



FREELAND VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

PERIOD: 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

CHARITY NAME: Freeland Village Hall

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 304302

TRUSTEES

Robert Crocker	Chair
James Bugg	Secretary
Aliya Galimova	Treasurer
Dorothy Sharpe	Treasurer (Retired)
Shelagh Kardos	Booking secretary
David (Terry) Jones	Vice-chair
Bill Phillips	
Janet Dalton	

Aims of the Village Hall

The Village Hall is for the use of the inhabitants of Freeland and the neighbouring the area without distinction of sex, political, or religious opinion. It is a facility which can be used for meetings, lectures and other forms of recreation and leisure occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life in the above area.

Our Objectives

To maintain, enhance and improve the facilities provided in order to facilitate a wide range of events and activities.

To continue to provide a warm, clean and healthy environment for all our users.

To continue to play our part in the life of our local community through providing access to our amenities and calendar on an up-to-date website and notice board.

To support and encourage a balance of events and activities available to a range of age and mobility.

Regular Activities

Throughout each month the following activities can be seen regularly in Freeland Village Hall

- Baby and Toddler group
- Zumba
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Line dancing
- Beavers, Cubs and Explorer Scouts
- Dance for the younger age group
- Art Group
- Gardening Group
- Women's Institute
- Wine Appreciation Group
- Cake Café
- Funeral wakes
- Dementia Active (New)
- Seated Exercises (New)

Christmas time sees the villagers gather for a Christmas Tree Lighting, with local school pupils carol singing

It is a popular venue, at the weekends, for children's parties, weddings, coffee mornings and Yoga retreats, etc.

In a smaller hall we provide opportunities for

- A weekly Craft group
- Allotment Society meetings
- Music Groups
- Sports groups
- Polling Station (when required)
- A variety of meetings, groups which include Trefoil Group, Freeland Parish Council, etc.

Recreation Facilities

Changing room facilities are provided for both football and cricket teams of all ages.

Freeland Village Hall Management Procedure

An Annual General Meeting is held February of each year. A notice is circulated for attendance affixed on notice boards and in the Parish magazine seven days before the meeting.

The following business is transacted

To receive a report from the Chairperson of the trustees on the main activities of the Charity during the previous year.

To receive and approve the accounts for the past year.

To elect Trustees and from within this group to appoint the following officers for the forthcoming year.

Chairperson - Robert Crocker

Treasurer – Aliya Galimova

Secretary – James Bugg

Shelagh Kardos – Booking Secretary

David Jones – Fire Safety officer

Dorothy Sharpe – retired Treasurer and event invoices, etc.

William Phillips

Janet Dalton

Annual report. The Management Committee must comply with their obligations under Part VI of The Charities Act 1993 regarding the preparation of an annual report with audited accounts and its transmission to the Charity Commission.

The Trustees meet on the first Monday of each month.

The Trustees decide on the Terms and Conditions upon which Freeland Village Hall maybe used.

The Trustees receive no remuneration or benefits, giving their time voluntarily.

A sub-committee meets each October to discuss the finances, in the light of outgoings, and decide on the Hire Charges for the following year.

At this meeting discussions also take place regarding changes to the Conditions of Hire, reviews of Fire Safety and Risk Assessment documents.

The proceedings and conclusions of such sub-committees are taken back to the Trustees for approval at their next meeting.

Volunteers

The Trustees are always grateful for the support and help of our volunteers in 'meeting and greeting' our hall users at the weekends and the update of the website.

Achievements over the 2024 period in refurbishments to Freeland Village Hall

- The oak wooden floor had a surface treatment rendered.
- Following a localised leak the central heating pipework system was renewed and updated in the recreation facility.
- Taps to the washrooms have been updated
- Window frames and door frames painted and one interior wall.

Financial review

A decision was made and approved by the Trustees in 2024 to transfer £5,000.00 from the Holdings Account, into our main active account. This followed an overspend in 2023 due to costly upgrades to furnishing and fittings.

Reserves held in a Holdings Account

The amount of funds held in this account are used for major refurbishments.

In the unlikelihood that, for some reason, the hall must be closed for a period then adequate funds will be needed to cover regular demands on the account such as insurance, utilities, etc.

Future objectives

The Trustees are resolved to provide and maintain the facilities at Freeland Village Hall to a high standard, to ensure its cleanliness and safety, which our users have grown to expect.

The Trustees endeavour to ensure hire charges as low as possible, accessible to the vast majority of people.

The Trustees are mindful of rising costs particularly in relation to utility providers i.e. electricity, gas and water. They continue to explore alternative sustainable sources of energy to replace the existing gas central heating boilers.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *Dorothy E. Sharpe*

Date: 1st January 2025

FREELAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

CASH BOOK BAL B/F £3,659.81

INCOME

RENTS £27,524.25

TRANSFERS £5,000.00

DONATIONS -

OTHER -

£32,524.25

EXPENDITURE

Gas £7,227.53

Electricity £2,016.53

Water £963.32

Internet £458.54

Business Rates £1,064.24

Cleaning £4,202.50

Insurance £369.23

Licence £1,431.76

Maintenance & Repairs £6,283.16

Refurbishment £1,561.04

Sundries £978.69

Website Maintenance £23.99

Other £410.00

£26,990.53

CASH BOOK BAL C/FWD £9,193.53

TOTAL INCOME £ 36,184.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 36,184.06

FREELAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DETAILED INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AT 31.12.2024

53 Jun24	S. J. Wells	FPO		85.00					6,531.46
54 Jun24	SSE Energy Supply	DD					472.82		6,058.64
55 Jul24	A. Treherne	FPO			258.49				5,800.15
56 Jul24	British Gas	DD					214.83		5,585.32
57 Jul24	BT Group	DD					38.83		5,546.49
58 Jul24	Castle Water	FPO					69.54		5,476.95
59 Jul24	Churches Fire	FPO		535.10					4,941.85
60 Jul24	D. Sharpe - Bookers	FPO					115.74		4,826.11
61 Jul24	D. Sharpe - Nelson D/W:	FPO					387.58		4,438.53
62 Jul24	July Fees	TFR	2,847.50						7,286.03
63 Jul24	Piper Heating	FPO			1,771.99				5,514.04
64 Jul24	S. J. Wells	FPO		85.00					5,429.04
65 Aug24	August Fees	TFR	2,224.50						7,653.54
66 Aug24	British Gas	DD					75.70		7,577.84
67 Aug24	BT Group	DD					38.83		7,539.01
68 Aug24	Castle Water	FPO					153.53		7,385.48
69 Aug24	D. Sharpe - GOPAK	FPO					42.00		7,343.48
70 Aug24	J. Blake	FPO		756.50					6,586.98
71 Sep24	British Gas	DD					83.11		6,503.87
72 Sep24	BT Group	DD					38.83		6,465.04
73 Sep24	Castle Water	FPO					359.03		6,106.01
74 Sep24	S. J. Wells	FPO		85.00					6,021.01
75 Sep24	September Fees	TFR	4,061.50						10,082.51
76 Sep24	SSE Energy Supply	DD					483.24		9,599.27
77 Oct24	British Gas	DD					88.25		9,511.02
78 Oct24	BT Group	DD					38.83		9,472.19
79 Oct24	D. Sharpe - Bookers	FPO					163.86		9,308.33
80 Oct24	J. Blake	FPO		618.50					8,689.83
81 Oct24	Lawton Fire Council	BP			540.00				8,149.83
82 Oct24	October Fees	TFR	2,658.50						10,808.33
83 Oct24	WODC	FPO		299.00					10,509.33
84 Nov24	A. Treherne	FPO			190.73				10,318.60
85 Nov24	British Gas	DD					319.43		9,999.17
86 Nov24	BT Group	DD					38.83		9,960.34
87 Nov24	D. Sharpe - Tombola	FPO					20.00		9,940.34
88 Nov24	Monarch Fire	FPO			246.00				9,694.34
89 Nov24	November Fees	TFR	1,966.00						11,660.34
90 Nov24	Piper Heating	FPO			687.92				10,972.42
91 Nov24	R. Crocker	FPO			159.90				10,812.52
92 Nov24	Robert Harris	FPO			800.00				10,012.52
93 Nov24	S. J. Wells	FPO		85.00					9,927.52
94 Dec24	A. Treherne	FPO			233.94				9,693.58
95 Dec24	A.J. Trigg	FPO			180.00				9,513.58
96 Dec24	British Gas	DD					636.05		8,877.53
97 Dec24	BT Group	DD					38.83		8,838.70
98 Dec24	December Fees	TFR	1,472.75						10,311.45
99 Dec24	J. Blake	FPO		476.00					9,835.45
100 Dec24	SSE Energy Supply	DD					551.92		9,283.53
101 Dec24	The Bin Cleaner	FPO		90.00					9,193.53