power to the grid. This year we also conducted significant testing activity and remedial work to ensure all health & safety, and fire certification was up-to-date.

The Peldon Players' pantomime in January, Robinson Crusoe, was yet another triumph on so many levels – the fun that the cast and production team have in staging it; the development of talent as those from the chorus in previous years take on main roles; and most importantly, the enjoyment that an all-time record crowd of 560 people got from watching the show. The pantomime has been a staple of the Hall's social activities for some 40 years now and is a great example of how our community punches above its weight – long may it continue! It is also the core contributor to the record £19,676 in gross income (£12,716 net income) from fund-raising activities this year. Our thanks, as ever, go to Alison Biegel, Mel Newton and Joe Kennils for being the driving forces behind it.

Our monthly Saturday coffee mornings are a regular feature of the Hall's fundraising and social activities. The May coffee morning hosts a Craft and Table-Top Sale, in August, an Afternoon Tea, and in November a Christmas Fayre. Every other month has a theme, with a quiz and a raffle. None of these events would happen without the effort that Jane Anderson puts in to organising them, ably helped in the kitchen by Caroline Wilson and a number of other volunteers. We also held two quiz nights in the year, and three music events thanks to Crissy Lee. Crissy has decided to scale back

the number of music events she organises, but I'm delighted to confirm that two events are planned towards the end of 2026.

The overflow car park in front of the Hall was further reinforced as planned. This were largely funded by a 80% grant received from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (through Colchester County Council). We also purchased our own scaffolding tower which will help reduce ongoing equipment hire costs. A further Locality Budget grant from the Council also assisted towards the costs of new ladders etc for the Hall. It is also worth mentioning that the final instalment was paid this year on the ACRE loan originally taken out to part-fund the initial fit-out of the Hall.

Our special thanks go to Mel Newton, our Bookings Manager, and Tony Wilson, our caretaker, who keep things on track on a day-to-day basis while our Treasurer, Stewart Bilsland, keeps a watching eye on the Hall's finances. The rest of the Management Committee offer operational support and organise and help run fundraising events. As the year ended, we lost three original members of the MC. Bob Holmes (Chair), and Andy Wade have both moved away from the area. Crissy Lee also stepped down from the committee, as did Bevan Waghorn who has also moved out of Peldon. Our special thanks go to Bob, Andy and Crissy for their long-standing commitment, enthusiasm, vision and drive: they have played a major part in making the Hall the success it is today.

In their place, we have been very pleased to welcome Joe Kennils, Kevin Gray, Jess Ellis and Avery Rassen to the committee. The Hall's Trustees (who include 3 members of the MC) provide a watching brief on the way the Hall is run, ensuring necessary policies and procedures are in place and approving major decisions. Our thanks go to all of those mentioned, and to our other supporters and users, for making the Hall the success it is.

PWCH Management Committee

June 2026

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Overview

The year ended 31 March 26 saw the eighth full year of operation of the new Hall and the seventh in relation to the St. Stephens Trust.

The General Fund records receipts and payments from ongoing operating activities and new capital expenditure associated with the Hall. The Trustees have previously decided that there would also be an Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) to provide funds for the replacement of equipment in the Hall before the Hall itself needed to be rebuilt.

This year there was only one payment made from the St Stephens Trust Fund to the PCC of Great and Little Wigboroughs in the sum of £7,000. All monies associated with this Trust are identified in a separate column within the Accounts. There are separate bank accounts associated with the Trust which are totally independent from the Hall's bank accounts.

There was a total net outflow of funds of £2,051 over the year, and consequently cash balances at the end of the year have fallen to £109,610. This net outflow was the result of two factors. Firstly, the net funds during the year associated with the St Stephens Trust was an outflow of £5,743 being the interest earned less the payment out. Secondly, the costs of running the Hall, including capital expenditure and loan repayments, were lower than the receipts from its operating activities resulting in a net inflow of £3,692.

During the year, it was decided by the Trustees not to transfer any funds from the General Fund to the Equipment Replacement Fund. This leaves the General Fund with a balance of £31,684 at the end of the financial year, while the Equipment Replacement Fund has increased to £26,659 including the interest earned.

General Fund

The Hall normally earns income from 3 main sources – the hiring of its premises and equipment to third parties, the running of a number of regular activities such as Hall clubs, and from fundraising events and other activities it organises. Total receipts (including sundry income) in the year amounted to £53,431 compared to £55,103 in the previous year.

Receipts from third party hiring's went down from £19,451 to £18,021. This includes income of £346 from the hire of tables/chairs etc. This drop in hiring income is principally due to the loss of the Citadel of Grace Church bookings.

Receipts from the Hall Clubs in the year reduced slightly to £6,714 compared with £7,068 last year.

The Peldon Players' pantomime took place in January 2026 (gross £9,360). There were also 3 x Crissy Lee Music evenings in the Hall (gross £4,630), 12 x Coffee Mornings were held (gross £2,833) and two Quiz nights were held (gross £893). There was a successful Arts Festival weekend in June 2025 run in conjunction with the Friends of the Church and the Church PCC which raised a gross £1,662 for the Hall. Also, a bar was run for a Third-party event (gross £229) and there was £20 income received for a future Coffee Morning in 2026-27.

Therefore, gross receipts from these fund-raising activities were significantly higher than last year's activities at £19,676 compared with £14,354 the previous year. This was principally due the very successful Panto in January 2026, an additional Quiz Night and the Arts Festival weekend.

General Fund expenditure can also be grouped in 3 areas – payments to keep the building running, payments incurred in staging fundraising activities, and administrative expenses.

Building expenses totalled £25,015, an increase of £2,969 from the £22,046 incurred in the previous year. Caretaking/Cleaning and Utilities etc costs were similar to the previous year. Repairs and Maintenance of the hall were higher by £3,192 during this year. This was principally due to tests/works required following requests for various certificates to satisfy the NHS in order for them to use the Hall for Physiotherapy sessions e.g. Emergency Lighting testing resulting in significant repairs, testing for Legionnaires disease, electrical safety tests etc. In addition, a manhole was damaged in the car park by the LPG delivery lorry, and this needed repairing.

Expenditure associated with the Fundraising activities, detailed above, came to a total of £6,960 (2025 - £5,141) thus after these related costs are taken into account, the net contribution to the Hall's funds from Fundraising activities increased from £9,213 last year to £12,716 this year. As indicated above, this is principally due to the Panto, an additional Quiz night and the Arts Festival weekend.

Administration expenditure and Sundry payments accounted for £3,383 which was very similar to last year's figure of £3,306.

£2,409 was also spent on scheduled repayments of the loan the Hall arranged with the Rural Communities Buildings Loan Fund in 2017 to fund the purchase of sound, lighting and stage curtaining equipment in the new hall. The final repayment for this loan was made in November 2025.

Capital assets purchased during the year were split into two categories – firstly, Land and Buildings, of which there were the works carried out to reinforce the remaining area of the grass overflow car park (£9,300). Therefore, the total of this element was £9,300. Secondly, Equipment and Furnishings which principally comprised of the purchase of a scaffolding tower (£1,536), extra sockets in the kitchen (£234), Gazebo (£626), robotic cleaner for the Hall (£320), Website upgrade (£1,679), ladder for use in

the Hall (£237) and some boxes for storage (£72). Therefore, the total for this element totalled £4,703.

The Hall has also received, in 2025/26, a Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Grant of £7,440 through Colchester City Council towards the reinforcement of the remaining area of the grass overflow car park. In addition, a Colchester CC Locality Budget grant of £487 was received towards the purchase of the ladders etc for the Hall.
Since the installation of the Solar Panels in August 2024, imported electricity costs have substantially reduced to around £1,040 in 2025/26 as the Hall is also fed by electricity generated by the solar panels, and the batteries which store surplus electricity. Further, any electricity generated over and above that used by the Hall is fed back into the national grid and we receive payment for this through the Smart Export Guarantee scheme (+£892). Therefore, the net cost of electricity in 2025/26 was £150 compared with around £1,450 in 2024/25.

Equipment Replacement Fund – Hall

This fund has been set aside to meet the costs of replacement of major equipment/assets in the Hall, and the funding of this expenditure has been separated from the main General Fund and is, therefore, ring fenced for this purpose. Examples of the expenditure that could be paid by this fund is replacement kitchen cupboards, air conditioning, sound equipment etc.

During this financial year, the interest paid through the 1-year Fixed Rate Redwood Bank account added £1,139 to the ERF giving a total for the Fund, at the end of the 2025/26 year, of £26,659.

St Stephens Trust Fund

As indicated at previous AGM's, half of the net proceeds of Wigboroughs Village Hall Management Committee's sale of the old village hall site in Great Wigborough has been paid to the Charity during the 2019-20 financial year to be held by PWCH on trust, in a separate fund, to meet improvements to the Nave of the St Stephen's Church in Great Wigborough to provide a community space. The total amount received was £142,009.

Amounts as yet unspent are distributed into two savings accounts with a small remainder in the Santander Current account. Interest totalling £1,257 has been earned during the 2025/26 year from these savings accounts. As indicated, all these accounts are totally independent of the Community Hall's accounts.

There was only one approved payment in relation to the St Stephens Trust this financial year between 1 April 2025 to 31st March 2026 totalling £7,000.

Therefore, at the end of the financial year the total funds remaining in the St Stephens Trust fund is £51,267 including the interest.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2026 totalled £58,343 in relation to the Community Hall's Funds, an increase of £3,692 since the previous year end. In addition, there is £51,267 in bank balances in relation to St Stephens Trust as at 31st March 2026.

Amounts due to the Hall from its use in Feb/March 2026 are £1,069 (2025 – £875). Around £1,305 (2025 - £936) of the operating expenditure paid in the year was attributable to the 2026/27 financial year (pre-paid insurance, publicity and licence costs).

Capital assets reflect the amounts spent on building the new hall (but excluding abortive costs incurred earlier in the project) and equipment/assets purchased for it. Donated assets are shown separately based on their valuation. As was agreed 4 years ago, the capital assets, including donated assets, have been adjusted for depreciation. In depreciating the assets, we are writing the amounts we paid for them (or their donated value) down to zero in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful life of the asset (which varies according to the type of asset).

The Hall's liabilities have reduced overall from £5,710 in 2024/25 to £3,378 in 2025/26. Accrued operating costs of £1,891 (2025 - £2,301) include amounts due for utilities costs, rates and also amounts due under the caretaking, cleaning and maintenance contract which are settled monthly in arrears. Further, £1,487 income has been received in the 2025/26 financial year for advanced bookings in 2026/27. The only capital liability from previous years is the Rural Communities Buildings Loan Fund loan which has now been fully repaid and so the liability is reduced to nil (2025 - £2,397).



Stewart Bilsland

Treasurer

20th June 2026

Peldon and Wigboroughs Community Hall - Annual Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts	Year ended 31 March 2026				2024-25
	Community Hall		St Stephens		
	General Fund	Equipment Replacement Fund	Trust Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Operating activities					
Hire charges	18,021	0	0	18,021	19,451
Hall clubs	6,714	0	0	6,714	7,068
Fundraising events	19,676	0	0	19,676	14,354
Donations & gift aid	255	0	0	255	0
Interest received	838	1,139	1,257	3,234	3,691
Sundry Income	0	0	0	0	0
Capital funding					
Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Grant	7,440	0	0	7,440	13,244
Colchester CC Locality Budget	487	0	0	487	0
Total receipts	53,431	1,139	1,257	55,827	57,808
Payments					
Operating costs					
Rates, utilities and insurance	4,951	0	0	4,951	5,523
Electricity SEG Payments received	-892	0	0	-892	0
Caretaker	5,753	0	0	5,753	5,471
Cleaning & domestic sundries	5,116	0	0	5,116	5,049
Repairs & maintenance	9,195	0	0	9,195	6,003
Fundraising events	6,960	0	0	6,960	5,141
Marketing & publicity	1,802	0	0	1,802	1,378
Licenses & subscriptions	996	0	0	996	952
Administration costs	195	0	0	195	519
Sundry payments	390	0	0	390	457
Asset purchases & debt repayments					
St Stephens Nave Trust	0	0	7,000	7,000	0
Land & Buildings	9,300	0	0	9,300	24,375
Equipment & furnishings	4,703	0	0	4,703	2,669
Loan repayments & interest	2,409	0	0	2,409	3,212
	50,878	0	7,000	57,878	60,749
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	2,553	1,139	-5,743	-2,051	-2,941
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds at start of year	29,131	25,520	57,010	111,661	114,602
Cash funds at end of year	**£31,684**	**£26,659**	**£51,267**	**£109,610**	**£111,661**

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities — As at 31 March 2026 — 2024-25

	General Fund	Equipment Replacement Fund	St Stephens Trust Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds					
Bank deposit accounts	30,792	26,659	51,217	108,668	110,434
Bank current accounts	506	0	50	556	739
Cash in hand	386	0	0	386	488
	31,684	26,659	51,267	109,610	111,661
Other Monetary Assets					
Debtors	1,069	0	0	1,069	875
Accrued interest receivable	6	0	48	54	83
Prepaid expenditure	1,305	0	0	1,305	936
	2,379	0	48	2,427	1,894
Capital Assets					
Land and buildings at depreciated cost	497,235	0	0	497,235	500,303
Purchased equipment at depreciated cost	27,327	0	0	27,327	25,372
Donated assets at depreciated valuation	7,240	0	0	7,240	8,409
	531,802	0	0	531,802	534,084
Liabilities					
Accrued operating costs	1,891	0	0	1,891	2,301
Income received in advance	1,487	0	0	1,487	1012
Grant Rec'd in advance for expenditure next yr	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued capital expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
ACRE loan & accrued interest to 31 March - Paid O	0	0	0	0	2,397
	3,378	0	0	3,378	5,710
Net Assets	**£562,487**	**£26,659**	**£51,315**	**£640,461**	**£641,929**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of	Peldon & Wigboroughs Community Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	269399
Set out on pages	1 to 11		

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:	S J Copeland	**Date:**	3rd July 2026
Name:	S J Copeland		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	F.C.C.A.		
Address:	Elmdale, Peldon Road, Little Wigborough, Essex CO5 7RB		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	None