CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026

Charity name: Croscombe Village Hall Fund

Charity registration number: 277576

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The original trust deeds of Croscombe Village Hall Fund state the Village Hall is for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Croscombe in the county of Somerset without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including the use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving conditions of life for the said inhabitants. The current management committee continue to uphold these aims and to widen the range of activities to the whole community which promote the social well-being, health and enjoyment of all residents.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Village Hall is rented out on a regular basis to a variety of community groups. These include dance classes, art societies, short mat bowls, orchestras & drama groups. The NHS use the hall for specific health related groups and the village school for parties and school performances. Apart from specific interest groups and other organisations the hall is frequently rented out to local residents for family celebrations and other one-off events.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The hall continues to be very well used with activities ranging from children's ballet to tai chi. Most of our hirers have weekly or monthly bookings, these regular clubs and activities provide a framework of social activity within the village and local community. As a committee we run frequent well-attended social events that bring together members of the community. We remain mindful of the importance of combating social isolation in rural communities and of the impact of the cost-of-living crises. We work hard to ensure that the village hall is a welcoming, affordable and safe space for all of the community. The feedback from the community is overwhelmingly positive and supportive of our work. Through our fundraising and successful grant applications we were able last year to replace all of the external old doors and windows in the hall. Our community consultation in 2025 identified that most hall users found the hall cold in winter. The double-glazed replacement doors and windows have made a significant difference to the comfort of hall users. We have this year installed solar panels and batteries. Our energy costs have been a cause of concern for the committee so to keep the hall affordable for all we again fund raised and received grants to complete this project. Not only will this be of benefit to our hall users but it also reduces our CO2 emissions, which is in line with our carbon reduction plan. We continue to regularly review, update and improve our policies. One outcome of this was to increase the safety for hall users by improving fencing at the back of the hall. Our next projects in line with the community consultation will be updating kitchen equipment and working towards the next large-scale project of improving our car park. The committee have a strong working relationship with the community in which we all live.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Doors and windows replacement completed Solar panels and battery storage completed Regular review of polices and implementation of findings ongoing. The feedback from the community is that the hall is somewhere they feel comfortable and proud of. It remains a very inclusive environment.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	It has been a very successful year regarding fund raising and successful grant applications which has allowed us to make the improvements to the hall identified above.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have run the hall finances within the agreed budget, leaving reserves in a strong sustainable position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves within our current account to meet capital expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total reserves at year end were £35,190. £23,871 in unrestricted funds and £11,319 in restricted funds.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Hire Charges Fundraising Grant Applications Donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Lack of volunteers
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed 21st January 1979
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are either elected or appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The following policies are in place: Reserves Policy Safeguarding Policy Health and Safety Policy Fire Safety Policy Volunteer Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Hall is run by a Management Committee of Trustees, made up of seven trustees and two volunteers. The current officers are: Chair Vice Chair Secretary to the Trustees Treasurer
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Croscombe Village Hall Fund
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	277576
Charity's principal address	The Village Hall Fayreway Croscombe Somerset BA5 3RJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pauline Drew	Chair	10th December 2024	
2	Nicola Jenkin		10th December 2024	
3	Andrew Sully	Secretary	10th December 2024	
4	Alice Bevan		25th July 2022	
5	Kate Egan	Treasurer	25th July 2022	
6	Ian Baker		2nd January 2025	
7	Mike Dowell	Vice Chair		
8				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Pauline Drew	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	21 September 2026	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Croscombe Village Hall Fund	277576

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2025	To	Period end date 30/06/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire Bacs)	26,322	-	-	26,322	23,859
Hall Hire (Cash)	-	-	-	-	45
100 Club (Bacs)	924	-	-	924	480
100 Club (Cash)	-	-	-	-	108
Film Night (SumUp)	1,261	-	-	1,261	397
Film Night (Cash)	-	-	-	-	608
Arts Society (Coffees)	401	-	-	401	471
Mendip Lottery	61	-	-	61	81
Other Receipts (Bacs)	-	-	-	-	60
Other Receipts (Cash)	-	-	-	-	110
Coffee Mornings	1,881	-	-	1,881	1,448
Grants Received	-	23,566	-	23,566	12,000
Donations (Bacs)	6,769	-	-	6,769	3,165
Donations (Cash)	-	-	-	-	163
Interest Received	107	-	-	107	-
Income from Fundraising Events	800	-	-	800	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	38,526	23,566	-	62,092	42,995
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,526	23,566	-	62,092	42,995
A3 Payments					
Wages	5,490	-	-	5,490	5,280
Cleaning Expenses	231	-	-	231	191
Cleaning Expenses (Cash)	-	-	-	-	100
Hill & Hill	1,334	-	-	1,334	1,510
Refunds	3	-	-	3	-
Premises Licence	-	-	-	-	180
Licences	924	-	-	924	780
Website Hosting	150	-	-	150	150
BT (Wi-Fi)	-	-	-	-	332
British Gas (Electric)	6,263	-	-	6,263	7,062
ICO	-	-	-	-	35
Water Bill	921	-	-	921	668
Insurance	1,091	-	-	1,091	1,076
100 Club Winners (Chq)	580	-	-	580	410
100 Club Winners (cash)	-	-	-	-	290
Hall Maintenance	3,622	12,000	-	15,622	8,322
Bank Charges	76	-	-	76	71
Miscellaneous	5	-	-	5	485
Subscriptions & Memberships	326	-	-	326	-
Grounds and Car Park	3,397	-	-	3,397	-
Projects on the Village Hall	16,646	10,482	-	27,128	-
Sub total	41,059	22,482	-	63,541	26,942

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,059	22,482	-	63,541	26,942
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,533	1,084	-	- 1,449	16,053
A5 Transfers between funds	1,765	- 1,765	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,639	12,000	-	36,639	20,586
Cash funds this year end	23,871	11,319	-	35,190	36,639

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Current Account - Unity Trust	23,597	-	-
	Cash Box	167	-	-
	Savings Account - Unity Trust	107	11,319	-
	Total cash funds	23,871	11,319	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Pauline Drew	21/09/2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Croscombe Village Hall Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Croscombe Village Hall Fund (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 Charity 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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Date: 21 September 2026