Whimple Victory Hall

Registered Charity no. 291496

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025-2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Whimple Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Charity.

The Committee of Trustees for September 2025 - September 2026 comprise:

Elected Officers

1. Sue Ayres (Chairman) 2. Robert Davis (Vice Chair) 3. Chris Olive (Treasurer) 4. Diana Wilkins (Secretary)
5. Ali Tierney (Bookings Secretary) 6. Viv Brown (Officer) 7. Glenn Starkey (Officer) 8. Harry Trimblett (Officer)

User Representatives

1. Arthur Iball (Over 60's Club) 2. Paul Wilson (Whimple & District Gardening Club) 3. Rob Davis (Front Row Club)
4. James Allwood (Exeter 0 Gauge Club) 5. Lynda Patrick (Parish Council) 6. David Rastall (History Society and Carpet Bowls) 7. Helen Bowker (St Marys Church) 8. Vacant (Whimple & Broadclyst Young Farmers) 9. Vacant (Pre School group)

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Whimple Victory Hall is managed in accordance with the constitution, sealed on 29th March 1965.

Elected Officers (the 'Management Sub Committee' team) and User Representatives Trustees were confirmed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 8th September 2025.

Regular users of the Hall are invited to nominate a trustee to serve on the Committee, in this period seven groups were represented. Trustees can also be recruited from the community to serve by utilising their specialist skills as and when required.

Excluding the AGM, five 'Full' committee meetings were held in this report period. Six 'Management Sub Committee' meetings were held to discuss day to day management of the hall, respond to issues arising, appraise any remedial actions or purchases and work on hall improvement projects. The Management Sub Committee reported to the Committee of Trustees at Full meetings or, if necessary, by email. The Management Sub Committee is empowered to make everyday decisions quickly and efficiently to ensure the smooth running of the Hall. Complex proposals are prepared and presented to the Full committee meetings for debate.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The land and buildings of the Victory Hall are held in trust "for the purposes of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Whimple and the neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions".

To that end, the trustees work to ensure that the Hall is well maintained and available at all reasonable times, for any person or organisation, to hire for events and functions, whether held once or on a regular basis. The trustees raise funds to achieve their objectives by hiring Hall facilities to the public and organisations, through fund raising events, Soup 'n Sarnie lunches, a '250K Club' and other community events e.g. by association with Whimple Village day.

The Trustees believe that the Hall is a significant asset to the village and wider community.

Wide sections of the community regularly use or attend events at the Hall; from the very young attending the Pre-School and Primary School, to the Over 60's who attend Carpet Bowls, Snooker sessions and monthly Soup 'n Sarnie lunches.

A range of regular organised activities on offer include a monthly film club, history society talks, dance, yoga, line dancing sessions, table tennis and snooker clubs, a wine appreciation group, gardening club talks, quiz nights, a 0 Gauge railway club, the East Devon metal detecting group and ad hoc events such as the Young Farmers 'big breakfast' and dung sales. Regular 'Soup 'n Sarnie' lunches are very popular with the elderly and younger age groups and offer a competitively priced home-made soup and sandwich. These lunches benefit both individuals by helping combat loneliness and enable groups of friends to get together; this activity is very well established and celebrated it's 25 year anniversary in the spring 2026. All these activities support use of and funding for the Hall.

The Trustees recognise, and are extremely grateful for, the significant contribution of many volunteers who support the Hall throughout the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Annual achievements and improvements are listed at the AGM by the Chairman and stated in the minutes of 7th September 2026. For this period, they include: a new roof over the main hall (summer 2025) which provides improved heat insulation and retention (this work was partially funded with a Queen's Platinum Jubilee grant) and exterior lighting along the car park side. With an appointed architect, the Trustees received planning permission to build an extension to the side and back of the hall in spring 2026; the new extension will open hire possibilities throughout the year in the daytime and evenings whilst the main hall is being used by the primary school .

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trustees monitor hall income and expenditure on a monthly basis as well as an annual review of our hall hire pricing policy in order to balance present and future financial needs and remain within the economic realities of our community. A copy of the accounts is provided to the Charity Commission. The Hall has no debts. It remains the principal strategy of the Trustees to preserve surplus funds for major renovations as agreed in the 2019 public consultation on 'The Future of our Hall'.

Diana Wilkins
Secretary
7th September 2026

Treasurers Report: Financial Year Ended 31.5 2026

(Figures are rounded and b*racketed figures* relate to prior year and are shown for comparison).

Summary

Total Income and Expenditure was £60,084 (£43,654) and £98,769 (£27,262) respectively.
The resultant deficit i.e. £31,163 was covered by a drawdown of £45,000 from reserves which also allowed for a somewhat higher retention on Current Account in anticipation of planned projects.

Core Operational Income & Expenditure

Core hire income was £31,163 (£30,834).

Fixed and Variable costs i.e. 'Overheads', including rolling Repair & Maintenance amounted to £19,140 (£15,762). The increase was largely due to higher repair and maintenance costs geared to ensuring robust improvements across the board.

Core income less 'Overheads' thus generated an 'operational' surplus of £12,023 (£15,072).

Overall Outturn

Supplementary fundraising income amounted to £28,919 (£12,819) and included: -

- Soup & Sarnie at £4222 (net).
- Events & Donations of £5,481
- £250K Club £4,181 (net) (A strictly modest contingent liability arises from pre-paid subscriptions.
- Interest £4,129

Fundraising also included grant funding at £10,906.

Major Improvements i.e. Capital Expenditure was £79,628 (£11,500) and followed on from prior year costs associated with installation of a new roof, which was completed in the year.

Hall Management continues to ensure expenditure provides robust solutions and long-term enhancements where these are deemed complimentary to ultimate long-term planning.

Reserves

The Reserves stand as follows: -

Building Reserve - £133,158 (£178,159)
Current Reserve - £11,708 (£5,393)

There were no actual liabilities at the year end with Net Assets totalling £144,867(£183,552)

Chris L Olive (Hon. Treasurer)
30.7.2026