Laxfield Village Hall
The Link, Laxfield
IP13 8DY
Charity No. 304781

REPORT FOR LAXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL: Covering year to April 2026

The Village Hall AGM will be held on 24th April 2026.

Current Management Committee members are: Becky Stewart-Winn (Secretary and Marketing), Caroline Emeny (Treasurer and Bookings), Monica Wilkins (Fundraising), Colin Emeny (Building Maintenance), Bill Shuttle, Pen Bicheno and Dawn Jeakings. The Committee was very pleased to welcome Debi Rice as a co-opted member up to February 2026.

The role of Chair is currently vacant.

Regular activities at the hall included:

- Fitness classes for older people, Zumba and Pilates
- Art Group
- Film Nights
- Dance classes for adults and children
- Carpet Bowls
- Pickleball has recently started and is proving to be popular

One-off events organised by the Management Committee included:

- Live Music (Mulley & Winn, Downtime Jazz)
- Annual Music Quiz
- The Lax Factor
- Christmas Dance with local bands
- Touring theatre performances
- Vintage Afternoon Tea with live music
- Sleeping Beauty pantomime with 5 sell-out performances

Bookings by local residents and organisations included:

- Laxfield & District Horticultural Society Annual Show
- Children's birthday parties
- Wakes and weddings
- FOALS (Friends of Laxfield School) Children's Disco
- Laxfield Good Neighbour Scheme
- Speedwatch
- Laxfield Museum opening and closing events and Ceilidh
- Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
- Community Land Trust consultations

- Private student tuition
- Charity Quiz Nights in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance
- 'The Real Manhunter' presentation organised by All Saints Church
- Parish Council consultation events

Hall Maintenance and Upgrades:

- Routine maintenance and checking of fire safety equipment and heating/air-conditioning system has been carried out.
- The hall has been redecorated inside throughout.
- The stage lighting system has been upgraded with lights that run silently.
- The audio system wiring has been upgraded and made easier to use.
- Tablecloths and rechargeable lamps have been bought to enhance the setting for cabaret-type events.

Finance:

The hall maintains a stable financial position, with income meeting running costs despite the increases in utility and service charges.

We are pleased to have held booking fees for another year.

Summarised accounts are attached.

Laxfield Village Hall Management Committee

LAXFIELD VILLAGE HALL: Income & Expenditure 01/01/25 – 31/12/25

c/acount Balance at Bank Brought Forward 1.1.2025			£11,145.55
INCOME			
Regular hirer income		£7,137.65	
One Off Events income		£2,451.48	
Music Quiz		£373.65	
Panto income		£3,749.38	
Laxfactor		£430.00	
Christmas Dance		£912.60	
Bar income		£3,856.78	
Grant Income		£1,425.00	
Vat refund		£1,488.75	
Total of all income		**£21,825.29**	£32,970.84
EXPENDITURE			
Caretaker	£2,435.92		
Air Conditioning/ Fire alarm	£870.10		
Phone / B Band	£379.98		
Electricity	£1,429.13		
Water & Sewage	£396.34		
Parish magazine	£90.00		
Miscellaneous / New Equip ment	£2,398.32		
insurance	£1,153.48		
Filmclub	£460.80		
Premises Licences/ PPL PRS	£465.06		
Pantomine	£1,397.67		
Bar Stock	£1,546.67		
Training	£62.00		
VAT	£997.59		
Transfer to deposit account			
Reconciles	£14,083.06		£14,083.06

As per bank current account 31/12/25 £18,887.78

			interest	
Deposit Account B/F 1 Jan 2025		£27,728.94	£98.08	06-Mar
Transfer from current account			£92.44	03-Jun
			£92.67	02-Sep
			£81.73	04-Dec
Add Interest accumulated over the year		Interest	£364.92	
Balances as at 31.12.2025		£28,093.86	balances 31/12/25	

Totals	Current A/C	£18,887.78	as at 31/12/25
Interest	Deposit	£28,093.86	as at 31/12/25
	Cash Float	£230.00	as at 31/12/25
	Total	**£47,211.64**	**Total cash asetc**