SHERBORNE ST JOHN VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity Registration No. 301945

SHERBORNE ST JOHN VILLAGE HALL

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TRUSTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Trustees

Chairperson	Mr Paul Temple	
Secretary	Mrs Shawna Campbell	
Treasurer	Mr Brian "Mitch" Mitchison	Resigned September 2025
	Dr Richard Pettifer	Appointed September 2025
Committee Members	Mrs Debra Morgan	Resigned September 2025
	Beth Norris	Appointed September 2025
	Liz McFarland	Appointed December 2025
Parish Council Representative	Mr Richard Morgan	

User Group Representatives None

Principal Office

The location of the principal office of the Charity is:
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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Committee of Management present their report for the year ended 31st December 2025.

The Charity was established as a Trust Deed dated 24th February 1968, and is registered with the Charity Commission Number 301945.

Objects, Organisation and Activities
The object of the Charity is to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Sherborne St John and the neighbourhood, in particular 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.

The Charity is organised as a Trust with a Committee of Management comprising elected and nominated members.

The members of the Committee of Management at the year end and their appointing body where appropriate were:

Mr Paul Temple	Chairperson	Elected member
Mrs Shawna Campbell	Secretary	Elected member
Dr Richard Pettifer	Treasurer	Elected member
Beth Norris		Co-opted member
Liz McFarland		Co-opted member
Mr Richard Morgan	Chair of the Parish Council attended as an invited observer	

Three members of the committee are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting; co-opted members are invited to join the committee by the elected members. New committee members are provided with informatiom on the work of the charity and the roles and responsibilities of a trustee and the responsibilities under the premises licence.

It is the duty of the Charity's trustees to approve the Trustees' Annual Report prepared by the committee.

The committee met formally six times during the year ended 31st December 2025; four times face to face and the remainder via Zoom.

Village Hall AGM 26th April 2026

Chairman's Report

As is traditional, I start with my normal introduction and welcome you to my 6th Village Hall Annual Report as Chair of Trustees.

Covid now seems many years behind us but some of the residual effects appear to linger on. This is certainly not reflected though in the usage of the hall which is now probably as high as it has ever been, if not higher. What does appear to have changed, and not specifically to Sherborne St John, is a certain unwillingness to step up and volunteer or even join in many of the events that take place locally. It is very much a national phenomenon and one that I guess, living in a village community, we hoped would pass us by. There has been much documented about these changes and it is not my role tonight to further add to the speculation. Sad to say that those who have enjoyed being part of the village over many years look around and wonder what it takes to get many of the newcomers to the village more involved.

That all said this is my report on a year in the life of the village hall.

Finance

My usual reminder to everyone that one of the key responsibilities of the Trustees is the financial viability of the Hall in both the short and long term.

I am very grateful, that following the retirement of our previous treasurer, Mitch Mitchison, the role of managing the day to day finances of the hall have been taken on by Richard Pettifer. I think Richard would accept that as a non financial person it's been a steepish learning curve but in true fashion he has risen admirably to the task, helped, particularly in the early stages by Shawna Campbell. We now employ external accountants, Patricia Fox of Figurefox Co Sec Ltd. to manage our year end accounts & support us as needed. I'll leave Richard to deal with the numbers other than to say I'm happy with our progress and thank him for his considerable input.

Personnel

As we do not directly employ anyone this is a simple item to report. We have continued the stance of the last 4 years and managed the hall without a caretaker. As I have reported over the last few years we could not do this

without the support of Steve Kerslake our neighbour opposite, who in addition to being our principle keyholder, also supports and helps us in numerous ways, for which we are truly grateful. Thankfully we have backup for the regular holidays that Steve likes to enjoy, from a small team of trustees and volunteers. We keep this situation under constant review and fortunately this year it has worked out really well.

Following our plea last year for more volunteers to help with the running of the hall, we were delighted to welcome Beth Norris to join us, following last year's AGM.

Beth brings a younger person's view to the team and has made a good start by setting up a new Village Hall Facebook Page and an Instagram account. One of the recent developments in grant applications has been a requirement to show a link to social media as evidence of the work and events that take place in the hall. Our old Facebook page had fallen into disuse and had become an embarrassment so it was easier to start again.

We were joined as a guest for our last meeting of the year by a relative newcomer to the village, Liz McFarland, and I am delighted that Liz has also decided to join our group. Early in 2026 when we were discussing initiatives that we might set up to engage with more people in the village, Liz volunteered to set up a regular Village Market. I know that she has put a considerable amount of personal time into researching the structure for this and I am confident that the end product will be a very professional event. All we now need for success is support from the village! First event is tomorrow 25th April. Please be there& support all this hard work.

Repairs and maintenance

As ever we like to stay on top of the hall maintenance and repairs and we hope that this is reflected in what you see around you. The hall is now almost 18 years old and as with any building enjoying the level of bookings that we do, there are always maintenance issues that need attention.

Debra Morgan has been our 'go to' Trustee in this area for many years now and has brought a wealth of experience to our facilities management. I sadly had to say my thank you's to her at our previous AGM in September after Deborah decided to step down but on the positive side she continued to volunteer through to the end of 2025 and is still supporting us, in various ways but mainly with Health & Safety & Compliance.

The replacement external wooden doors, the repairs to the carpark sewer and the installation of LED lighting that I mentioned briefly in last year's report have all been carried out and despite a few post installation glitches have certainly made the building more easily managed & cheaper to run.

The Hall's old CCTV camera system was battery operated & of limited range. The quality & cost of maintenance were drivers to upgrade the system along with our earlier decision to shut down the intruder alarm system, again as mentioned last year. The cameras are now hard wired and go live when they detect motion and can be viewed remotely.

At year end we were organising quotes for the refurbishment of the main floor hardwood finishes which did not appear to have been undertaken within the last 10 years. These are extensive and time consuming works.

Bookings

Bookings on the Hallmaster booking system continue to run at a very high level. This has been one of the Hall's best investments over the last few years – it has saved many hours of work & integrates well with our Xero accounts system.

The Hallmaster system also showed up the inadequacies of the website that we had inherited from the Parish Council. Earlier work to upgrade the website had thrown up all sorts of issues. It had originally been set up by an individual who, it turned out, now lived in Japan so contact was almost impossible. We have therefore set up a completely new website which appears to be working well.

Whilst the Hallmaster system has saved us many many hours of manual labour, it depends on the human touch to make it work effectively and bring it to life. The casual hirers of the hall, in particular, have all sorts of queries and questions that cannot be resolved in any other way. We are deeply indebted to our trustee, Shawna Campbell, who continues to do a fantastic job in managing this complex process.

For the first time since pre COVID days the village put a fete, excellently managed by Hilary Mills/Andrews and the team of volunteers she recruited. This was always a central part of village activity and it was great to see it up and running again. The event was supported by the Parish Council and despite early concerns the weather also held up well and it was great to see so many people in attendance. Sadly, because of health concerns, Hilary will be unable to lead the event this year and even more sadly nobody has stepped forward to take

the role on for this year. The fete has always been a fundraiser for the village hall and enabled us to carry out work that we would otherwise have delayed or left to one side. This year's event raised almost £4000 which was a real achievement. Well done Hilary & team.

With Shawna Campbell's organisation we also managed to put on a one day Christmas Fayre and hosted the village's Macmillan Coffee morning which raised an excellent £350. It also supplied some surplus cake to the Grange Nursing Home & to the Pink Place Cancer Charity!

A first time event this year was the Christmas Sing Along, organised by Ed Campbell and Steve Howe. Very enjoyable with plenty of lusty singing all around.

Whilst the village hall is a completely separate and independent charitable body we work well with the Parish Council. They have for many years generously supported the Monday coffee mornings and recently extended that to the new 'Knit and Natter' group. We now have a Parish Council Help Desk set up monthly at coffee mornings which seems to be working really well.

So finally I'd like to thank everyone who has and does support our work whether a hirer or an occasional helper. I believe the hall is financially in good shape and the future looks bright.

I have saved my biggest thank you until last. My fellow Trustees and colleagues have worked hard to keep the hall operating at its normal high standards. Without them none of the things I have reported on tonight would have been possible so thank you all very much. I indicated last year that our long term success depends on recruiting more people as Trustees/ committee members. We are currently running on the smallest reasonable number in the team and, believe me, many hands do make light work.

After 6 years as Chair of Trustees I am giving notice that I will be standing down as Chair in December. I do intend to stay involved but just not at quite the same level. Hopefully the vacancy will spur others on to join the team.

I thank all who have contributed in some way to this year and particularly to those of you who have made the effort to join us tonight.

On behalf of the Trustees - Paul Temple, ~~Chair of~~ Trustees

Report to the trustees of Sherborne St John Village Hall

I report to the charity trustees of Sherborne St John Village Hall, Charity number 301945, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 you as trustees concerning any 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Patricia Fox FCCA
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Date.....23/4/26.....

Signed.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Endowment Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from Generated funds:						
Grants		0	0	0	0	12,996
Donations		2	0	0	2	436
Activities for generating funds:						
Fundraising		3,312	0	0	3,312	1,143
Investment income/other		280	0	0	280	255
		3,593	0	0	3,593	14,830
Incoming resources from Charitable activities						
Charges for hall hire		30,823	0	0	30,823	26,620
Wedding and party hire income		(130)	0	0	(130)	788
Other		27	0	0	27	11,663
Total incoming resources		34,313	0	0	34,313	53,901
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds:						
Donations to other charities		350	0	0	350	604
Fundraising expenses		486	0	0	486	0
GROSS PROFIT/LOSS		33,478	0	0	33,478	53,297
Water rates		631	0	0	631	539
Light & heat		3,292	0	0	3,292	2,539
Maintenance & repairs		11,240	0	0	11,240	3,718
Caretaking and cleaning		5,445	0	0	5,445	6,888
Insurance		1,911	0	0	1,911	1,795
Marketing		95	0	0	95	144
Telephone & internet charges		1,805	0	0	1,805	1,950
Licences		180	0	0	180	360
Warm hub expenses			0	0	0	0
Waste services		1,920	0	0	1,920	1,837
Gardening		1,269	0	0	1,269	1,200
Sundries & purchases		3,444	0	0	3,444	0
Professional fees		1,484	0	0	1,484	626
Depreciation		0	10,062	10,478	20,540	14,764
		32,716	10,062	10,478	53,256	36,360
Governance costs						
Independent examiner's fee		200	0	0	200	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENSED		32,916	10,062	10,478	53,456	36,360
Net profit/(loss) before transfers		562	(10,062)	(10,478)	(19,979)	16,937
Loan payments and transfers		0	2	(2)	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		562	(10,060)	(10,480)	(19,979)	16,937
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		42,001	12,632	335,301	389,933	372,996
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		42,562	2,571	324,821	369,955	389,933

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Village Hall	4		324,822		335,300
Furniture & Equipment	4		2,571		12,633
			327,393		347,933
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	3,292		2,994	
Balances at bank:					
Deposit & interest bearing accounts		36,760		30,481	
Current accounts		5,910		8,255	
Cash in hand		300		300	
		46,262		42,029	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,699)		(30)	
Net current assets			42,562		41,999
Net assets			369,955		389,932
FUNDS					
General fund			42,562		42,001
Restricted fund			2,571		12,632
Endowment fund			324,821		335,301
Total funds			369,955		389,933

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 15/7/26

Mr Paul Temple

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

b Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.
Hall Hire: Charges for hall hire are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when the hire occurs.
Grants & Donations: Grantes are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when the entitlement to the grant is confirmed
Grants and donations are credited to the fund to which the income relates.

c Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised at cost
Depreciation is provided on the Village Hall building and furniture and equipment at the following rates based on the estimated useful life of these fixed assets and their anticipated residual value.

Village Hall building	2% per annum (straight line basis)
Sheds and External Storage	10% per annum (straight line basis)
Furniture and equipment	25% per annum (straight line basis)

d Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities in an accruals basis inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

e Charitable activities

This represents the direct and indirect costs of the operation of the village hall.

f Costs of generating funds

Fundraising costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when the fundraising activities occur.

g Governance costs

Governance costs are those costs associated with charity governance requirements, which relate to the running of the charity.

h Taxation

As a registered charity no liability to taxation arises.
As a charity the village hall is eligible for 80% mandatory rate relief and also received 20% discretionary rate relief from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

2 Grants from Sherborne St John Parish Council

A loan of £30,000 from the Parish Council has been fully repaid.

3 Committee Expenses and Donations

No members of the committee received any remuneration from the charity.

4 Fixed Assets

	Freehold Village Hall	Shed & Storage	Furniture & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2025	**523,905**	3,492	**38,852**	566,249
Additions	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Disposals	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
At 31st December 2025	**523,905**	**3,492**	**38,852**	**566,249**
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2025	**188,605**	2,444	**27,267**	218,316
Charge for the year	**10,478**	**349**	**9,713**	20,540
Disposals	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
At 31st December 2025	**199,083**	**2,793**	**36,980**	**238,856**
Net book value				
At 1st January 2025	335,300	1,048	11,585	347,933
At 31st December 2025	324,822	699	1,872	327,393

The village hall is valued at cost of construction less depreciation as at 31st December 2025.
No value is applied to the land on which the village hall stands.

5 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hall hire fees	3,292	2,994
	3,292	2,994

6 Creditors due within one year

Creditors and security deposits held	3,699	30
	3,699	30

8 Summary of Net Assets by Funds

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		2,571	324,822	327,393
Current assets	46,262	0	0	46,262
Liabilities	(3,699)	0	0	(3,699)
	42,562	2,571	324,822	369,955

9 Funds

General Fund (unrestricted) - this represents the unrestricted funds over which the committee of management have unrestricted authority to spend the income and the capital to further the objectives of the charity.

Building Fund (restricted) - this represents funds received for the specific purpose of the building and equipping of the village hall, other than those that form part of the permanent endowment fund.
Fundraising and donations with effect from 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2007 were treated as income of this fund.

Endowment Fund - this represents the value of the village hall building which must be held permanently by the charity in accordance with the terms of the grants received towards its construction.

With effect from 1st January 2008 all income of the building fund is treated as income of the general fund and a transfer is made from the general fund to the building fund to cover the cost of any furniture and equipment purchased in the year. Depreciation of the furniture and equipment is charged to the building fund.

10 Security

The grants received towards the construction of the village hall are secured against the freehold building in the event of the grants being repayable.
In the event of the building ceasing to be used as a village hall, the grants are repayable to the funding organisations.