EYE & DUNSDEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Accounts
for the year ended
30 April 2026

Registered Charity No. 273293

EYE & DUNSDEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Information

Trustees (as at 30th April 2026)

Mr D Woodward (E&D Parish Council)
Mrs D Honey (Treasurer)
Mrs J Phillimore

Independent Examiner

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Eye & Dunsden Village Hall Trust, Dunsden Green, Reading, RG4 9QG is a registered charity No 273293

The trustees during the year were:

Mr D Woodward (E&D Parish Council)
Mrs D Honey (Treasurer)
Mrs J Phillimore

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Eye & Dunsden Village Trust is the Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 21 March 1977, as amended 22 June 2010.

The following bodies are entitled to appoint trustees: Eye & Dunsden Parish Council (two trustees), Binfield Heath Parish Council, and The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden.

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the management of the Eye & Dunsden Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants within the parish of Eye and Dunsden, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including 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 said inhabitants.

Unrestricted Funds and Reserve Policy

As at 30 April 2026 the Trust had overall assets of £85,527 (2025: £74,598). Based on the ongoing costs of managing the two halls and the grounds and taking into consideration the relative risks to sustaining normal levels of income, the Trustees have established a reserve policy which requires six months of the annual costs of managing and maintaining the property to be held in Reserve. An amount of £20,000 (2025: £20,000) is ring-fenced in our bank accounts for this security.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Achievement and performance during the year

The hall has continued to be a very popular venue for children's birthday parties and adult celebration events, as well as being an affordable wedding reception venue. During the latter part of the year, we began the application process to become a certified venue for marriage ceremonies to take place at.

We have continued to offer a wide range of weekly, fortnightly and monthly classes with our regular hirers, including arts and crafts, yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, dance, and wellbeing, as well as offering a nature-based pre-school in the paddock.

Our popular annual fireworks event moved to a Saturday night and was well attended, with a slightly longer display earning much favourable feedback.

Improvements during the year included the purchase of a set of 120 comfortable folding chairs which are stored on their own trolley, a dishwasher for the main hall kitchen and a wood burning stove fitted in the cottage.

Review of financial activities

Total income for the year was £79,149 (2025: £102,101); bookings for the two halls contributed £56,734 (2025: £71,721).

The total cost of re-developing, maintaining and running both halls, including project work, amounted to £59,432 (2025: £77,278).

The cost of the Hall Management for 2026 was £29,357 (2025: £30,647).

The overall surplus for the year amounted to £11,045 (2025: £15,972).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Looking forward

Our aim is to continuously upgrade and improve the facilities and service provided to the hirers so that the community can make best use of these facilities. The success of the hall could not be achieved without its dedicated team of volunteer trustees and staff, who work enthusiastically to promote the hall, assist the hirers and keep the hall clean and safe for everyone to use.

Future areas for improvement, **requiring further funding**, include landscaping the gardens, resurfacing the overflow car park, replacing the flat roof of the Palmer Room kitchen extension with a pitched roof in keeping with the style of the rest of the building, and replacing our old, mis-matched tables.

Approved by the Trustees and signed their behalf by

DMHoney

Mrs DM Honey (Treasurer) **Date:** 31st **July 2026**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Eye & Dunsden Village Hall Trust

Respective responsibilities of Trustees & 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 report

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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements - to keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the Act, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

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Date : 10 August **2026**

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
Year ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	Total Funds* 2026 £		Total Funds* 2025 £
INCOME				
Donations/Grants		3,130		12,030
Bookings	2	56,734		71,721
Other Income	3	1,891		1,694
Fireworks	4	5,994		5,256
Other special events	5	-		-
Cottage rent		11,400		11,400
Total Income		**79,149**		**102,101**
EXPENDITURE				
Management and maintenance of Halls and grounds	6	59,432		77,278
Fireworks	4	3,509		4,301
Other special events	5	-		188
Administration costs	8	5,163		4,362
Total Expenditure		**68,104**		**86,129**
Net Movement in Funds		**11,045**		**15,972**
Balance brought forward 1 May		**74,598**		**58,626**
Balance carried forward at 30 April		**85,643**		**74,598**

*** Note: Total Funds are all Unrestricted Funds**

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 April 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		**92,891**	**83,796**
Current Liabilities	**10**	**(7,248)**	**(9,198)**
Loans		-	-
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**85,643**	**74,598**
Total Funds			
Unrestricted funds	**11**	**64,547**	**53,502**
Designated Funds		**21,096**	**21,096**
Restricted funds		-	-
Total Funds		**85,643**	**74,598**

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Approved by the Trustees and signed their behalf by

DM Honey

Mrs DM Honey (Treasurer) **Date:** 31st **July 2026**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Hiring of Halls - Regular bookings included 3 Pilates groups, a yoga group, 3 dance groups, 2 art and craft groups, and a Tai Chi group. The halls are also used by the Parish Council, as well being well supported by the local community for private bookings, including an increasing number of wedding receptions.

3. Bank interest of £1,099 (2025: £1,091).

4. The fireworks event returned this year with a surplus of £2,485.

5. As part of a program to engage members of the community in entertaining activity whilst raising funds for further improvement of the Hall, a number of special events were held, including a comedy night, and a Christmas fayre.

6. The total cost of the management and maintenance of the halls and grounds of £57,570 (2025: £77,278) consists of the following expenditure:

	2026 £	2025 £
Insurance	1,862	1,805
Fuel, Electricity, Water	6,696	6,136
Maintenance	10,429	10,183
Improvement project	11,088	28,507
Hall management	29,357	30,647
Total	**59,432**	**77,278**

7. Hall management costs include the Hall Manager's salary, the Bookings Managers's salary, their PAYE tax and NI, and employer's pension contributions, and the Hall Cleaner's invoices.

8. Total administration costs include costs of website development, membership of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC), membership of the Oxfordshire Community & Voluntary Action (OCVA) group, and the Independent Examiner's fee.

9. The trustees did not receive any remuneration or benefits in kind, other than reimbursement of expenses.

10. Current Liabilities represent refundable deposits made by individuals hiring the halls.

11. £20,000 (2025: £20,000) of the unrestricted funds has been designated as reserves and an additional £1,096 relates to the cottage deposit.

12. As a charity Eye & Dunsden Village Hall Trust is exempt from Corporation Tax.