Weldon Village Hall Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity name: Weldon Village Hall
Charity registration number: 30446
Principal address: Weldon Village Hall, Bridge Street, Weldon, Corby, NN17

Reporting period: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Reference and administrative details

The charity is managed by its trustees, who are responsible for the overall governance, financial management and strategic direction of Weldon Village Hall.

Trustees who served during the year:
Judith Spear, Janet Fellows, Eve Ratcliffe, Eve Price, Ann Harte, Leanne Barratt, Carlene Fox, Peter Higgins, Liam Gibbons, Megan Jones, Sarita Walvin and Tim Walvin.

Chair: Eve Ratcliffe / Leanne Barratt
Treasurer: Janet Fellows
Secretary: Judith Spear

Structure, governance and management

Weldon Village Hall is a registered charity operating on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the local community. The hall is managed entirely by a volunteer committee, supported by paid operational roles including the caretaker and cleaner.

During the year, there were some changes to the committee, including the Chair stepping into the role partway through the year following the previous Chair's decision to stand down. The committee also said goodbye to some members and welcomed new volunteers, bringing fresh energy and support to the running of the hall.

Trustees and committee members are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document. The committee remains committed to maintaining effective governance, ensuring the hall is well managed, financially stable and able to meet the needs of the village.

Objectives and activities

The objective of Weldon Village Hall is to provide and maintain a community building for the benefit of residents of Weldon and the surrounding area. The hall offers a welcoming, accessible and affordable space where people of all ages can meet, learn, socialise, exercise, celebrate and take part in community life.

The majority of hall users live within the Parish of Weldon. The hall is the only facility of its kind in the village and provides an important home for a wide range of local groups and activities.

Regular users include Weldon Pre-School, Weldon Amateur Theatrical Society, Weldon Art Club, yoga classes, badminton, indoor bowls, kettlebells, martial arts classes, the Weldon Branch of the Royal British Legion, St Mary's Church and Weldon Parish Council. The hall also hosts one-off events including children's parties, weddings, fetes, bazaars, fundraising events and community gatherings.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when reviewing the charity's aims and activities. The Commission says all trustees' annual reports must explain the charity's purposes, what it has done during the year to carry out those purposes and confirm that trustees have taken public benefit guidance into account where relevant.

Achievements and performance

The hall continued to be well used throughout the year, with strong bookings from both regular users and one-off hirers. This reflects the continued importance of Weldon Village Hall as a central community space and a place where village life can thrive.

During the year, the trustees made good progress with maintenance and improvements to the building. Essential electrical works were completed to meet insurance requirements, helping to ensure the hall remains safe and compliant. A number of smaller improvements were also carried out, including the installation of new taps and improvements to guttering.

The charity was also pleased to secure grant funding towards the refurbishment of the main hall ceiling, with the work planned for 2026. This project will support the long-term upkeep of the building and help ensure the hall remains a safe, welcoming and well-maintained space for all users.

Fundraising and community events continued to play an important role in supporting the hall. A bingo night held during the year was particularly successful and the committee plans to build on this by holding further events and an open evening to showcase the hall and encourage wider community use.

The trustees have also begun exploring ways to make the hall easier for users to access and book, including the possibility of developing a new website and introducing an online booking system.

Public benefit

Weldon Village Hall provides clear public benefit by supporting a wide range of activities for people of all ages in the Parish of Weldon. It is used by children from the age of two through Weldon Pre-School, by young people through theatrical and activity-based groups, by adults through sport, fitness and community activities, and by older residents through groups such as bowls and art.

Many of these groups would struggle to find an alternative local venue within walking distance if the hall were not available. By providing a safe, affordable and flexible space, the charity helps residents live healthier, more active, independent and fulfilled lives. It also reduces isolation, supports social connection and strengthens community life.

Every investment made in the hall directly benefits local residents and helps protect the long-term sustainability of this important community asset.

Financial review

For the year ended 31 December 2025, Weldon Village Hall recorded income of **£30,315** and expenditure of **£24,996.**

The charity remains in a stable financial position. Income is generated primarily through hall hire, regular users, one-off bookings, fundraising and grants. These funds are used to meet the running

costs of the hall, including utilities, insurance, maintenance, cleaning, caretaker support and essential repairs.

Like many small, volunteer-run charities, Weldon Village Hall continues to face rising costs, particularly in relation to insurance, utilities and routine maintenance. The trustees continue to budget carefully and seek grant funding where appropriate to support larger repair and improvement projects.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains able to meet its day-to-day obligations and continue investing in the maintenance and improvement of the hall.

Principal funding sources:
Hall hire

Volunteers and thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who supports Weldon Village Hall, including committee members, regular users, hirers and the wider community.

Particular thanks go to Fiona, the caretaker, and Lidia, the cleaner, for their continued work in helping to keep the hall running smoothly.

The trustees also record their sincere thanks to Janet Fellows, who will be stepping down after an exceptional 38 years of service. Her long-standing dedication to the hall and the wider community is greatly appreciated.

Plans for the future

Looking ahead, the trustees plan to continue investing in the hall and improving the way it is managed and accessed by the community. Key priorities include progressing the main hall ceiling refurbishment, exploring a new website and online booking system, and continuing to develop fundraising and community events.

The committee will also need to recruit a new treasurer, which is a key role for the charity's ongoing financial management and governance.

Overall, the trustees are positive about the future. Weldon Village Hall remains well used, financially stable and supported by a committed group of volunteers and local residents.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

J S Spear

Name: Judith Spear
Position: Trustee
Date: 01.09.26

Weldon Village Hall Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

		2025	2024
Current Assets			
	Debtors	1,913.00	212.19
	Nationwide	0.00	0.00
	Barclays Bank	23,738.44	19,472.00
	Cash	2.87	623.62
		25,654.31	20,307.81
Current Liabilities			
	Deferred Revenue		
	Creditors	(960.00)	(932.00)
		(960.00)	(932.00)
Net Current Assets		24,694.31	19,375.81
Financed by:			
Accumulated Fund			
	Balance @ 01-01-24	19,375.81	19,713.20
	Add Surplus/(Deficit) for year	5,318.50	(337.39)
		24,694.31	19,375.81

I have examined the books and records of Weldon Village Hall and agree that they are a true record of the affairs of the Hall.

Weldon Village Hall Income & Expenditure Account

	2025		2024	
Income				
Hire of Hall	28,170.37		25,197.00	
Grant - NNCC - Roofing	0.00		17,000.00	
Weldon P Council	1,000.00		999.00	
'Rumbles' Raffle	230.00		0.00	
Bingo	665.00		595.00	
Planet Aid	250.00		50.00	
Total Income		30,315.37		43,841.00
Hall Running Costs				
Windows	180.00		130.00	
Grounds Maintenance	670.00		1,730.00	
Annual Services	1,351.14		982.07	
Annual Floor Maintenance	0.00		0.00	
Consumables	1,244.70		834.32	
Maintenance / Repair	1,253.92		708.32	
Insurance Claims	0.00		0.00	
Equipment	0.00		168.98	
Caretaker & Cleaner	9,384.17		8,677.42	
Mobile Phone	265.42		144.16	
Insurance	2,914.26		2,618.65	
Rates	538.92		512.95	
Refuse Collection	638.43		493.48	
Electricity	1,992.58		2,381.53	
Gas	2,291.15		2,059.88	
Water	1,807.41		1,163.48	
		24,532.10		22,605.24
Other Expenses				
Subscriptions	48.00		48.00	
Donations	75.00		0.00	
Presentations	23.16		21.00	
Performing Rights	268.61		-649.46	
Miscellaneous	0.00		22.55	
		414.77		-557.91
Administration				
Administration Expenses	0.00		8.99	
Stationery / Photocopying	0.00		0.00	
Auditor	50.00		50.00	
		50.00		58.99
Major Expenditure				
Roofing	0.00		18,978.00	
Gents Toilets Refurbishment	0.00		1,320.47	
Land Registry	0.00		1,473.60	
King's Portrait	0.00		300.00	
		0.00		22,072.07
Total Expenditure		24,996.87		44,178.39
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		5,318.50		(337.39)

CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Weldon Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended: 31/12/25 | Charity no (if any): 304446

Set out on pages: 3-4
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: David Clark Date: 28/3/26

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