

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

Trustees Report for the Year January – December 2024

REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT

The hall remained closed until July while repair work was undertaken following the flood on October 20 2023. Hiscox (Insurers) arranged for Anglia Revival to dry out the building and agreed to Kerslake carrying out the redecoration, following a tendering process by the Trustees.

Hiscox paid the costs of all repairs, including the additional electricity required to run fans and dehumidifiers for 43 days and a reasonable sum to cover the loss of income while the hall was closed. Kerslake were paid via the village hall account soon after funds were received from Hiscox. The village hall was liable only for the £100 excess.

As expected, the buildings and contents insurance for 2024/25 has been increased by Hiscox from £520.10 to £858.73 (67%) with an excess of £5,000 for flood damage. This arrangement was negotiated on our behalf by Community Action Suffolk (as insurance brokers) and it is expected that the excess, and possibly the premium, will be reduced if there is no further claim for flood damage within 3 years.

The Parish Council have agreed to continue paying for the village hall insurance at a rate similar to that of previous years, which amounts to 50% of the current premium (village hall £429.36, Parish Council £429.37).

- New castors were fixed to one of the chair trolleys and the Bowls Club storage box.
- A new outside light and censor was installed.
- A new kettle was added to the kitchen equipment.
- The floor polisher was sold for £70 as it was not required for the new floor.

BOOKINGS

Use of the hall has stabilised since it was reopened with weekly Bowls Club sessions and a monthly art class. One-off bookings are also building up but the hall continues to be under-used so the income from hiring fails to cover costs.

The AGM decided to:

- Increase hire charges by £1 to £8 per hour for the entire length of the hire period.
- Discontinue subsidising electricity usage and charge the full rate of 28p per kWh.
- Charge fundraising events a nominal fee of £10 (previously been free to users).

It was agreed the trustees would consider marketing the hall via the Community News (if affordable) and on-line with better information about the hall and facilities. This might also be combined with an on-line booking system, although it was noted that in some cases an alternative method would be required.

FUTURE WORK

The Trustees will examine the possibilities for:

- Installing Wi-Fi.
- Adding more sockets to the ring-main in the hall.
- Install some form of background heating to reduce condensation.

ELECTRICITY

The new smart meter stopped working around March and was finally replaced in October, despite reporting the issue to E-ON in May. The main electricity meter had also failed, so this was replaced at the same time. E-ON were therefore unable to determine the amount of electricity consumed between March and October but as we had continued to make monthly payments it was agreed that this sum would be adequate for the period during which the meters were not operating.

This payment was actually covered by our insurance claim for flood damage.

MANAGING THE VILLAGE HALL

The accounts for 2024 show that the annual expenses for running the village hall are now about £3,100 due to increasing costs, particularly for insurance cover. Income from hiring the hall amounts to about £650, from the Parish Council about £430 and fundraising and donations about £800, which equals £1,880 so leaving a shortfall of about £1,220 a year.

Reserves at the moment are well able to manage the deficit and it is hoped that further annual fundraising efforts and better marketing will enable the hall to at least break even.

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2024

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Hall Hire	1,031.00	Refunded Deposits	383.50
Tent Hire	50.00	Electricity	925.08
Standing Orders	120.00	Water/sewage	-
Donations	95.00	Fire Safety	88.44
Grants	-	Cleaning/Grass/Hedge*	645.00
Fundraising	585.00	Maintenance	48.00
Insurance (Parish Council)	429.37	Hall Improvements	85.29
Electric Meter	140.00	Premises Licence	70.00
Insurance Claim	22,563.67	Miscellaneous	-
		Insurance	858.73
		Insurance Claim**	20,334.00
Total	25,014.04	Total	23,438.04

* Includes part of 2023

** Payment to Kerslake for flood damage repairs

GENERAL FUND	£	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£
Balance at 01/01/2024	20,402.44	Balance at 01/01/2024	8,076.81
Income	25,014.04	Interest	121.51
Subtotal	45,416.48		8,198.32
Expenditure	23,438.04		
Balance at 31/12/2024	21,978.44		
TOTAL FUNDS	30,176.76		

Chair of Trustees



Date

16-2-2025

Treasurer



Date

16/02/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2024 Charity no (if any) 304840

Set out on pages

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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: Richard Tomkin

Date: 4/03/2025

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

