# TATWORTH MEMORIAL HALL

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

## 31 MARCH 2026

# Tatworth Memorial Hall

Register Charity 304651

## Trustees' Annual Report

## 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Secretary to the Trustees
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**Trustees:**

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| Anne Goody | Chairman |
| Natalie Larcombe | Vice Chairman |
| Andrew Spiller | Treasurer |
| Sheila Harding | Secretary and Bookings Secretary |
| Leonie Aston | Kimberley Gaylard (Resigned 23.10.25) |
| Jill Bond (Resigned 23.10.25) | Rebecca Jacobs (App. 23.10.25) |
| Angela Davies (App. 23.10.25) | Barbara Mattey |
| Grant Davies (App. 23.10.25) | Rena Moxon (Resigned 23.10.25) |
| Bernard Deeprose | Gladys Prince |
| Malcolm Denslow (Resigned 23.10.25) | Jacqueline Sheldrake (App. 23.10.25) |
| Kaye Down. (Resigned 23.10.25) | Jordan Totterdell |
| Richard Down (Resigned 23.10.25) | Russ Wardell |

**Bankers: Lloyds bank**
**Investment Managers: Rathbone**, Southernhay Gardens, Exeter EX1 1UG
**Independent Financial Examiner: TCAS Ltd**, 2 Victoria Hall, Coombe Lane, Axminster, Devon EX13 5AX
**Solicitors: WBW Solicitors**, Blackdown Chambers, Unit 10 Weycroft Avenue, Axminster, Devon EX13 5HU
**Insurers: Allied Westminster Insurance Services**, Boston Spa, LS23 6BN

## Governance

Tatworth Memorial Hall is a registered charity which was established by a Trust Deed dated 5 July 1952. The Trust Deed is held, together with other important documents, by our solicitors. The Hall was opened in 1953 and was extended and refurbished in 2001 with help from the National Lottery, Somerset County Council, South Somerset District Council, The Countryside Agency, Tatworth and Forton Parish Council and many private donations. The Hall and land are held in trust on behalf of the Parish by the trustees who are responsible for the management of the Hall, its finances and for keeping the building in a good state of repair. The Hall comprises the main hall, kitchen, foyer, Cozens' Room and bar, the Brewer and Stonham Rooms and the Parish Council Office in the Hoskins' Annexe, storerooms, toilets and car park. The children's play area and adjacent land are leased to Somerset Council to provide a children's centre and/or use by a pre-school.

## Appointment of Trustees

The Trust Deed governs the appointment of trustees and the management of the charity. Seven trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting held each year. In addition, eight local organisations have the right to nominate a trustee. Each trustee serves for a period of one year and may be re-appointed. The trustees form the Management Committee of Tatworth Memorial Hall which has the power to co-opt up to two further trustees. The Management Committee meets 6 times a year.

## Objectives of the Charity

The Trust Deed requires the charity to provide "physical and mental training and recreation and, social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreation and entertainment or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of Tatworth and Forton and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex, of political, religious or other opinions'.

## Principal Activities in pursuit of Objectives

The Hall is used almost every day of the year for a variety of activities associated with the Parish's many clubs and societies, the Parish Council and private hirings.

## Hiring Agreement

Use of the Memorial Hall is subject to a Hiring Agreement which must be signed by the hirer when booking. This agreement sets out the conditions of hire and forms a contract between the parties setting out their respective responsibilities. This is an essential requirement of the Hall's insurance policy.

## Licences

The Hall has a premises licence issued by Somerset Council governing the provision of entertainment to the public and the sale and supply of alcohol. The licence is held by the trustees who are collectively responsible for its administration. The Hall is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

## Risk Management

The Management Committee recognises that it is under a legal obligation to protect the building, its hirers and employees through adequate and appropriate insurance.

The Hall is insured with respect to property damage (buildings insurance) by Allied Westminster Insurance Services Ltd (Sum assured: £1,180,215). It is insured with the same company with respect to contents (£45,815), public liability (£10 million), employer's liability (£10 million), trustee indemnity (£250,000) and legal expenses (£100,000).

Subject to certain conditions, hirers who have no public liability cover of their own are included under the Hall's public liability insurance to a maximum of £2 million. The cover does not extend to commercial hirers.

## Maintenance Matters

Gas appliances and portable electrical appliances are tested by qualified personnel periodically as required by law.
The electrical circuitry is tested by a qualified electrician every five years.
Safety and Fire Risk Assessments are carried out regularly.
Fire fighting appliances (annually) and Fire Alarms system (6 monthly) are inspected and serviced.
Trustees carry out regular maintenance checks and hirers are required to note any faults or defects in the maintenance book which is checked regularly by the committee.
Hirers are required to record all accidents in the Accident Record Book.

## Financial Strategy

The trustees have agreed Financial and Investment Policies which set out their responsibility for the prudent management of Hall funds. It is the objective of the trustees to set hire charges at a level which ensures the basic running costs of around £400 per week are met. Any surplus is transferred to the reserves. In 2003 the Memorial Hall received a legacy of £100,000 from the will of Jack Stonham, a resident of the parish. The purpose of this legacy is to improve the fabric of the hall and its facilities. Trustees have agreed a formal investment policy for the fund which aims to establish a long-term building fund and a medium-term repair fund to meet the cost of major repair and renovation of the existing building. These investments are managed by Rathbone investment Management Ltd and held in appropriate Rathbone funds.

## Volunteers' Efforts

The running costs of the Hall are kept as low as possible by voluntary work of the trustees and others. In addition, the Hall has the services of a cleaner, a caretaker and the occasional handyman. On average 40 hours of trustee and other volunteers time are given each week to cover routine tasks such as repairs, renewals and maintenance matters, bookings, processing payments, correspondence, Management Committee administration, fund raising, and hirer enquires. A considerable amount of trustees' time is devoted in dealing with the ever-increasing burden of compliance with charity law and regulations and health and safety legislation governing community buildings.

## Achievements and Setbacks

The trustees work hard to make the Hall attractive to hirers and measure their success by the range of users and the Hall occupancy. Revenue from letting increased principally from the regular letting of the Stoneham room for a baby and toddler provision run by the preschool. This started from the September term. In additional we have attracted extra regular bookings The letting income increased to £17,877 (2025 £13,512)
The introduction of the baby and toddler letting required £2,500 of additional expenditure to comply with legal requirements. During the year, total costs excluding improvements were in line with the previous year of £22,000.
New energy contracts were agreed which lower the halls energy costs for the year, together with the greater control from the gas heating in the main Hall.

## Achievements

- The Hall made a surplus in the year before investment income.
- New external fencing and new guttering has been installed.
- The exported electricity from the Solar panels has been sold raising £880.
- The monthly Bingo has continued for the year and raised over £4,100 for Hall funds.
- An additional Table Tennis group has started together with regular Dance and Tai Che classes.
- The regular nursery has been established in the annexe room.

## Overall View of the Year and Future Plans

The overall financial position of the Hall remains satisfactory, the accounts show a surplus before investment income for the year, but this is mainly from fundraising. The investments show a solid increase after dividends; however, the March position was down due to the USA attacking Iran. The investments are still subject to the uncertainties of the stock market and interest rates.
The rates charged for the Hall hire were unaltered from the previous year and casual hiring steady, as well as some new regular users. The lease had the 5 year RPI increase applied including one year's increase which was back dated.

## Future Plans

The current squeeze on living standards continues and it is difficult to plan with any confidence. We need to spend to maintain the attractiveness of the hall particular to casual hirers. We have plans to repaint the inside and outside of the building.

## Acknowledgements

The trustees would again like to thank the residents of Tatworth and Forton for their support of the Hall. Many Hall bookings come from the parish and its many and various clubs, societies and organisations. Unlike many village halls the Hall does not receive regular grant support towards running costs and must be self-supporting. We are also grateful for the support and help given in running monthly fund-raising bingos.

The trustees would like to thank our caretaking team of Eric Peadon and Shona Barnes for their efforts in keeping the Hall and grounds in good order and ensuring a welcoming environment for hirers. We would also like to express our thanks for the support of the Parish council.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

S J Harding

Shelia Harding
Secretary to the Trustees

Date 9-9-26

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## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilites

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of its financial activities for the period, together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the period and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business and
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under S144 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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## Independent Examiner's report to the Management committee of Tatworth Memorial Hall

This report on the Accounts of Tatworth Memorial Hall for the year ended 31 March 2026 is in respect of an examination carried out under S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's trustees the Management Committee are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of S.144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under S.145 (5)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examinations were carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. That 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 the seeking of explanations from you, as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**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 S.130 of The Act; and
   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The Act have not been met; or

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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.



V C Trott, FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

Dated 17.9.26

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## Notes to the Financial Statements
## For the year ended 31 March 2026

### 1. Accounting Policies

Accountancy Convention

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice and the Charities Act 2011

### 2. Management Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any member of the Management Committee.

### 3. Deferred restricted legacy

The balance of The Charles and Jack Stonham Memorial Fund monies, £80,000 remains invested with Rathbones.

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

| 2025 | | | 2026 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| | | **RECEIPTS** | | |
| | 13512 | Lettings of Hall | 17927 | |
| | 3578 | Nett Proceeds from Fund Raising | 4505 | |
| | 3380 | Lease - Somerset County Council | 5644 | |
| | 842 | Sundry Income | 830 | |
| | 300 | Grant | 50 | |
| | 2810 | Dividends | 2759 | |
| | 3 | Interest Received | 4 | |
| 24425 | | | | 31719 |
| | | **LESS: PAYMENTS** | | |
| | 6507 | Cleaning - Wages and Materials | 6704 | |
| | 10735 | Maintenance - Repairs & Renewals | 9951 | |
| | 6466 | Light, Heat & Power | 3855 | |
| | 1230 | Water & Sewerage Charges | 1224 | |
| | 1176 | Insurance | 1208 | |
| | 376 | General Administration & Licensing | 388 | |
| | 579 | Telephone | 711 | |
| | 5 | Advertising, Printing, Stationery & Postage | 25 | |
| | 168 | Accountant's Charges | 180 | |
| | - | Bank Charges | 1 | |
| | 213 | Sundry Expenses | 84 | |
| 27455 | | | | 24331 |
| (3030) | | **SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR** | | 7388 |

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

| | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CASH AND BANK BALANCES AS AT 1 APRIL 2025** | | | |
| Lloyds Bank PLC | - Treasurers Account 0349754 | 5864 | |
| Rathbones | | 131128 | |
| Cash In Hand | | 429 | |
| Key Deposits Held | | (140) | |
| | | | 137281 |
| **ADD: SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR** | | | 7388 |
| **INCREASE IN INVESTMENT VALUATION** | | | 6530 |
| **CASH AND BANK BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2026** | | | 151199 |
| Lloyds Bank PLC | - Treasurers Account 0349754 | 9873 | |
| Rathbones | | 140421 | |
| Cash In Hand | | 1045 | |
| Key Deposits | | (140) | |
| | | | 151199 |
| **MEMORIAL HALL** - Site, Building & Equipment - at Cost | | | 128300 |

**The Financial Statement were approved by the Trustees on** 9-9-26 **(Date)**

M S Goody **Mrs A Goody, *Chair***

S J Harding **Mrs S Harding, *Secretary***

A. Spiller **Mr A Spiller, *Treasurer***