

Hatfield Broad Oak Village Hall

Chair's report for Annual General Meeting

on April 2nd 2026.

This is my Third report as Chairman of Trustees, and I wanted to begin by thanking all the Trustees for their support to me as Chairman and to our Volunteers for their hard work and commitment to the charity and the work we carry out as a village hall.

I think you will agree that it feels right to open with congratulations to our Vice Chair Mrs Maureen Geddes BEM who was honoured in the new year's honours list for services to her community over more than 4 decades. We are absolutely delighted for Mauren personally and proud that her work here at the village hall has gained her such recognition and we bask in her reflected glory!

I continue to be amazed and in awe of how freely people offer up their time to support the Village Hall without which the hard work of the charity would not be as successful as it is.

We have had changes in year and find ourselves with a couple of vacancies on the board of Trustees at present and I am still working hard with others to encourage those who will add value to our endeavours to join us. We have added one new Trustees over the last 12 months and have sadly had one other resign due to pressure of commitments elsewhere.

If there is anyone who attends the AGM or reads this report, who would like to be considered please approach me or any of the Trustees and we will plan to discuss the role and its responsibilities. Likewise, if anyone would like to be considered as a Volunteer, please ask any of us and we can share information on what the opportunities are and how we can best work together.

Review of the year

2025/26 was another interesting, sometimes challenging year, which included the progression of some projects.

The key projects were:

➢ The establishment of a couple of new committees for trustees to work within to further our work. The Events committee and the Finance and Investment committee. Both of which are to give a specific focus to the work for those two important streams of activity.

➢The investigation of a variety of cooling systems for the hall one of which is still in discussion and for which we have just sadly had a grant application turned down by the Stanstead airport charity. We will look at other ways to fund this now.

➢ The continued support of the warm space's initiative supported by grants and we will again apply for another grant to try to ensure it continues further.

➢ To develop a programme for routine and planned maintenance to keep the hall safe for users and enjoyable for all. We have begun to explore a new lifecycle plan for the routine maintenance of all of the facilities internal and external of the property

Our planned events which included a Quiz and many talented tribute acts, has continued to show that the hall as a very pleasant and comfortable place for everyone to come and enjoy themselves as well as raising money to help sustain our finances and ongoing maintenance work.

We have again received many compliments over the year for both the facilities we provide and the standards and enjoyment of the acts we have been able to bring to our village.

The events team have established an extensive list of patrons and are currently planning future events (and have already booked and/or are exploring others), for 2027. For more information on these and other events please as ever visit our website:

hbovillagehall.com

Otherwise speak to one of our trustees who will be pleased to help. Please also feel free to recommend the acts and events you would like to see here at the village hall we are always keen to have feedback and suggestions.

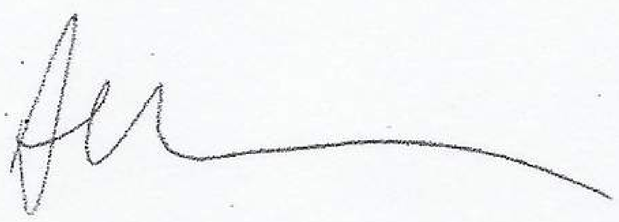
These events and the fact that our regular hiring out of the hall for groups and other events are what bring in the income that allows us to maintain the hall to high standards and continue its development as a community resource.

This has all been very well managed by our Treasurer and the income and expenditure is closely managed in concert with our Events lead Trustee and our Bar lead Trustee assisted by other Trustees and Volunteers. This has meant that we have a clear external audit of our accounts once again.

Finally, we have started our planning already for 2027 and will continue to seek opportunities to provide a facility for community activities. We will also continue to apply for grants and funding to maintain and develop the buildings facilities and resources where appropriate and aim to continue to fulfil the objects of the Charity.

Those Objects were established in 1959 and state for your information: "A village hall for use of the inhabitants of Hatfield Broad Oak and Neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of Political, Religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes and for the other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants" I do believe in reviewing the past year, we have been able to carry on the very strong tradition of support for Hatfield Broad Oak and neighbouring parishioners and have strong plans in hand for the year ahead.

As ever, I end by thanking you all for attending our Annual General Meeting and your continued support to the HBO Village Hall.



Tony McLean

Chair HBO Village Hall Committee

Trial Balance 2025

CO OPERATIVE BANK AACOUNT	2319.09	
EVENTS ACCOUNT	1360.63	
BAR ACCOUNT	1628.87	
MONMOUTH BUILDING SOCIEY	69463.29	
Prepayments 2026		
Insurance 2026	1798.58	
GRANT ITEMS 2026	470.51	
Prizes for quiz 2026	32.17	
DEPOSITS FOR 2006 ACTS	627.3	
Accruals		
Quiz 2026		130
Profit and Loss	7856.01	
Reserves		74771.88
Income		
RENTING OF HALL		13576.94
EVENTS		9052.5
BAR		10628.1
BANK CHARGES		20
ADVERTS		500
DONATIONS		55
M&G COMPENSATION		150
Expenses		
CLEANING AND JANITOR	2954.23	
WATER	644.3	
ELECTRIC	1338.46	
GAS	2449.64	
BT	445.32	
MISC	168.54	
ADVERT VILLAGE MAG	110	
PRSLIC	80.4	
CLEANING MATERIALS	676.46	
WINDOWS	330	
GARDEN	2104.5	
REPAIRS TO PREMISES	1171.66	
STATIONARY EVENTS	170.8	
BANK CHARGES EVENTS	4.2	
PRICE OF ACTS EVENTS	5901.57	
SUNDIES EVENTS	41	
BAR /STOCK	4120.54	
BAR SUNDRIES	616.35	
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BALANCE SHEET

CO OPERATIVE BA NK AACOUNT	£	2,319.09

EVENTS ACCOUNT	£	1,360.63
BAR ACCOUNT	£	1,628.87
MONMOUTH BUILDING SOCIEY	£	69,463.29
CAPITAL RESERVES	£	74,771.88

(if any):	
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Hatfield Broad Oak Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended Dec 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 301334

Set out on pages 1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable*.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Sarah Eley **Date:** 13/9/2026

Name: SARAH ELEY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body ACA