

## **Village Hall AGM 01/05/2025**

### **Treasurers report**

The accounts for 2024 were prepared and audited. No issues were found.

### ***Key Items on accounts***

#### **INCOME**

The total income excluding grants was £19,160 in 2024 compared to 19,738 in 2023.

The reduction in income is a timing issue to do with the school meal payments with some of the 2022 income arriving in 2023.

Interest on our savings amounted to £261 which was not too different to 2023 which was £271 and the amount of money in the saving account being the same.

This year a number of grant funded hall improvement projects were undertaken. The total grants received amounted to £61,565

In addition due to the timings of the inflows of this grant money only occurring after the projects were completed and interest free loan was received from the treasurer of £3000. This loan money was paid back in 2025 and so is still in the 2024 accounts.

There were no refunds on contract changes in 2024 unlike 2023.

Combining all of the income, the total Income amounted to £83,988 in 2024 compared to £27,369 in 2023.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

In terms of the main expenditure items

Electricity costs were slightly higher in 2024 of £8,416 compared to the rebate adjusted cost of £8,008 in 2023. The contract with octopus energy was renewed in 2024 for a further 12 months but the terms of the contract were fairly similar. It is believed the difference was down to weather with 2024 being marked with particularly poor weather at both the start and the end of the year.

The solar panels and battery storage installation made a small difference to the electricity usage at the end of the year, but as they were only available from early November the contribution they could make in 2024 was limited.

Other Utility costs were broadly the same in total. Water costs rose by £20 in 2024 as did insurance costs. This was offset by reductions in broadband and telephone costs when this contract was renewed in 2024 with a saving approaching £130.

Cleaning costs were up by the rate of inflation as the biggest cost is cleaning staff. £5676 in 2024 compared to £5,280 in 2023

Building and equipment maintenance was only £1,200 in 2024 compared to £1,389 in 2023. It is expected that this number will be a little higher in 2025 as a number of small improvement projects are planned

The hall was successful in receiving a number of grants to reduce the carbon emissions of the hall. These grants were used to

- replace the single glazed windows with double glazing

- install a new insulated roof,

- install solar panels and battery storage

- install energy efficient lighting solutions

The total cost of these projects amounted to £65,493 with grants covering £61,565 of this cost.

Overall the total expenditure for the hall in 2023 was £85,425 compared to £24,307 in 2023.

## **OVERALL**

At the year end the bank balances combined stood at £22,278 down from £23,715 at the end of 2023. However this comparison is distorted by the fact that there was the £3000 interest free loan that was not paid back in 2024 but was in early 2025. The reduction in fund was expected as the grants were nearly £4000 less than the money spent on hall improvements.

However, the electricity costs for the hall are the number 1 cost at the moment. Insulating the property has made a significant improvement in the usability of the hall. We have been able to turn the thermostats down on the radiator and the hall is a much more comfortable temperate in winter and summer. This in turn should result in about a 20% reduction in electricity costs during the colder months.

The solar panels and batteries will also make a difference, in terms of the amount of electricity bought from the grid as well anticipated income from excess electricity flowing back into the grid, particularly when the hall is not being used by the school. This benefit could very significant and will easily recoup the £4,000 of cost to the hall for these improvements. The hall is very grateful for the support from

Rother District Council and the Village Halls Energy Project, without whom these large upgrade projects would not have been possible or the scale of them would have been reduced.

There were no contract changes but one new maintenance contract was entered. The hall signed up to a 10 year maintenance contract with Nova Renewables who installed the solar panels and battery storage.

**Crowhurst Village Hall Management Committee**  
**Report & Accounts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Income School use	14,593	15,409
Income non school use	4,568	4,374
Grants	61,566	550
Pay Phone	0	0
Interest on deposit account	261	272
Refunds on contract changes	0	6,765
Loan	3,000	
Total Receipts	<b>83,988</b>	<b>27,369</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Premises - Utilities</b>		
Rates	200	206
Water	499	474
Electricity	8,417	13,648
Telephone	378	506
Premises - Maintenance		
Cleaning costs	5,677	5,280
Building & equipment maintenance	924	1,250
Grounds Maintenance	276	140
Insurance	961	940
Other Payments	138	469
Premises - Improvements		
Buildings & grounds	65,493	100
Equipment	795	0
Booking Costs	763	630
Administration of the Charity	637	498
Other	48	47
Repayments	0	0
Other Payments	221	120

<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>85,425</b>	<b>24,307</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments) in period	-1,437	3,063
Balances brought forward on 1.1.24	23,715	20,653
Balances carried forward on 31.12.24	<b>22,279</b>	<b>23,715</b>
Santander Commercial Bank Current Account	16,562	18,260
Less Uncleared Cheques Less uncashed cheque		
Deposit Account	453	449
COIF Charity Funds Deposit Account	5,263	5,007
Total	<b>22,279</b>	<b>23,715</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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### Assets

#### Cash Funds

Restricted Funds	Nil
General Reserves	22,278.51

### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	Nil
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### Assets retained for the charities own use

The village hall is insured at a rebuilding cost of: £538,834

The contents of the village hall are insured £12,600

## Notes to the accounts

- 1) These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Standard of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by

Charities (the Charities SORP) and guidance by the Charity Commission. As such, they record cash received and payments made in the period.

- 2) Other expenditure in accounts. This is payment for the music licence for the Hall.

***Richard Day***

**Treasurer : Crowhurst Village Hall Committee**



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of VILLAGE HALL, CROWHURST

On accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2024 Charity no (if any) 305201

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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: D. M. Auger Date: 5th APRIL 2025

Name: David Auger

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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.**

