Consolidated Fund as at 1st January 2025		94015	
Excess Income over Expenditure		9751	
		103766	
Equipment		606	
National Westminster Bank		63293	
Business Reserve		12	
New Village Hall	164445		
Less			
Grants and Donations	124590	39855	0.00
		103766	

I have prepared the Income and Expenditure Accounts from the books and receipts produced to me by the Treasurer, and in my opinion the accounts are correct and the Balance Sheet shows the true financial position as at 31st December 2025

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2024		2025
	INCOME	
	Interest	
25936	Lettings	12825
4031	Apple Pie Fair (Net)	9767
151	Miscellaneous & Donations	14935
	Excess of Expenditure Over Income	
30118		37526
	EXPENDITURE	
1034	Water Rates	1170
2638	Gas	2923
2463	Electricity	2293
2654	Insurance	2737
3159	Caretaker /Staff Salaries	4933
5229	Cleaning	916
1269	Waste disposal	1275
660	Bookings Secretary/Paye & NI	1052
1218	Maintenance	5944
158	Repairs	437
554	Internet	405
1603	Miscellaneous	3691
		= £27.785.
7479	Excess of Income Over Expenditure	9751
30118		37526

Marldon Village Hall Council

Treasurers report AGM 2026 (for the year January to December 2025) 21st July 2026

Accounts for 2025 to be circulated

Bookings

- Hall bookings have gone well over the last year and is much easier to manage now with the new electronic booking system. This incurs a cost of just over £250 a year but makes the process more streamlined and the booking calendar is able to be viewed live online. It has also resulted in less calls to the booking secretary as people are able to see availability online.
- Many of the booking fees are paid via Stripe on Hallmaster. In 2025, Stripe bookings amounted to £13,914. Of this we paid £96.94 in fees. We are also able to refund the deposits through stripe, making the process much easier. This was more than was paid in by BACs for the first time ever, and over half of these payments are from Preschool.
- Stepped fees for Preschool have been implemented and will continue at the agreed rate. We are pleased to be able to support Preschool to deliver this service for the village and they are our biggest user, bringing in fees of £8742.75 for 2025. They also pay for half of the WiFi annual bill.
- The hall continues to be well used by village, regular and occasional bookings. At present, we have 42 regular groups using the hall, of these 22 are village organisations who receive a subsidised rental rate. The other 20 are regular private groups who pay a slightly higher rate. These regular bookings provide a varied and important range of opportunities and services for villagers of all ages to take advantage of. They range from groups for young people including preschool and toddler groups, Guides, brownies and rainbows and youth club; social and interest groups for older members of the village such as military modelling, whist, bowls, WI, pantomime group, U3A flower arranging, community choir, gardening club and exercise classes including Pilates, yoga, Ving Sung, Tai chi and 55+ classes. Sadly at the end of Summer term the girl guiding groups – rainbows, brownies, guides and rangers ceased,

as they did not have enough leaders for them to continue.

- On top of this we had 77 occasional private bookings, for a range of parties, celebrations, dances, discos and meetings. These bookings pay a higher hourly rate.
- All of the prices for the hall can be found on our website and the accounts are presented at the AGM each year as well as lodged with the Charity commission.
- Income from bookings: 2025 it was £28,415 and in 2025 it was £28,186

Staffing

- The cleaner continues to come in twice a week with an option to cover extra hours for larger bookings at an agreed cleaning rate.
- Deborah Capel continues as the bookings secretary, at 10 hours a month, and this has made it much easier to liaise with the treasurers and keep track of fees / invoicing.
- Our caretaker, David Askew works 10 hours a month and keeps regular checks up to date as well as liaising with maintenance contractors and carrying out basic repairs and maintenance around the hall.
- The volunteer officers are still covering opening up and locking after parties. We would be keen to hear of any volunteers who could assist with some of the locking and checking after groups have been in.
- Minimum wage increases have been applied to staff employed by the VHC.

Hall maintenance costs

Hall maintenance costs have increased significantly and will most likely continue to rise as is to be expected as the Hall is now nearly 35 years old. A big expense this year was replacing the curtains in the main hall and on the stage at a cost of £2285. This has freshened up the hall and we are hoping to get the inside and outside painted in 2026.

We also purchased new toilet roll holders in all of the cubicles. In order to reduce our environmental footprint, we purchase toilet rolls, paper towels and bin bags made from recycled materials and use environmentally friendly cleaning supplies and hand soaps where possible.

The air conditioning unit had to be overhauled and deep cleaned as we had issues with it causing a smell in the hall. This, as well as regular servicing, cost us over £1500. We also

had to replace the hot water boiler in the community room, make repairs to the skylights and lead flashing which had caused some leaks in the hallway corridor, had electrical repairs to lights and replaced the fire alarm panel.

This ongoing maintenance requires time to co-ordinate and the officers and have not had time to carry out many of the new works we would like to. We would appreciate some assistance with any new projects required as we do not have any spare time to oversee building works on top of working and carrying out our officer posts.

Accounts

Please refer to the accounts circulated.

- As expected, Utility costs rose slightly this current year, rising from £6135 in 2024 to £6387. We are locked into a 5 year gas deal which has saved us from some of the more hefty rises seen by some customers.
- We have had to carry out a few repairs, as detailed above, and expect more over the next years.
- We raised the fees for occasional private users to further increase income. This doesn't seem to have had an impact on use and the hall still seems to be priced competitively in the local area. We know that external parties often bring in additional hired items such as bouncy castles, so the hall hire part of the overall costs is fairly low.
- Apple Pie Fair proceeds are aimed to provide extra funding for hall improvements and facilities. In 2025 we had our best yet yet, thanks to all the volunteers who make the fair possible. Apple Pie Fair profits came to just over £10,000.
- Staff costs have increased with our staff team of three people - the cleaner, caretaker and bookings secretary. This is all run through payroll and HMRC bill us for the NI and tax quarterly. Wage increases are in line with national living wage.
- The overall profit of income over expenditure for 2025 is £9030.54. Although this is less than the APF profit, we have made some investment in the Hall and have managed to build up our reserve to help fund maintenance which will inevitably be needed. We need to make sure that hall fees cover more of these costs and the APF profits are then able to be used for the purpose they are raised for. We cannot rely on APF profits to be this good each year and should not be necessary to cover

general Hall costs.

Recommendations

- We recommend an increase in village organisations fees, of 50p per hour.
- We recommend raising the regular private users' fees by 50p per hour.
- We recommend raising occasional users fees by £1 each.
- Preschool is our largest single booking, and we will continue to support them to manage their increase in charges from the historical agreement.
- We will continue to set a different rate for regular and occasional users, as well as village organisations and private bookings.
- As before, external private booking fees will subsidise fees for village organisations.
- We also recommend that anyone wishing to use the stage must also pay the hire fee of the Committee room to ensure they have access from backstage.

Occasional private bookings

Room	Current rate per hour	**Recommended new rate per hour**
Main hall	£22	£23
Community room	£17	£17
Committee room	£14	£15
Exclusive use of whole hall	£45	£45
Other charges		
Projector and screen	£25	£25
Cleaning fee (for large parties)	£35	£35

Regular private bookings

Room	Current rate per hour	**Recommended new rate per hour**
Main hall	£11.50	£12
Community room	£8.50	£9
Committee room	£7.50	£8
Other charges		
Projector and screen	N/A	N/A
Cleaning fee (for large parties)	N/A	N/A

Regular Village Organisation bookings

Room	All users current rate per hour	**Recommended new rate per hour**	Preschool / current rate	Preschool **Recommended new rate per hour**
Main hall	£8	£8.50	£7	£7.50
Community room	£5	£5.50	£4.50	£5
Committee room	£4	£4.50	£4	£4.50

Marldon Village Hall

Treasurer Nicky Bailey

Vice Treasurer Stephanie Webb

Date 19.7.26