Horton & Chalbury Village Hall
Charity Registered Number 301142

Report of the Trustees

and

Financial Statements

For

The Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Status	Horton & Chalbury Village Hall is a registered Charity, numbered **301142** governed by a scheme of 4th August 1977 with administrative amendments accepted by the Charities Commission and passed by a resolution dated 19/9/2011
Trustees	David Lyn Arthur Dennis Edward Holford Claire Robinson (Resigned - October 2025) Rosalind Nash (Secretary - appointed September 2025) Colin Agnew (Chairman - appointed September 2025) Olaide Esther Olutoye (Treasurer - appointed September 2025) Andrew Stephen Downes (Appointed October 2025)
Principal Office	Horton and Chalbury Village Hall Horton Wimborne BH21 7JA
Independent Examiner/ Accountant	Mr A G Chamberlain, Kestrel Close, Wimborne, BH21 1WP.

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Report of the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present the report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Structure, Governance and Management.

Governing Document

Horton & Chalbury Village Hall is a registered charity governed by a scheme on 4th August 1977 as an unincorporated charity with administrative amendments passed by a Resolution dated 19th September 2011

Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity shall be: -

i) the elected members of the Committee of Management; and

ii) if they so consent, the representative members.

Committee of Management

The Committee when complete shall consist of: -

(a) up to 6 elected members.

(b) two representative members, one appointed by each of the Knowlton Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council of Horton and Chalbury (the Councils).

(c) up to 4 co-opted members provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed the number of elected members at any time.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity shall be:

1. The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parishes of Horton and Chalbury and surrounding areas without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

2. The land and buildings shall be held upon trust for the purpose of a village hall.

Chairman's Report for Horton & Chalbury Village Hall 2025

This has been another successful year. The hall is a popular venue & continues to attract a wide variety of bookings including weddings which are an essential source of income. We have our regular weekly & monthly hirers, but we also have those who return to us time after time for a workshop or their annual BBQ or presentation evening.
Branch Training, a company based locally, who use our hall regularly for First Aid training and related courses kindly ran a session, free of charge, on the use of the defibrillator for our local community.

Several projects were undertaken in 2025. Our new internet was installed by Wessex and this has resulted in an annual saving of £630.

Work was carried out to improve the waste water drainage and the cesspit which reduced our expenditure on emptying the tank. We are very grateful for the grant from Knowlton Community Benefit Fund enabling this work to be carried out.
Unfortunately we experienced a water drama in October when the main water pipe running from the reservoir at the top of Chalbury Hill to Verwood burst in the field above the Village Hall. It flooded the entire area, including the grounds surrounding the hall and also beneath the hall which damaged the skittle alley pit, and it also filled the septic tank. Thankfully 'all hands to the pump' and after electrical and gas tank checks we were able to be open for hirers in a couple of days.

Fundraising provides critical income for the hall. Our monthly Cream tea afternoons held from March till October are a major source of fundraising but it is also a pleasure to see so many people coming back time after time. These have been held for over 12 years and have become increasingly popular. Our special Christmas Cream Tea was particular popular and enjoyed by many. We welcomed, for the second year running, members of the Ringwood Musical & Dramatic Society who entertained us for the afternoon with their wonderful singing. An enormous thank you to them for giving of their time.

The Village Fete in July was again an enjoyable community event. Obviously raising money is a major aim with the proceeds shared between the hall and the Village Churches, but it's also an opportunity for local residents to meet up and for visitors to see our amazing facilities.
Other Fund raising events included a very interesting Star Gazing evening with a BBQ, (ironically not a Starry night but a fascinating talk by a team of experienced astronomers!) and the Simon Lane Swing and Rock and Roll evening. A particularly memorable event was the Murder Mystery play. Following the success of the play performed several years ago yet again the Social team 'persuaded' some unsuspecting local residents to demonstrate their hidden talents!
Thank you to our Social team and to everyone involved in fundraising events. Anyone who has organised such events will know just how much time & energy goes into

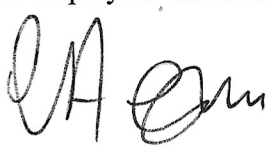
planning and running the event. However, they would not be a success with the support of those who attend them so thanks to all involved.

Our hall is now over 17 years old and generally looking good! Our cleaner Amanda keeps the hall looking spick & span so thank you to her. Understandably, however, it becoming increasing necessary to replace equipment and carry out more repairs. Maintenance is an ongoing issue and obviously comes at a price. To keep the running costs down we have been having in-house maintenance days since 2023. In 2025 the hall bookings were blocked for several days and a conscientious team of committee members and local volunteers tackled the mammoth task of painting the hall, the Scutt Room & the lobby – needless to say we went up as high as the eye could see .....just up to the rail!
Between us we try to cover the less specialist jobs around the hall such as touching up paint, repairing door handles, simple plumbing tasks .....We always welcome volunteers from the community – the more people who can help out with the upkeep of the hall the better.

The operation of the Hall continues to develop thanks to our Trustees, the hard-working Management Committee, and our conscientious Administrator Sophie, who competently manages hires and bookings as well as taking on aspects of the caretaking role.
At the 2025 AGM we said farewell to Claire who has been our Treasurer since 2017. We are grateful to her for her prudent financial management and especially during the pandemic when she secured grants without which we would have found operating extremely difficult. For 8 years Claire and her husband Mark were active members of our community. They masterminded a number of events, including the fete, and Mark, fully supported by the Management Committee initiated the Horton Help Scheme, which proved to be of great value to many community members.
We were pleased to welcome Esther who has competently stepped into the Treasurer role.

I'd like to express heartfelt gratitude to each of our valued community volunteers, committee members, hirers, suppliers & all who have supported our wonderful hall. In this ever changing world village halls are more than just a building: they provide a vital community space where people can come together & connect.

We hope you will continue to support & maintain our beautiful hall.



Colin Agnew
August 2026

Treasurer's Report

During the year, the hall received generous support through a grant, which continue to provide a solid foundation for its activities, as the hall successfully secured a grant of £9,288 from the Knowlton PCC Fund. This funding enabled major improvement to the foul drainage and holding tank system which resolving operational issues, enhanced system efficiency, and reduced the frequency of cesspit emptying, resulting in a 22% reduction in cesspit costs compared with 2024. The project was completed in line with approved quotations and represents an effective use of restricted funds for the benefit of the community.

Hire income in 2025 was slightly lower than the previous year, due to a few cancellations. We will continue to review opportunities to increase bookings, minimise cancellations and maximise income in future years.

Fundraising remains a vital source of income and enables the charity to generate additional funds. The Social Events Team performed exceptionally well in 2025, organizing a variety of events that maintained fundraising income at a similar level to 2024. We hope to build on this consistent performance and improve fundraising outcomes in 2026.

As highlighted in the 2024 report, the replacement of certain electrical light fittings and the repair and upgrade of the wastewater and sewage system were necessary, and these works are expected to contribute to higher costs during 2025. However, excluding these major restorative maintenance activities, the charity was able to close the year with a 3% reduction in overall expenditure compared with 2024. This was only possible due to the grant funding that covered most of the restorative maintenance works.

Electricity costs also reduced slightly by 1%, mainly due to a change in provider, and further reductions are anticipated in the coming year for the same reason.

We continue to hold a prudent reserve to safeguard financial stability and support the uninterrupted running of hall activities.

These achievements were made possible through the excellent support of our dedicated volunteers, hall administrator, hirers, committee members, and our former Treasurer, Claire, whose commitment and service prior to her resignation were greatly appreciated. However, to sustain and build on this progress, we continue to require more volunteers. Recruiting additional support for events and committee roles remains a challenge, and we hope to see increased volunteer participation soon.

Olaide Esther Olutoye (Treasurer)
January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
For year ending 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	31/12/2024 Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations					
Grants		0	9,288	9,288	0
Donations		85	0	85	169
Total Grants & Donations		**85**	**9,288**	**9,373**	**169**
Investment Income					
Bank & Other Interest		507	0	507	636
Total Investment Income		**507**	**0**	**507**	**636**
Incoming Resources and Charitable Activities					
General Hiring Charges		17,753	0	17,753	17,738
Wedding Hirings		3,650	0	3,650	7,400
Fundraising Events		6,250	0	6,250	6,256
Total		**27,653**	**0**	**27,653**	**31,394**
Total Incoming Resources		**28,245**	**9,288**	**37,533**	**32,199**
Resources Expended	3	**27,655**	**9,288**	**36,943**	**28,895**
Net Incoming resources before other gains/losses		**590**	**0**	**590**	**3,304**
Other recognized Gains/(Losses) (Depreciation)		**(806)**	**(6,767)**	**(7573)**	**(7,234)**
Net movement in Funds		**(215)**	**(6,767)**	**(6,982)**	**(3,930)**
Reconciliation of Funds (Total Funds brought forward)		**88,172**	**268,099**	**356,271**	**360,201**
Total Funds carried Forward		**87,957**	**261,332**	**349,289**	**356,271**

The notes form part of the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

	Notes	31/12/2025 £	31/12/2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	294,879	299,065
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	0	0
Cash at Bank and in hand.		67,493	57,206
		67,493	57,206
Creditors			
Amount falling due Within one year	4	13,083	0
Net Current Assets		**54,410**	**57,206**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**349,289**	**356,271**
Net Assets		**349,289**	**356,271**
Funds	7,8,9	**349,289**	**360,201**

**** Included within the bank balance is £12,626 relating to refundable deposits received from hires. A corresponding liability of £12,626 is included within other creditors, as these amounts are refundable in accordance with the terms of the hire agreements.**

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on the 15th September 2026

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1) Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for small entities (effective January 2007) and follow the recommendations in Accounting and reporting for Charities:
Statement of Recommended Practice issued (revised 2005).

Income

a) Grants and donations are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.
b) All other income is recognised in full when received.

Expenditure

a) All expenditure is recognised in the period in which it occurred.
b) All expenditure is allocated to the activity to which the costs relate.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation over 125 years has been provided for the long lease.
Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings has been provided at 10% per annum.
Depreciation of the Refrigerator has been provided at 10% per annum.
Depreciation of all other Plant and Equipment has been provided over 15 years.

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2)Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Plant & Equipment	Long Leasehold	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
01 January 2025	42,966	61,013	333,942	437,921
Additions in year	3,388	0	-	3,388
At 31 December 2025	**46,353**	**61,013**	**333,942**	**441,309**
DEPRECIATION				
As at 01 January 2025	40,633	55,929	42,294	138,856
Charge for year	806	4,095	2,672	7,573
At 31 December 2025	**41,439**	**60,024**	**44,966**	**146,429**
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 01 January 2025	2,333	5,084	291,648	299,065
At 31 December 2025	4,914	989	288,976	294,879

3) Resources Expended

	Charitable	Restricted	Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	2,652	0	2,652	2,372
Light & Heat	3,856	0	3,856	4,096
Rates	182	0	182	142
Repairs & Maintenance *	11,974	9,288	21,262	13,495
Miscella	40	0	40	54
Hall running **	7,200	0	7,200	7,200
Bank charges	60	0	60	60
Licences	1,691	0	1,691	1,476
	27,655	**9,288**	**36,943**	**28,895**

***Minor capital expenditure & Asset Replacement treated as Repairs and Renewals**
*** Includes cesspit, consumables, cleaning, garden**
*** Administrator / Caretaker**

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4) Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year.	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
	£	£
Refundable Deposit Held	12,626	0
Wimborne PCC (cream tea)	457	0
Hall running	0	0
Repairs/maintenance /renewals	0	0
Loan	0	0
	13,083	**0**

5) Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
	£	£
Hire charges	0	0
Bowls	0	0
	0	**0**

6) Related Parties

No remuneration was paid to Trustees. Expenses were reimbursed in accordance with the charity's expenses policy..

7) General Fund

The general fund is in credit by **£ 87,957** at 31 December 2025

8) Restricted Fund

The restricted fund is in credit by **£ 261,332** at 31 December 2025

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9) Fund Balances & Movements during Year

	Balance 1/1/2025 £	Incoming Resources 2025 £	Resources Expended 2025 £	Balance at 31/12/25 £
General Unrestricted Funds	88,172	28,246	28,461	87,957
Restricted Funds	268,099	9,288	16,055	261,332
Total Funds	**356,271**	**37,534**	**44,516**	**349,289**

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

A.G. Chamberlain,
Kestrel Close,
Wimborne,
Dorset,
BH21 1WP

A G Chamberlain

Date: 15th September 2026