

BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Registered Charity no 305168

**Trustees' Annual Report
& Accounts**

**for the year ended
31 March 2025**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the above period.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRS102)

Administrative Information

Trustees who served during the year

Elected -

Mrs T Langmead	Chairman	from 15.7.24
Mr P Lewis	Chairman	retired 15.7.24
Mrs J Brain		
Mr G Brown		retired 15.7.24
Mrs L Dobson	Secretary	
Mr N Chillingworth		appointed 15.7.24
Mrs S. Batehup		appointed 15.7.24

Representative -

Miss S Bloomfield	Beckley Preschool
Mrs G Brooks	Beckley Guide Group
Mrs N Vadorin	Beckley Parish Council
Mrs M Goddard	Beckley Women's Institute
Mrs P Lamplugh	Beckley Players

Address: The Bartletts, Main Street, Beckley, Rye TN31 6RR

Other Officers (not Trustees): Treasurer Miss M Howse

Registered charity number: 305168

Independent Examiner: Zoe Gleisner, The Orchards, Main Street, Beckley TN31 6RR

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, Rye, East Sussex

Objects and Activities

The object of the Trust is to maintain Beckley Village Centre for the benefit of the inhabitants of Beckley. The Management Committee (the Trustees) aims to provide first class facilities at affordable cost to voluntary organisations serving the community.

Public benefit

When planning the charity's activities the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by trust deed dated 1 April 1960.

Appointment of Trustees

5 elected trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Of the original and subsequent Beckley organisations entitled to appoint representatives

5 appoint, 12 either no longer exist or have been succeeded by other groups.

The Trustees may co-opt up to 5 additional trustees.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are provided with information on structure and recent financial performance and are encouraged to consult with the Officers to facilitate the undertaking of their role.

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Trustees Report Continued

Organisation

The Trustees meet as the Village Centre Management Committee four times a year. Day-to-day management is in the hands of the officers. The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They include:

- an annual budget approved by the Trustees
- regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results
- a programme for regular maintenance work

Achievements and Performance

During the year, Beckley Village Centre had 542 room bookings (473 in 2024). Trustee, Nick Chillingworth continues to manage maintenance and has undertaken redecoration of the main areas of the Centre.

Supported by a grant from the Village Halls Energy Project, solar panels have been installed during the winter.

Much time was occupied in changing bank mandates with the change of officers due to bank inefficiencies.

Lisa Baker, our cleaner, keeps the Centre in good order which is appreciated by the trustees and the users of the Village Centre.

Volunteers

The Farmers' Market run by Natasha Vadorin goes from strength to strength, Stall space is in demand and the WI continue providing much appreciated refreshments. Bookings and administration continue to be dealt with by Mary Howse with support from the Trustees

Financial Review

The attached accounts show an overall surplus of £4,224 (2024 £4,124). However, without the 50% grant toward solar panels this would have been a loss of £1,680. The Diamond Divas continued their fund-raising for the Centre with successful events. The Trustees are grateful for the donations and grants supporting the work of the charity throughout the year. The Road Race, now in its 25th year, continues to be sponsored by M & S Electrical (UK) Ltd. and Tricia Lamplugh's Jumble Sale again raised over £700.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charity is to maintain sufficient reserves on current account to cover day-to-day costs and build up deposit funds to provide for recurring non-annual maintenance work.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trust Deed authorises the trustees to invest general funds of the charity not required for working purposes. The trustees having regard to the cash-flow of the charity keep available funds in interest-bearing accounts.

Future Plans

The possibility of Beckley Preschool moving to purpose built premises continues to be a major threat to the viability of the Hall. This together with pressure from increased energy costs mean every effort must be made to raise funds

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Trustees' Report Continued

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). These financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for each year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- (c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- (e) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements of the charity comply with Charity Commission guidance. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

TINA LANGMEAD
Chairman

**Report to the Trustees
by the Independent Examiner of Beckley Village Hall Trust
on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 5-10

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed:

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matters 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 section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

ZOE GLEISNER
Independent Examiner
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations & Grants	2	834		5,904	6,738	2,992
Charitable activities	3	16,132			16,132	12,975
Fund-raising activities	4	3,683			3,683	2,749
Interest		288			288	32
Other income	6	-			0	75
Total income		20,937	0	5,904	26,841	18,823
Expenditure						
Raising Funds		57			57	45
Charitable activities	5	19,993	2,472	95	22,560	14,654
Total expenditure		20,050	2,472	95	22,617	14,654
Net Income		887	-2,472	5,809	4,224	4,124
Net transfers between funds			-5,904	5,904	0	0
Net Income and net movement on funds for the year		887	-8,376	11,713	4,224	4,124
Total funds brought forward		42,847	15,008	318,415	376,270	372,146
Total funds carried forward		43,734	6,632	330,128	380,494	376,270

Continuing Operations

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Fixed Assets	11	357,725	348,028
Current Assets			
Stock		105	105
Debtors and prepayments	9	5,707	4,501
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>18,871</u>	<u>24,110</u>
		24,683	28,716
Creditors ``	10	<u>1,914</u>	<u>474</u>
Net current assets		22,769	28,242
		<u>380,494</u>	<u>376,270</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		43,734	42,847
Designated funds		<u>6,632</u>	<u>15,008</u>
Total unrestricted funds		50,366	57,855
Restricted funds	13	330,128	318,415
		<u>380,494</u>	<u>376,270</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

TINA LANGMEAD
Chairman

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

a. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost in accordance with:

- Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act

b. Recognition of incoming resources

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable
- the amount can be measured reliably.

c. Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of running Beckley Village Centre and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Expenditure on fund-raising activities includes associated support costs.

d. Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

e. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the accounts at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

f. Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

g. Investment income

This is included in the accounts when received

h. Fixed assets

Individual, tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at rates calculated to write off costs over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land	nil
Building Fund - Property improvements	nil
General Fund Furniture and equipment	25% reducing balance basis
General Fund improvements	5% reducing balance basis

i. Stocks

Stock for resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

j. VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT. All items in these accounts include attributable VAT.

k. Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative, finance and governance costs which support the Charity's activities.

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Notes to the Accounts year ended 31 March 2025 continued

I. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

m. Doubtful Debts

Trade Debtors are assessed for impairment at each balance sheet date and an impairment loss/provision is made if the expected amount is less than the carrying amount.

n.. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due can be measured or estimated reliably.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
2 Donations and Grants			
Beckley Parish Council	-		500
Individuals including covenants, gift aid and tax refunds	687		436
Village Groups	50		784
Beckley Fund	-		1,253
RDC Village Halls Energy Project		5,904	-
Other donations	97		19
	834	5,904	2,992
3 Income from charitable activities			
Hire charges	12,124		10,793
Bad Debt written off net of reserve (see note 9b)	-		-676
Licences and rents	425		415
Diamond Diva events	1,500		500
Farmers' Market	2,083		1,943
	16,132		12,975
4 Fundraising activities			
Rother Lottery	1,027		839
Jumble Sale	733		700
Road Race	1,923		1,210
	3,683		2,749
5 Charitable activity expenses			
Caretaking and keyholder	4,613		4,044
Light and heat	5,697		3,081
Rates and water	2,041		1,167
Communications	885		793
Insurance	1,556		1,472
Licences and certificates	88		134
Maintenance and repairs (see note 13b)	2,731	1,807	2,060
Kitchen Project Equipment	7	95	21
Solar panels		11,808	-
Bridge and field	100	665	100
Postage, stationery and sundry expenses	164		168
Depreciation	2,111		1,614
	19,993	14,375	14,654
6 Other income			
Compensation	-		75
	0		75

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>			
7 Governance costs					
Governance costs of £8 (2024 £1), consisting of postage and stationery etc, are included in charitable activity expenses at note 5.					
8 Trustees' expenses					
No trustees were paid expenses during the year.					
9a Debtors and prepayments					
Trade/Charitable Activity	4,259	3,125			
Other	454	502			
Prepayments	994	874			
	5,707	4,501			
9b Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts					
Opening balance	-	2,000			
Add charge for year	-	676			
	-	2,676			
Written off in year	-	2,676			
Closing balance	-	-			
10 Creditors and accruals					
Prepayments/advance hirings	225	64			
Other	1,689	420			
	1,914	484			
11 Fixed Assets					
	Building Fund	General Fund			
	Improvements	Furniture/	Improvements	Furniture/	Total
	to Property	Equipment		Equipment	
	£	£	£		£
Cost at 1.4.24	374,161	8,234	38,073	4,447	424,915
Additions in year			11,808		11,808
	374,161	8,234	49,881	4,447	436,723
Depreciation at 1.4.24	55,841	8,234	8,544	4,268	76,887
charge for year			2,066	45	2,111
	55,841	8,234	10,610	4,313	78,998
Net book value at 1.4.24	318,320	-	29,529	179	348,028
Net book value at 31.3.25	318,320	-	39,271	134	357,725

12 Building Fund

In 1999, grant providers, National Lottery, imposed a restriction on sale of the property for 80 years without their permission. With effect from 31 March 2009, the Trustees no longer

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considered it appropriate to provide against this liability. The Building Fund represents the net book value of Freehold Property extension and Improvements completed in 1999 and since. The freehold land and buildings acquired prior to 1 April 1998 have never been included in previous accounts as assets of the charity.

For insurance purposes the entire premises are valued at £1,721,000. Significant costs would be incurred to obtain a professional valuation compared with the benefit thereof

	2,025	2,024
13 Designated Fund costs in year		
Bridge Repairs	665	-
Redecoration	1,807	-
	<u>2,472</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Account balances at 31.3.2025 were:		
Barclays Bank Business Savings Account	17,120	18332
Barclays Bank Current Account	1,703	5579
Cash	48	199
	<u>18,871</u>	<u>24,110</u>

15 Related Parties
 No payments or benefits accrued to any related party during the year.

16 Investments Income
 All of the charity's investment income arises from money held on interest bearing deposit accounts.

17 Employees
 The charity has one part-time employee.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds					
	Building Fund	Kitchen Project	Maintenance Reserve	General Fund	Total
At 31.3.25					
Fixed Assets	318,320			39,405	357,725
Current net Assets			-	6,632	16,137
	<u>318,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,632</u>	<u>55,542</u>	<u>380,494</u>