Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	April	2025	To	31st	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Combined Halls Of Clare
Other names charity is known by	CHOC
Registered charity number (if any)	280136
Charity's principal address	The Old School Community Centre
	Callis Street
	Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk.
	Postcode **CO10 8PX**

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	Robin Stone	Chair		
2	Ron Garden			
3	Roger Gee			
4	Stephen Kimminau			
5	Alan Mayle	Vice-chair		
6	Sandra Salter			
7	Paul Davis			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charity Commission Scheme
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM, appointed by Clare Town Council or co-opted by existing Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The provision and maintenance of 2 Community Halls for the use of the inhabitants of Clare and the neighbourhood 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Maintain the fabric of Clare Town Hall and Clare Old School Community Centre.

Maintain facilities of both buildings to a standard expected by hirers.

Administer bookings for both buildings and fix and collect hire charges.

Seek to improve facilities.

Fund raise where possible.

Seek grant aid for improvement projects.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Clare Town Hall

Maintained building and facilities in good repair with use of volunteer services where possible.

Old School Community Centre

Maintained building and facilities in good repair with use of volunteer services where possible.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	A small reserve is held to fund any large emergency repairs. Reserve fund will not exceed £15,000. 2025/26 end of year reserve was £13538.34.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robin Stone	Paul Heath
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Administrator
Date	30th September 2026	

THE COMBINED HALLS OF CLARE

Income/Expenditure for April 2025 to March 2026					
Income			**Expenditure**		
Hire Fees	37,841.00		Staff	9,857.27	
Fundraising	591.39		Gas	14,384.00	
Grants	3,380.00		Electricity	4,206.41	
Donations	1,605.00		Water	2,385.55	
Interest	122.15		Waste	923.00	
			Insurance	7,503.91	
			Licences	1,759.14	
			New Equipment & Improvements	163.80	
			Repairs & Maintenance	1,833.66	
			Supplies	1,060.52	
			Telephone	253.44	
			Stationary	95.13	
			Fundraising Expenses		
			Sundries	2.29	
			Refunds		
	43,539.54			**44,428.12**	

Excess of Income over Expenditure = **-888.58**

Bank Accounts Summary for year 2025-2026	Total Balance
1st April 2025	29439.17
31st March 2026	28550.59
Difference over year	-888.58

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The Chair
Combined Halls of Clare

7 August 2026

Re Combined Halls of Clare – Accounts Year April 2025/March 2026

I was pleased to be asked by Paul Heath to act as Independent Examiner and to check the accounts for the above year. I have now completed the check.

I have checked all non-direct debit/standing order transactions over £500 and a 10% sample of all other transactions to confirm the accuracy of accounting records against the bank statements. I also check that valid invoices/receipts were held for all debit transactions sampled.

I have also checked a sample of 10% of incoming transactions on the statements against the accounting records.

I further have checked the bank balances against the accounting records and the arithmetic accuracy of the accounts in general, including the statement of income and expenditure for the year.

Having completed these checks I am pleased to confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the accounts give a true reflection of the full period in question.

Many thanks to Paul for his help and cooperation in providing all records and answers to any questions I had.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Price