Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund

(Registered Charity number 275786)

Report and Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2025

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Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December 2025

The charity's address is Plough Road, Great Bentley, Colchester, Essex CO7 8NB. The charity is a village hall, for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Great Bentley, 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. The charity owns the hall and land immediately surrounding the building. The charity operates entirely for public benefit.

The charity was established by a declaration of trust dated 1st December 1977.

Trustees
Roger Adams
Kevin Plummer
Frances Edwards

Activities for the year 2025
Great Bentley Village Hall has 3 rooms for hire which are all used regularly across all age groups, pre-school for the very young and lots of clubs and activities for the more mature.
We host clubs and societies based locally, but hirers also come from further afield across the county e.g. the Essex Carpet Bowls Association and Essex Wildlife Trust. Village organisations include the Gardening Club, Ladies Club, History Society, 2 different Dance Classes, 3 Badminton Clubs, Table Tennis, and an Art Club. Bookings were also received for annual Awards Nights, A.G.M.s, elections and birthday parties and private bookings.

Accounts for the year 2025
Unrestricted funds show a surplus of £2,311.29 this year (2024 deficit of £358.20). Letting income of £43,309.22 is slightly higher than the previous year (2024 £42,908.72). No grants were received this year. Our operating income for both this year and the previous year has covered our operating expenditure, despite the high cost of heating. The most noticeable changes, in terms of percentage increase on the previous year, relate to rates, water, telephone IT & TV, gardening & trees, and repairs & renewals.

Reserves
At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves of £53,257 were held, which is 15 months of running costs.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
From Trading Activities				
Hall hire	43,309.22		43,309.22	42,908.72
From Voluntary Sources				
Grants and donations	135.47		135.47	40.00
Fundraising Income	0.00		0.00	0.00
Other Income	882.87		882.87	477.57
From Assets				
Interest	309.61		309.61	401.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**44,637.17**	**0.00**	**44,637.17**	**43,827.70**
PAYMENTS				
Trading Activities				
Staff Costs	8,220.90		8,220.90	7,668.84
Rates	677.19		677.19	241.06
Water	2,212.99		2,212.99	1,715.83
Light, heat and power	10,890.98		10,890.98	11,526.11
Insurance	2,030.95		2,030.95	1,980.43
Repairs and Renewals	3,662.94		3,662.94	2,541.76
Gardening and Trees	1,068.98		1,068.98	563.00
Telephone, IT and TV	1,542.13		1,542.13	897.68
Printing, Postage and Stationery	58.57		58.57	118.33
Sundry Expenses	1,216.80		1,216.80	1,646.30
Cleaning	8,621.47		8,621.47	8,133.00
Waste disposal	1,121.18		1,121.18	1,022.43
Administration of the Charity				
Subscriptions and Licences	229.80		229.80	222.68
Accountancy Fees	186.00		186.00	326.00
Payroll services	585.00		585.00	904.80
Other				
New cleaning equipment			0.00	2,622.00
One-off cleaning			0.00	2,055.65
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**42,325.88**	**0.00**	**42,325.88**	**44,185.90**
NET SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	2,311.29	0.00	2,311.29	-358.20
Balance Brought Forward	50,946.00		50,946.00	51,304.20
Balance Carried Forward	**53,257.29**	**0.00**	**53,257.29**	**50,946.00**

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Balances		
Cash	287.96	62.10
Current Account	16,377.20	14,601.38
Capital Reserve Account	36,592.13	36,282.52
Total	**53,257.29**	**50,946.00**
Debtors		
Unpaid Hire Fees	1876.30	1,775.65
Creditors		
Received in advance	202.40	197.40
HMRC	32.80	62.20
Accounts and Examination	192.00	186.00

NON MONETARY ASSETS

Village Hall
Portable Stage
Tables and chairs, plus trolleys
Refridgerator, oven, microwave and kitchen equipment
Cleaning equipment and materials
Electric floor scrubber/drier
Ladders
Large TV/monitor/screen
CCTV Equipment
Hearing loop system
WiFi equipment
Window blinds

Approved by

Chairman
Date

Treasurer
Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund (Registered Charity number 275786)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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16th June 2026