VH Annual Report 2026 Robin Hill Chair

I'm always amazed when looking back over the year to see how much we have actually done and this year is no exception. Early in our year we had the lovely Spanish Fiesta evening organised by Arancha and Tina. Two walks, Dawn Chorus and Secrets of Taw Marsh so ably led by Chris Walpole were also an early highlight. Chris's walks are always a fascinating experience and we thank him for his time and expertise. His latest walk, just last Saturday, brought in a phenomenal revenue and was a great success, with over 60 participants.

Sharon and her team once again, despite worries about the weather, managed to put on a very successful Village Fair with a profit of £2,267. Many thanks to all who helped and, of course, to those who just came for a good afternoon out with lots of laughs. A real team effort.

The amazing Craft Fair once again was a great success, with a profit of £985.15 and the smaller, but non-the-less, enjoyable Christmas Bazaar providing £406.50 for our much needed coffers.

We had a very successful grant application to West Devon which brought in £3000 and along with a top up from our own funds allowed us to purchase top end audio visual equipment, in the form of a ceiling mounted projector and large electronic screen. This opens up all sorts of possibilities, with a film club being high on the agenda. This could turn out to be not just a revenue stream but also an excellent local opportunity to bring us all together on a winter evening.

Early this year we had a very well supported profitable and much enjoyed Race Night organised by Kevin and his team of helpers. This was followed by Mark Carey and his one man show 'Into the Breach' – again well supported and enjoyed.

All this requires support and dedication by the committee and many helpers. On the subject of helpers there is a group of people who quietly do things in the background, some paid but many on a voluntary basis. Michael Ash, the grass; Peter Francis, hedges and gates; Andy Booth, maintenance jobs; Andy Darken, electric; Reg Wonacott, plumbing; Dave Andrews, Wi-Fi and heaters – to name just a few.

Of course, the big change this year has been Edwina retiring, after many years of tireless dedication as Manager. She has spent many a happy hour up at the hall making sure that everything was spick and span for our users, very ably supported by Eva the wonderful cleaner. We of course thank them both. Sharon has very ably taken over the role of manager and already shows the same dedication and efficiency. We wish her every success in her new role.

I finish off by thanking everyone who has been a part of the committee since 1981, when I first started, and of course our present committee, particularly Sally, who tries her best to keep us on track, Kevin for bacon, bar and betting, Rona who as President has brought a calming presence to many discussions and debates over the years and of course Sharon who has been our Treasurer for several years and is now taking on the additional role as Manager.

Edwina and I were honoured and very surprised that you should put us forward for a Mayoral Long Service Award, thank you so much for your kindness, but it takes a lot more than two people to run a successful Village Hall. Sorry if you didn't get a name check on this occasion but our thanks go to everyone for their support in the past, now and in the future.

Belstone Village Hall Accounts For Year Ending 31st March 2026

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

INCOME	**2026**	2025	**EXPENDITURE**	**2026**	2025
Annual fees & Website Partners	**£1,390.00**	£1,581.20	Misc Maintenance	**£930.71**	£5,199.24
Lettings & hire of equipment	**£6,955.80**	£7,616.95	Cleaning	**£1,872.00**	£2,008.99
100 Club income	**£1,030.00**	£1,155.00	Water (SWW)	**£1,040.49**	£975.61
DONATIONS			Electricity (Opus)	**£5,772.87**	£4,898.13
Thursday Café	**£3,618.97**	£3,574.50	New Works	**£5,408.40**	£0.00
Donations (individual)	**£102.39**	£909.17	Subs / licences	**£20.00**	£193.08
FUNDRAISING EVENTS			"100 Club"	**£509.39**	£395.00
Village Hall events	**£4,506.08**	£2,233.52	Insurance & Rates	**£1,303.95**	£1,260.69
Village Fete	**£3,050.77**	£3,576.85	WiFi	**£604.47**	£1,063.50
Craft Fair	**£1,144.36**	£1,283.83	Fire review / security emergency	**£280.74**	£361.13
			VH events expenses	**£2,826.05**	£2,040.90
Other income	**£4,241.10**	£753.50	VH Manager salary	**£5,408.00**	£5,408.00
Misc	**£112.08**	£10.05	Payments for VH works	**£0.00**	£0.00
Floats for VH events	**£2,740.00**	£2,190.00	Floats for VH events	**£2,740.00**	£2,190.00
			Misc	**£788.41**	£974.94
			Bank Charges	**£14.52**	
Total Income	**£28,891.55**	£24,884.57	**Total Expenditure**	**£29,520.00**	£26,969.21
Add Opening Balance	**£3,815.84**	£6,550.48	**Add Closing Balance**	**£1,558.12**	£3,815.84
	£32,707.39	£31,435.05		**£31,078.12**	£30,785.05
Transfers from other accounts	**£7,000.00**	£0.00	*Transfers to other accounts / refunds*	**£8,629.27**	£650.00
GRAND TOTALS	**£39,707.39**	£31,435.05		**£39,707.39**	£31,435.05

MANAGER'S ACCOUNT

	2026	2025
OPENING BALANCE	**£176.75**	£152.39

INCOME		2025	**EXPENDITURE**	**2026**	2025
Transfers from account 00763671	£719.26	£720.00	Misc M'nance	**£0.00**	£0.00
			New Items	**£60.10**	£49.41
			Misc cleaning	**£104.60**	£168.00
			Kitchen Expenses	**£26.12**	£32.32
			Toilet paper etc	**£317.68**	£194.68

			Café Expenses	**£171.79**	£157.26
			Hall Events costs	**£17.52**	£0.00
			Misc	**£49.71**	£93.97
Total income	£719.26	£720.00	**Total Expenditure**	**£747.52**	£695.64
CLOSING BALANCE	**£148.49**	£176.75			

Savings Account - 35061168

	2026	2025
OPENING BALANCE	**£10,139.03**	£10,030.92

		2025		**2026**	2025
PAYMENTS IN	**£7,910.01**	£0.00	PAYMENTS OUT	**£7,000.00**	£0.00
INTEREST	**£74.32**	£108.11			
TOTAL	**£7,984.33**	£108.11	TOTAL	**£7,000.00**	£0.00
CLOSING BALANCE	**£11,123.36**	£10,139.03			

*The Savings Account balance includes “ring fenced” funds for the Belstone Players £430.35 and Belstone Youth Group£1,479.66.

	2026	2025
Closing Balance Main Account -	**£1,558.12**	£3,815.84
Closing Balance Managers Account	**£148.49**	£176.75
Closing Balance Savings Account	**£11,123.36**	£10,139.03
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	**£12,829.97**	£14,131.62

A fantastic year for fundraising. As well as the regular events the Village Fair, Craft Fair, Dawn Chorus and Christmas Bazaar, we also had other successful events, a Spanish Evening , Secrets of Taw Marsh Walk, the Race Night and “Into the Breach”

Thursday café still continues to bring in a generous amount of money each year.

The “100 Club” still continues to bring in a healthy revenue. I would like to point out that the figures for the “100 Club” aren’t accurately shown here, this is what goes in and out of the bank account, as Rona keeps the cash that she receives to pay monthly prizes and over the last few years because of more BACS payments I have had to take out cash from the bank to make up the cash for monthly prizes. Last year the £75 Christmas draw prize was donated back to the hall. Also this year the costs for the Christmas Coffee morning have been included in “100 Club” cost instead of VH event expenses. I’ll put the cost back in the right column this year.

Miscellaneous maintenance this year included, cleaning of the windows and gutters, the rear gate post being fixed and the annual payment for grass cutting .

The new works this year have been for the new projector and screen, £3000 of which was paid for by a grant from WDBC and this should be an excellent new asset for the hall.

Unfortunately the day to day running costs continue to increase every year and the electricity costs have gone up by nearly a £1,000 again despite, I think although I haven't had time to calculate precisely, using no more electricity than in pervious years.

So overall the balances in the accounts are looking reasonably healthy.

Accounts prepared by Sharon Cooper. Treasurer. Signed:

Date:

Examined by Chris Walpole. Signed:

Date