CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Ninfield Village Memorial Hall

On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	2866985

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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

[The charity's gross income did not exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	LMP	**Date:**	21/10/2026
Name:	Richard Appleyard FCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	Fellow Chartered Accountant		

(if any):	
Address:	Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
	20 Eversley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex
	TN40 1HE

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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Ninfield Village Memorial Hall	286695

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

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	28,304	-	-	28,304	32,520
Hall events	5,169	-	-	5,169	5,843
Pre-school	4,934	-	-	4,934	6,168
General donations	195	-	-	195	155
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,940	-	-	1,940	608
Refundable deposits	4,250	-	-	4,250	3,450
Bank interest	3,038	-	-	3,038	3,530
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	47,830	-	-	47,830	52,274
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,830	-	-	47,830	52,274
A3 Payments					
Financial transactions	179	-	-	179	45
Deposit return	2,650	-	-	2,650	3,400
Professional services	1,950	-	-	1,950	4,573
Insurance	944	-	-	944	1,718
Volunteer gifts	24	-	-	24	75
Cleaning	2,958	-	-	2,958	3,290
Supplies	754	-	-	754	786
Utilities	4,831	-	-	4,831	7,759
Building costs	6,263	-	-	6,263	16,325
IT and A/V	539	-	-	539	800
Marketing	40	-	-	40	244
Hall events	1,573	-	-	1,573	457
Miscellaneous	1,126	-	-	1,126	288
Sub total	23,830	-	-	23,830	39,760
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,830	-	-	39,760	39,760
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,000	-	-	24,001	12,514
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	75,810	-	-	75,810	75,810
Cash funds this year end	98,906	-	-	98,906	

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Banked cash	98,686	-	-
	Unbanked cash (Treasurer's float)	220	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	98,906	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Hall extension	Restricted Fund	275,360	-
	Stage steps	Restricted Fund	1,540	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	B.T.S.L	Brian Stockton (Treasurer)	3/08/26
	B Chassley	Barry Chassley (Chair)	3/08/26

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ninfield Memorial Hall
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	2866985
Charity's principal address	Bexhill Road, Ninfield **Postcode** **TN33 9EE**

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	Sam Guard			
2	Kaye Crittell	Secretary		
3	Carol Holland	Vice Chair		
4	Helen Cunliffe			
5	Jennifer Collett			
6	Pat Eldridge			
7	Pete Holland			
8	Fiona Steadman			
9	Jeff Lister	Deputy Chair	Until November 2025	
10	Anita Dawes			
11	Brian Stockton	Treasurer		
12	Barry Chaseley	Chair	24 March 2025 to date	
13	Robin Goldsmith		Until 27 January 2025	
14	Julia Hurrell		From 2 August 2026	
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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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by user groups, with exception of independents who are elected by committee.

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

TO BE APPROPRIATED AND USED IN PERPETUITY AS A VILLAGE HALL, READING ROOM, CLUB AND BUILDINGS FOR ANY PURPOSES TENDING TO THE AMUSEMENT RECREATION INSTRUCTION OR BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS AND RESIDENTS WITHIN THE PARISH OF NINFIELD.

CONVEYANCE DATED 28TH FEBRUARY 1921 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION DATED 11 APR 2022.

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)

Principle activities comprise use of the Hall for meetings, lectures, and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the social conditions of the life of the inhabitants. The Trustees consider these objectives to be consistent with Charity Commission guidance on providing for the public benefit of the Hall as showing in the list of activities pursued this year.

The Hall is occupied most days of the week for a variety of activities including: pre-school play group, cubs and scouts, badminton club, keep fit groups such as yoga and pilates, art groups, games afternoons, film screenings, flower and horticultural groups, Saturday craft and produce markets.

The Hall is available for hire for private functions including children's parties, wedding receptions, funeral teas, life celebrations, village social functions and occasional fund-raising fayres.

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.

The Hall's committee continues to explore more economic and dynamic ways to run the Hall, with the aim of reducing future costs and increasing the attractiveness of the Hall for hirers. The trustees are committed to keeping the Hall in good repair and to manage any unforeseen circumstances should they arrive. The objectives for 2026 are to progress repairs previously identified and to establish a financial budget.

In the interests of sound financial management, the trustees will also review the hire tariff in line with its aims to improve access and social conditions for local residents.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Memorial Hall enjoyed a successful 2026. Booking income was well-sustained throughout the year, attracting hirers for regular events as well as one-off bookings such as life celebrations. The Hall's booking exceeded that from the previous two years, totalling £28,304.

The Hall continued to provide a local venue for local charitable events, raising funds for Ninfield causes and benefitting local residents. It was the venue for the Health and Wellbeing Christmas lunch, quizzes, for the heart of Ninfield event, and the Ninfield village gala night. The monthly Saturday markets, now in their ninth year, raised £1,714 during the year with two quizzes and a homemade market raising an additional £1,999.

Reviews from hirers have generally been very positive. The Hall continues to be seen to be a lovely, clean, bright venue, fit for purpose, excellent for parties and other celebration events. When the Hall is used for a themed event, and decorated throughout, it takes on a new character which is often complimented.

During the year there were some changes in personnel. In March, the Memorial Hall appointed a new Trustee and Chair, Barry Chaseley, taking on this role from Samantha Guard, who remains on the committee. At the end of the year a new booking clerk was also appointed, and she will assist the existing clerk, Carol Holland. The deputy Chair, Jeff Lister, stepped down from his role at the end of the year and a new appointee will be confirmed in 2026.

To increase the amount of storage available to the Hall, three outdoor storage sheds were installed. Two of these are used by the pre-school group who rent the Cottage part of the Hall and the third will be available to hirers of the Hall.

Planning for remedial works to the Hall's roof was started. This will be a significant activity which will result in the probable temporary closure of the Hall during part of the summer in 2026. Three contactors were approached and they will visit early in 2026 and provide a quotation. Once a contractor has been selected, the Hall anticipates undertaking the works from end July to early September 2026.

A new smart boiler thermostat was installed to enable the temperature of the Hall to be determined by the Hallmaster booking system. This should provide some efficiency savings and reduce the administrative burden on the bookings clerk.

The Hall experienced several water outages and instances of low water pressure during the year. Plumbing contactors have been consulted to determine the cause of the problem and suggest possible solutions with a view to resolving the issue early in 2026.

The Trustees/ Management Committee of Ninfield Village Memorial Hall have, as volunteers, worked diligently through the year, convened at regular meetings and helped to raise funds and the profile of the Hall.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	It is the trustees' policy to maintain unrestricted reserves of at least 20% of annual revenue. At end of 2025, £53,162 were allocated as reserve funds in accordance with the Hall's reserve policy.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None.

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.

The principal sources of funding during 2025 were:

- Hall hire: £28,304
- Hall events: £5,169
- Pre-School rent payments: £4,934

The total income received from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 was £47,830 and total expenditure was £23,988. This resulted in a net surplus of £23,842.

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)	B. T. SL	
Full name(s)	Brian Stockton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	20 August 2026