Leighs Village Hall
Charity No. 301317

Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting for 2025-26 year

Council of Management:

Gareth Roberts	**– President**	**Brenda Young**	**- Parish Council**
Stuart Wilson	**– Chairman & Booking Secretary**	**Una White**	**– Bingo**
Anne Wilson	**– Minutes Secretary**	**Phillip Willis**	**- Co-opted**
Pat Willis	**– Treasurer**	**John White**	**- Co-opted**
June Poultney	**– Friendship club**	**Tracey Mitchell**	**- Co-opted**
Lindsay Grice	**– Nursery**		

1. **Summary for April 2025 to March 2026**

Regular hirers provided us with a core income of **£34,795** in the year, with private hire from individuals making up the remainder giving a total income from hiring of **£43,574** Children's parties still remain a significant proportion of the private hire income.

During the period April 25 to Mar 26, we have had 1,256 bookings covering 4,878 hours which is up just over 3.5% on the previous year.
Our hirers represent a broad section of the local community. The Brian Poultney small hall still has some availability specifically on weekday afternoons although we have had a new regular hirer for a 3-hour session on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

The Solar Panel array installed in July 2024 has achieved its objective of reducing our electricity costs and we also now benefit by receiving payment for exporting our excess generation to the grid.
We were required to replace the fire alarm system due to obsolescent equipment. The new system was installed in October 2025 at a cost of **£4,157.61.**

Once again, my thanks go to our treasurer, Mrs Willis, for the preparation of the accounts and the not insignificant demands of ensuring monthly invoices are promptly issued. Additionally, thank you to the committee for their support and practical help in ensuring the hall operates effectively, focusing on the needs of the community.

2. Overall, income for the period was **£43,792** including bank interest of £118.

3. Expenditure for the year was **£45,749.** Hall maintenance costs accounted for **£5,154.**

4. The unrestricted funds at year end March 2026 were **£103,272**

5. Details of other specific significant expenditure for the year Apr 25 to Mar 26 are as follows:

   i) Fuel for biomass boiler - **£2,364**
   ii) Electricity - **£5,053 (3-***year fixed price contract wef August 2025 with British Gas Lite)* **.**
   iii) Cleaning, Hygiene & Caretaking Consumables- **£2,145**
   iv) Boiler Servicing & Repairs - **£2,994–** (Annual servicing charge, plus repairs for Biomass boiler & associated controls and includes emergency 24hr support.)
   v) Hall Building & Public Liability Insurance - **£2,254.** *(increase due to impact of Solar Panel Installation & inflation increase)*
   vi) Construction of internal wall to provide for additional secure storage - **£1,185**

6. Future Plans
There are no current plans for a significant investment in capital expenditure, however the hall is now 16 years post refurbishment and the wear and tear on the fabric is beginning to become more evident. It is envisaged that a programme to tackle the disrepair of some areas is required. This may necessitate a review of the hire charges which have not changed for a number of years, to ensure we have the funds available.

Stuart Wilson – Chairman JUNE 2026

Charity registration number: 301317

LEIGHS VILLAGE HALL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Leighs Village Hall
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Leighs Village Hall
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

P Willis
S Wilson

Charity Number

301317

Principal Address

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Chelmsford
Essex
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Independent Examiner

Claire Dennis
Shirley Smith & Co
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South Woodham Ferrers
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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

P Willis

Trustee
27th April 2026

Leighs Village Hall
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Leighs Village Hall
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leighs Village Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Claire Dennis

27th April 2026
11 Chandlers Way
South Woodham Ferrers
Chelmsford
Essex
CM3 5TB

Leighs Village Hall
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	-	121
Charitable activities:			
Bingo Donation		-	200
Other trading activities	4	43,574	42,420
Investments	5	118	192
Other	6	100	-
		43,792	42,933
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	8	(45,749)	(32,483)
Charitable activities:	8		
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(1,957)	10,450
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(1,957)	10,450
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		858,529	848,079
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	856,572	858,529

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Leighs Village Hall
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	**13**	774,910	775,997
		774,910	775,997
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	**14**	5,167	3,051
Cash at bank and in hand		94,923	97,885
		100,090	100,936
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	**15**	(1,928)	(1,904)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		98,162	99,032
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		873,072	875,029
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			
Provisions For Charges		(16,500)	(16,500)
NET ASSETS		856,572	858,529
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted Funds		856,572	858,529
TOTAL FUNDS	**16**	856,572	858,529

On behalf of the board

P Willis

Trustee
27th April 2026

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1. General Information

Leighs Village Hall is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 301317. The principal address is 58 Main Road, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1NE.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	-
Plant & Machinery	5 year straight line
Computer Equipment	3 year straight line

2.3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Donations and gifts	-	121

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Hire of hall	43,574	42,420

5. Investment Income

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Bank interest receivable	118	192

6. **Other Income**

	2026 Unrestricted funds	2025 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Other income	100	-

7. **Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	3,264	2,784

8. **Analysis of Expenditure**

	2026 Support costs (see note 9)
	£
Raising funds	45,749

	2025 Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 9)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	23	32,460	32,483

9. **Support Costs**

	2026 Raising funds
	£
Employee costs	8,007
Premises expenses	27,038
General administration	6,882
Depreciation	3,264
Governance costs	558
	45,749

	2025 Raising funds
	£
Employee costs	8,050
Premises expenses	16,268
General administration	4,830
Depreciation	2,784
Governance costs	528
	32,460

10. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	558	528

11. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	8,007	8,050

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

12. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2025: NIL)

13. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Freehold	Plant & Machinery	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 2025	764,862	13,919	-	778,781
Additions	-	1,847	330	2,177
As at 31 March 2026	764,862	15,766	330	780,958
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2025	-	2,784	-	2,784
Provided during the period	-	3,154	110	3,264
As at 31 March 2026	-	5,938	110	6,048
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2026	764,862	9,828	220	774,910
As at 1 April 2025	764,862	11,135	-	775,997

14. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	5,167	3,051

15. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,928	1,904

16. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	105,229	43,792	(45,749)	103,272
Village Hall Project	753,300	-	-	753,300
Total unrestricted funds	858,529	43,792	(45,749)	856,572
Total funds	858,529	43,792	(45,749)	856,572

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	94,779	42,933	(32,483)	105,229
Village Hall Project	753,300	-	-	753,300
Total unrestricted funds	848,079	42,933	(32,483)	858,529
Total funds	848,079	42,933	(32,483)	858,529

17. Transactions with Trustees

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£

18. **Related Party Disclosures**

Leighs Village Hall
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	-	121
	-	121
Charitable Activities:		
Bingo Donation		
Bingo donation	-	200
	-	200
Other trading activities		
Hire of hall	43,574	42,420
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Investments		
Bank interest receivable	118	192
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Other		
Other income	100	-
	100	-
	43,792	42,933
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Fete donation	-	(23)
Caretaker and cleaner	(8,007)	(8,050)
Rates	(2,795)	(2,066)
Light and heat	(7,102)	(9,048)
Repairs and maintenance	(17,141)	(5,154)
Insurance	(2,254)	(1,830)
Printing, postage and stationery	(360)	(291)
Telecommunications	(1,098)	-
Website costs	-	(260)
Subscriptions	(273)	(248)
Bank charges	(6)	-
Sundry expenses	-	(56)
Supplies	(2,405)	(1,610)
RCC affiliation fees and PRS licences	(486)	(535)

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Depreciation of plant and machinery	(3,154)	(2,784)
Depreciation of computer equipment	(110)	-
Independent examiner's fees	(558)	(528)
	(45,749)	(32,483)
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NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	(1,957)	10,450