# ETON WICK VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER:  300261

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Eton Wick Village Hall

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eton Wick Village Hall for the period ended 31 March 2026.

### Responsibilities and basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust, you are responsible of 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 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charities Comision.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination of the Trust's accounts, and I confirm that no financial irregularities have come to my attention in connection with the examination of these accounts and they comply with the requirements and content (Accounts and Reports) set out in the Charities Regulations.

It is pleasing to see the opening of a Savings Account with Cambridge and Counties Bank and  continued positive balance at year end.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Linda Tarbox

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# Chair's Report on the Year ended March 2026

**Chair Mrs Lindsay Pardoe**

**Vice Chair Mr John Lovell**

**Treasurer Mrs Jenny Welford /Mrs Jenni Smith**

**Secretary Ms Elle Stevenson**

## Good evening and Welcome to the EWVH AGM 2026

Last year's AGM was held on 17 September 2025. We have held this year's annual general meeting one year later to allow for a comprehensive report and completion of Charities Commission annual financial statement. Invitations to the AGM were posted in the village via poster and on Facebook platforms.

The trustees propose to have the AGM annually and bring it back in line with the end of year accounts. So hopefully June/July 2027.

The trustees' governing document is the constitution updated June 2023 and currently under review.

I write this report as Chair for the period April 2025 to March 2026 and am pleased to report we currently have 11 active and dedicated trustees. They give of their time freely and without renumeration to ensure we have such a wonderful village hall which is a great asset to our village. I would like to document my personal thanks to them all. A great team.!!!

The aim of the Trustees is to ensure the village hall is held for use by the residents of Eton Wick and Eton particularly for meetings, recreation and leisure time to improve conditions for the residents.

The Trustees have taken on areas of responsibility, and this will build resilience across all areas to ensure longevity and succession planning. At meetings everyone has a voice, and we are all equal.

I must thank John Lovell as Vice chair who is invaluable in managing the maintenance and utilities. He has a wealth of knowledge on historical aspects of the village hall and village which have proved invaluable to us. He has installed CCTV and procured cost saving energy contracts and recouped VAT. Managing our maintenance issues with care and dedication.

John also stepped in covering the chair role for me during a period of absence this year due to family health issues.

Elle has taken on the role of secretary. She ensures we all receive accurate minutes, deals with our social media posts and other correspondence. She has also given sage advice on a variety of matters with a clear legal approach.

Jenny Welford our Treasurer has managed the finances for the last year and has done a sterling job. She took this on as a temporary role and we are grateful to her. Jennie Smith has offered to take over as Treasurer and transition took place in 2026.

Karen and Lucy are our booking gurus and mange a host of booking fixtures and control this main source of income. In the current economic climate several groups are struggling to generate enough income. We continue to offer preferential rates to regular hirers and residents of Eton Wick and Eton. The RGC Praise church has been using our hall on Sunday mornings in 2026 and wish to continue until the building works on their church building are completed. Whilst this has blocked some hirers on a Sunday, we felt it was good neighbourly practice to support them during renovation works.

Ann manages our in-house cleaning contracts and is often called out at ungodly hours when hirers leave doors unlocked or do not vacate the building.

Rick assists John in maintenance and is a font of knowledge on health and safety issues.

Claire and Teressa headed our community activities team and have organised some wonderful community events this year: a Christmas Party for the children and an Easter Egg hunt /trail. Bingo evenings and quiz nights

Russell is our, safeguarding expert who ensures we are all DBS checked. He collates all our policies and procedures and has been instrumental in updating the constitution to enable us to operate in 21st century guidelines. Not least he is Flag Master ensuring the flag flies on the hall.

Andrew Cooney has helped with the website and is available at events lending a helping hand..

The library officially re- opened in April 2025. The EWVH trustees agreed to donate the space free of charge to RBWM for the purpose of running a library and grants obtained by trustees enabled the library to be open two sessions a week. Giving residents greater flexibility of access. Various groups have established and use the library, and children have specific activities arranged and the local school visit and enrol children. This is continued to be supported by charitable donations, and we were very grateful to the EW firework committee who donated the collection money

from last year's event to the library. We hold regular update meetings with the librarians to ensure the library is fully utilised. It is pleasing to see the School and other organisations using the library again. We are looking to set up a working group for future management of the library contract.

Ginger Jolley Ltd continue to lease the ground floor area. We recognise that Ginger Jolley have supported the Eton Wick Youth Club to let them use the ground floor space on one evening per week free of charge and clearing the area. They also allow the Windsor Archers to store equipment in the rear storage areas. They share communal entrance areas with the library. It is pleasing to see all tenants working well together and contribute enormously to the community facilities in the village and underpin our ethos.

We currently have a vacancy for a president and vice president.

We have contributed to the hanging baskets in the village by purchasing two for the village hall and have collaborated with Eton Wick Village Association on the bingo evenings offering to share profit equally on these events. Christmas lights and decorations on the village hall will be funded by the trustees, and we offer the hall free of charge during the Christmas light switch on evening.

We have continued to raise funds and ensure sustainability and have managed to put £25,000 into a high interest savings account. The reserves and finance policy ensure all funds are generating interest when not immediately needed. This will be used for planned kitchen improvements and decoration due to take place in early 2027. More information in the Finance Report.

The Village Hall Management Committee/Trustees pledge to continue to maintain the village hall to the high standard expected, and to continue to support this wonderful facility, for the interest of hirers and all residents of Eton Wick.

Lindsay Pardoe

Chair of EWVH Trustees

## TREASURERS REPORT TO ETON WICK VILLAGE HALL AGM

## ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026

## FINANCE REPORT APRIL 2025/ MARCH 2026

We started the financial year 2025 with a new treasurer Jenny Welford. Jenny has kept the books immaculately and continued to ensure the secure and safe management of our accounts. We offer

our thanks for her time and effort. I , Jenni Smith have taken over as treasurer. We continue to have a Barclays Business Account, and two signatories are required for all expenditure.

Trustees receive a monthly finance report reconciled to the bank, and spreadsheets are kept on a shared drive for all to see ensuring accountability and transparency. The internal Finances Policy and Procedures and Reserves Policy were updated in November 2025.

The balance sheet for year end shows we have £30,336 in our current account.

We have moved £25,000 into a new savings account with Cambridge and Counties Bank earning interest. We have made a policy to transfer funds to our savings account regularly and £15,000 was transferred later in 2026

We have an increase in surplus of income over expenditure at year end  of £13,254which is an increase on previous financial year.

**The Income for the year was £54,486 in total.**

The main source of income is from the ground floor rent and community hire of the hall. This includes regular hirers who are given competitive rates – which contribute to our support of the community by offering various activities such as Dance, Bowls, Art, Yoga Pilates and, Keep fit to name a few.  Local village community groups use the hall at discounted rates. Residents of Eton Wick can use the hall for preferential rates for private events.  The online hall booking system and stripe invoicing systems are working well and ensure income is maximised by effective management from Lucy and Karen.  Grants and Donations for the Library amount to £7000. Whilst we facilitate the fund raising for the library the funds are kept separately, and we will move them into a holding account from 2026.

**Expenditure for the year was £41,220.**

Energy, Water and General Running costs are our main expenditure items. Energy costs continue to be high. John has worked hard to unravel the energy costs and problems associated

with shared meters. Despite our best efforts we had to pay a large energy bill for the ground floor from the time the library shutdown. £4525. However, John was then able to renegotiate energy contracts and correctly bill the tenants by putting in split meters. John also reduced our waste management charges by renegotiating contracts. John and Rick have managed maintenance issues and contracts in house giving of their time freely thus enabling our maintenance charges to be lower. Best value for all contracts is now in place.

Insurance costs run at just under £3000 per year.

£11,000 annual service level agreement from RBWM is for the library service. We continue to give the space for the library rent free.

This is our second year of financial management and reporting as new trustees set up in December 2024.
We now have two years of financial data to enable accurate analysis of the accounts and enable us to be confident in spending some of the funds on hall improvements. We are currently planning on redecorating the hall, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing doors, upgrading the kitchen and white goods and sanding the hall floor.

We have completed the Charity Commissions' Annual return and were grateful to our independent examiner, Linda Tarbox for auditing, reviewing and approving our submission of this year's accounts.

Our thanks for her continued voluntary support.

It is pleasing to see that the village hall funds are now healthy and continue to be managed effectively and efficiently in a clear and transparent way

We trust that these accounts meet with your approval.

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# Eton Wick Village Hall

## Balance Sheet - April 2025 to March 2026

| **Current Assets** | **2026** | **2025** |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank Current Account | 30,336 | 42,071 |
| Cash In Hand | 0 | 11 |
| Savings | 25,000 | 0 |
| | 55,336 | 42,082 |
| **Accumulated Fund** | | |
| Balance at 1st April 2025 | 42082 | 31,521 |
| Surplus for the year | 13266 | 10,561 |
| Balance at 31st March 2026 | 55336 | 42,082 |

**Notes to the Accounts**

The Eton Wick Village Hall owns the freehold of the village hall building which is unencumbered: as per land registry regulations, titled to the land on which the building stands is held in the names of three past trustees. The trustees are currently in negotiations with land registry office to change this to trustee officer roles rather than individual names.

The statement of accounts details the current asset balance of £55,336 as at 31st March 2026. Service Level Agreements (SLA) for the library is to be paid for 2026 (£11,000). There are no other debts or assets of significance at that date and no liabilities or creditors.

**Approved on behalf of the Trustees**

**…… Treasurer**

**…… Chair**

**…… Date**