MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE HALL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2025

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Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 14th November 2025

	2025	2024
RECEIPTS		
Hall Lettings - Regular Groups	**20,550**	*21,474*
Hall Lettings - Functions	**21,506**	*19,045*
Prior year Income Adjusted	**0**	*300*
Bank Interest	**380**	*340*
Other Income Quiz	**606**	*47*
Donation		*0*
Net Receipts	43,042	*41,206*
PAYMENTS		
Electricity	**8,101**	*6,538*
Water and Sewage	**2,530**	*948*
Waste Removal	**2,157**	*2,408*
Repairs and Replacements	**15,484**	*4,508*
Kitchen Refurbishment	**0**	*12,785*
Garden and Car park Maintenance	**3,082**	*2,871*
Insurance	**1,484**	*1,397*
RCCE - Subscription & Professional Advice	**80**	*121*
Cleaning/Booking Management	**14,370**	*12,245*
Bookeeping & Accounting	**1,200**	*300*
Consumable Materials	**395**	*743*
Rates	**347**	*125*
Website and Broadband	**48**	*1,045*
Miscellaneous	**1,008**	*96*
Petty Cash Expenses	**0**	
Net Payments	**50,287**	*46,130*
Net Surplus/(Deficit	**-7,245**	*-4,924*

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AT BANK - iNVOICE ACCOUNT 30651931	*99*	1,063
BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT 10121363	*20,919*	28,090
LETTING ACCOUNT 90651966	*2,955*	2,066
PETTY CASH ACCOUNT	*23*	23
NET ASSETS	*23,996*	31,242
FUNDS		
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	*31,242*	36,166
NET (PAYMENTS) / RECEIPTS IN THE YEAR	*-7,246*	(4,924)
	23,996	31,242
	0	0

Approved by the Committee of Trustees and signed on its behalf

~~Treasurer~~ Secretary *Chairman*

Date 11/2/26

The notes on Page 3 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2025

The receipts and payments account provides an analysis of the cash for the year.

The statement of assets and liabilities outlines the charity's main assets and liabilities at the end of the year including the cash balances at the year end shown in the receipts and payments account

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE HALL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 14th November 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust, 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 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 and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Parker FCA
8a Church Road
Mountnessing
Brentwood
Essex
CM15 0TH
Date 11/2/26

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Reference and administration details

Mountnessing Village Hall is a registered charity, number 278509.

Day to day management of the Village Hall is the responsibility of the Mountnessing Village Hall Management Committee. The trustees of this Committee at the end of the financial year were:

- Elizabeth Fajimolu — Appointed Mountnessing Village Council (Chair wef 24 Jan 2025)
- John McCoy — Appointed by Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club (Chair until 24 Jan 2025)
- Andrew Stephenson — Elected (Treasurer/Secretary)
- Brian Humelt — Appointed by Shaftesbury Cycling Club
- Susan Conley — Appointed by Shenfield U3A Art Multi Media
- Kate Dorrington — Elected from October 2023

Alaric Cundy & Susan Stevens resigned as Trustees during the course of the year

Mountnessing Village Council is the Custodian Trustee of Mountnessing Village Hall.

The address of the principal (Charity Commission Registered) office of the Mountnessing Village Hall is 149 Roman Road, Mountnessing, CM15 0UD. The Hall is located at Roman Road, Mountnessing, CM15 0UG.

The bankers of the Hall are:

- Barclays Bank - High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

The independent Examiner is:

- David Parker FCA – 8a Church Road, Mountnessing, Brentwood, CM15 0TH.

Structure, governance and management:

The governing document of the charity is a lease and trust deed dated 21st March 1979. To be more relevant to present day requirements the lease and trust deed has been amended and a resolution approving this amendment was passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th September 2020.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The management committee members consist of up to eight elected members and twelve representative members and not more than four co-opted members. Representative members are appointed from user bodies who are supportive of the charity objectives and that notify the secretary of the committee the name of the representative. Elected members are elected at the annual general meeting, whilst co-opted members are appointed at committee meetings.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Mountnessing and the neighbourhood ('area of benefit') without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants.

In managing Mountnessing Village Hall the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

In the past year the public benefit was continued provision of a village hall facility to provide a regular venue for a wide variety of local organizations such as a bridge clubs, art clubs, a cycling club, a number of U3A groups, a thriving senior citizens club, and mother & toddler groups. In addition, the hall is used as a one off venue for a wide range events such as children's parties, weddings, anniversaries, quizzes, shoe sales and charity fund raising events. Regular user groups benefit from significantly discounted hire rates and local residents receive favourable rates for ad hoc hall hire.

Achievements and performance

The hall remains heavily used on weekdays by many locally based regular user groups during the year. Weekends were usually used for private social gatherings of various kinds. More use of the hall at weekends following facility upgrades and promotion of the availability continues to generate income surplus over regular expenditure (excluding the significant one off cost associated with the installation of a fire alarm and the renewal of the electricity distribution boards). All such surpluses are ploughed back into uplifting hall facilites in addition to maintaining a suitable emergency reserve for the substantial building which the trustees have responsibility for.

Repairs and renewals continue to be made to address the backlog of updating for the 40 year old building. This year has seen additional and upgraded fire precautions installed.

With previous works including the kitchen refurbishment, the toilet replacements and window/door renewals together with some decorative and furniture improvements, the hall is an attractive venue for hirers and groups alike.

The accounts show that there are significant cost increases during the year, energy costs are very significant. Labour hourly rates have increased again during the year, significantly impacting costs for cleaning and booking management. The opportunity to become self sufficient in energy is being explored as the next significant improvement project. To assist in financing a successful quiz night fundraising event was staged in October 2025.

The trustees are mindful of the need for the hall to be used for community group activity purposes and over the course of the last 12 months have sought to raise its profile. There is scope for this to continue and to encourage the community to develop activities that could be accommodated at the hall, especially at weekends. To this end a major overhaul of the Hall Website has been undertaken with a projected launch in early 2026.

Financial review

In order to continue to secure and sustain the Hall's viability and its future availability to users the Trustees policy is to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to support planned major maintenance and improvement costs as well as being able to meet variations in future income and expenditure.

The Trustees reviews its Reserve Policy on an annual basis.

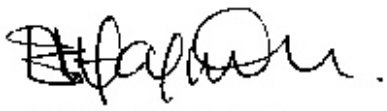
Mountnessing Village Hall held £23,996 in unrestricted funds at 14th November 2025.

The requirement to disclose details of any funds materially in deficit is not applicable.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Elizabeth Fajimolu, Chair

Date: 11 February 2026