PLAXTOL MEMORIAL HALL AGM Wednesday 29 April 2026

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Thank you for attending our 63rd AGM and for supporting your Hall Management Committee.

We are delighted that the Nursery continues but we know that it is a very tough time financially for all pre-school care. Sam who is the new person in charge is excellent and there has been an increase in numbers recently.

The Nursery School was 50 years old in 2025! Dayo did a fantastic job of getting in touch with past owners, teachers, parents and pupils as well as current ones and she put on a Wonderful Celebration Event on Saturday 5 July 2025.

Our MP, Tom Tugendhat and the Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling Council attended, and both made congratulatory speeches; the Mayor stayed to give out awards and flowers that Dayo had prepared.

We are fortunate to still have the same, excellent tenants in the Cottage: they renewed in July 2025, and we hope they will renew again. The Cottage ensures vital income which supports the running expenses of the Hall.

During 2025 we have not carried out any major work on the fabric, but in 2026 we have fitted more new windows in the Cottage and are planning external decorations to the Hall in the summer of 2026. These are costly things to do but it is important to carry out regular maintenance and replacements where necessary to maintain the general condition of the Hall at a reasonable cost.

Once again, energy has been costly, but we made a decision not to put up hire charges nor charge an energy supplement. We are very grateful to Plaxtol Parish Council for continuing to give us some financial support for our energy costs to enable us to do this.

The Electric Vehicle chargers, which were installed in the Hall Car Park in August 2024 continue to be used fairly frequently. With the current issues around oil supplies, there has been a substantial increase in the purchase of Electric Vehicles. For people in the Parish without off road parking, these chargers will hopefully be much more used in the future.

As you all know, our Hall is run as a Charity, and the committee are all unpaid volunteers as well as being trustees and we rely hugely on every one of them. I am personally indebted to them for their support and willingness to continue in their roles.

Our Current Trustees are:

Sally - is our Secretary and we are delighted that she is going to continue as such.

Paul – looks after the Cottage and deals with Helen Breeze, our agent. There is always something needing attention.

Graham – is our Treasurer and does a wonderful job looking after our finances,

Gill – keeps an eye on the Kitchen and ad hoc jobs as well as the necessary monthly checks and annual servicing.

Sandy has taken on the crucial role of Bookings Secretary following Lizzie Hill's move to Bath. This is a huge job and we really appreciate all Sandy's hard work.

Chris – is the Trustee responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the Hall. There were many calls on his help in the year.

Those not on the Main committee but to whom we owe a huge thank you are:

Steve Sullivan – who is our External Examiner and checks the Accounts and

Tracy James – for keeping the Hall clean and tidy. She is always so flexible when there are parties in the hall at weekends – she works around everyone.

Each year in August we have a morning when we work together to tidy up the external areas of the Hall: we clear the drains, weeds, clean out the oil tank cage and are rewarded with coffee and bacon sandwiches! Thank you to all who came in 2025 – I was delighted that partners of committee members and many other "Friends of the Hall" turned out to help. There were about 16 of us – a record! We know how important it is to keep up regular maintenance of the Hall.

Our finances remain healthy, and Graham will be giving us more details in his report.

I have been Chair for a while now (since 2018). As the committee is so great and so supportive and willing to continue in their posts, I am happy to continue as Chair for the moment.

As has been said at previous meetings, the Hall is a focal point in our Village and is very important to community life, but we do need support from organisations that use the Hall to help on our Committee.

Marian Hemsted
April 2026

PLAXTOL MEMORIAL HALL

Charity number: 302817

Financial Statements
31st December 2025

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd., 25, Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling. ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Steve Sullivan

Statement of Financial Activities:

	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
Income		
Hall: Letting Income	11,977.53	12,546.83
Cottage: Rental Income	11,182.50	11,070.00
Other Income	2,458.74	3,145.50
Total Income	**25,618.77**	**26,762.33**
Expenditure		
Hall: Direct Costs	12,936.97	16,931.58
Cottage: Running costs	6,452.95	8,228.02
Administration	60.00	60.00
Total Expenditure	**19,449.92**	**25,219.60**
Net Movement in Funds	**6,168.85**	**1,542.73**
Balances brought forward at 1st January	88,366.26	86,823.53
Balances carried forward	**94,535.11**	**88,366.26**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Plaxtol Memorial Hall

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As the Charities Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). However, your constitution requires that an independent examination be carried out.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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

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



Steve Sullivan
Lower Dux, Dux Lane, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks.

Date: 21st March 2026

Plaxtol Memorial Hall

Balance Sheet
31st December 2025

	At 31st December 2025 £		2024 £	
FIXED ASSETS				
Land and buildings (see Note 1)		14,139.35		14,139.35
Current Assets				
Debtors	4,582.62		4,658.04	
Prepayments	3,952.89		4,252.30	
Bank Accounts				
Current	-		-	
CAF Cash Account	8,766.64		3,195.09	
CAF Gold Account	64,615.62		64,562.46	
Deposit	-		-	
Total Cash at Bank	73,382.26		67,757.55	
Total Current Assets	**81,917.77**		**76,667.89**	
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors	89.58		1,414.24	
Other Creditors	-		-	
KCC Grant for Floor (see Note 2)				
P.A.Y.E.	-		-	
Accruals	1,432.43		1,026.74	
Total Current Liabilities	**1,522.01**		**2,440.98**	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		80,395.76		74,226.91
NET ASSETS		**94,535.11**		**88,366.26**
CAPITAL & RESERVES				
Opening Balance		88,366.26		86,823.53
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Plaxtol Memorial Hall Revenue Account
At 31st December 2025

	Actual at 31st Dec 2025		At Year End 2024		Budget 2025
	£	£	£	£	
HALL					
Letting Income	**11,977.53**		**12,546.83**		**12,500**
Direct Costs					
Insurance	3,235.96		3,154.81		3,500
Maintenance & Repairs	1,753.89		1,737.23		3,000
Council Tax	192.23		92.03		130
Water rates	1,001.73		509.35		600
General Consumables	154.73		286.39		300
Cleaning	3,554.30		3,336.65		3,500
Electricity	1,591.20		3,632.14		3,000
Gas - LPG	1,283.99		1,529.70		1,700
Licences & Subscriptions	128.94		(81.74)		280
Advertising	40.00		40.00		40
Replacement External Window	-		1,505.02		
Archive Door & external painting	-		1,190.00		
Total Direct Costs	**12,936.97**		**16,931.58**		**16,050**
Surplus / (Deficit) from Hall Lettings		**(959.44)**		**(4,384.75)**	**(3,550)**
COTTAGE					
Rental Income	**11,182.50**		**11,070.00**		**11,070**
Agents Fees	1,811.61		1,793.40		1,793
Insurance	360.00		360.00		360
Maintenance & Repairs	445.94		614.76		1,000
New/Replacement equipment					
OSC: Energy Efficiency - Double Glazing	3,835.40				
OSC - Replacement Windows	-		5,459.86		5,500
Cottage Running Costs	**6,452.95**		**8,228.02**		**8,653**
Surplus/(Deficit) from Cottage		**4,729.55**		**2,841.98**	**2,417**
OTHER INCOME					
Fund Raising	-		-		
Gift Aided Donations	62.57		63.93		63
Donations	145.00		-		
Parish Council Grant	1,000.00		1,500.00		1,000
Interest	1,251.17		1,581.57		1,200
Total Other Income		**2,458.74**		**3,145.50**	**2,263**
Administration Costs					
Stationery, Post & Admin.	-		-		200
Bank Charges	60.00		60.00		60
Total Administration Costs		**(60.00)**		**(60.00)**	**(260)**
Overall Surplus/(Deficit)		**6,168.85**		**1,542.73**	**870**

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