

Registered charity number  
301352

Abridge Village Hall Trust

Report and Accounts

31 December 2025

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## **Abridge Village Hall Trust Charity Information**

### **Trustees**

J.E. Myson (Chairperson)  
H. Moore (Vice Chairperson)  
B.S. Fennell (Treasurer)  
J.E. Fouracres (Secretary)  
J.J.A. Hand  
M. Drewe  
J.T. Harris  
D.R. Wild  
L.A. Duffin  
D. Richards  
D.W. Blain  
J.T. Harding  
K. Wright  
J. Drewe

### **Independent Examiner**

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### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank Plc  
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Abridge  
Essex  
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### **Registered charity number**

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**Abridge Village Hall Trust****Registered Charity Number: 301352****Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Abridge Village Hall Trust was incorporated by a trust deed dated 12 September 1963 and was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 301352) on 12 December 1963.

**Objects of the charity**

The principal object of the charity in the year review continued to be to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Abridge and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, and in particular for the use of meetings, lectures and classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained as a level equivalent to between three and four month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of funds has been maintained throughout the year.

**Risk factors**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

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B. Fennell  
Treasurer

31st March 2026

## **Abridge Village Hall Trust Independent Examiner's Report**

### **To the trustees of Abridge Village Hall Trust**

We report on the accounts of the Abridge Village Hall Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to...

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning and such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material aspect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or..

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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31st March 2026

**Abridge Village Hall Trust**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Unrestricted Income Fund for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donation - Bar and social club		30,000		10,000
Insurance claim		-		11,988
Wayleaves		20		-
Grants received		380		-
Other donations		577		-
Operating activities to generate funds				
Fundraising	12,500		1,750	
Hall lettings	31,047	43,547	25,631	27,381
Investment income receipts				
Bank interest - unrestricted funds		1,358		1,692
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>75,882</b>		<b>51,061</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Charitable activities				
Light & heat	9,479		15,368	
General & water rates	2,641		2,143	
Cleaning	4,253		80	
Licence fees	1,351		1,166	
Rubbish collection	3,447		3,144	
Advertising	430		400	
Insurance	1,633		1,193	
Fire protection	770		2,889	
Repairs & renewals	11,004		662	
Repairs to premises	70,508		3,362	
Alarm and CCTV costs	1,392	106,908	2,074	32,481
Management and administration				
Postage & stationery	620		85	
Subscriptions	35		80	
Donations	100		100	
Bank charges	855		265	
IT costs	761		100	
Telephone	434		1,616	
Consultancy	953		200	
Accountancy	552		552	
Sundry expenses	-	4,310	344	3,342
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>111,218</b>		<b>35,823</b>
<b>Total receipts less payments</b>		<b>(35,336)</b>		<b>15,238</b>
Cash funds as at 1 January 2025		162,270		147,032
<b>Cash funds as at 31 December 2025</b>		<b>126,934</b>		<b>162,270</b>

**Abridge Village Hall Trust**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Restricted Income Fund for the year ended 31 December 2025**

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants received	-	10,000
Total receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Transferred to cash funds	-	-
<b>Payments</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts less payments	-	10,000
Funds at 1 January 2025	10,000	-
Funds at 31 December 2025	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

**Abridge Village Hall Trust**  
**Statement of Assets**  
**as at 31 December 2025**

	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds - unrestricted fund</b>				
NatWest Plc - Current account		12,871		29,680
NatWest Plc - Reserve account		113,588		132,230
Cash in hand		475		360
		<u>126,934</u>		<u>162,270</u>
<b>Net assets - unrestricted fund</b>		<u>126,934</u>		<u>162,270</u>
<b>Investment asset - restricted fund</b>				
Grants received		10,000		10,000
		<u>10,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>
<b>Assets retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>				
<b>Abridge Village Hall</b>				
Cost of site		29,425		29,425
Development and improvement costs		253,041		253,041
		<u>282,466</u>		<u>282,466</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 31st March 2026

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B. Fennell  
Treasurer

**Abridge Village Hall Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2025**

**1 Accounting basis**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.

**2 Taxation**

Abridge Village Hall Trust is a registered charity and is not liable for corporation tax on its income under section 505 on the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable activities.

**3 Status**

Abridge Village Hall Trust is a registered charity and is governed by its constitution.