



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 To 31 March 2025

Charity name: **Mountfield Village Hall**

Charity registration number: **305282**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For use of all inhabitants of the Parish of Mountfield and the neighbourhood for use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The hall is regularly used by local groups for activities such as painting and craft classes, yoga classes, Parish Council meetings and for children's and adult's parties, wedding receptions, etc. In recent years we have worked to reinvigorate the use of the Hall to address rural loneliness and isolation, particularly amongst the elderly, by holding regular monthly get-togethers offering refreshment and conversation. Our aim is to promote general wellbeing to the residents of the parish.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm their commitment to public benefit, particularly in addressing rural loneliness and isolation as mentioned above. Regular events are held by the hall trustees which bring the residents of the village together.

Additional information:

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Help is regularly provided by volunteers at hall organised events held throughout the year. Primarily this is at monthly get-togethers for villagers offering refreshments and conversation, our annual bonfire and fireworks event for the village, our annual Children's Christmas party, and in June 2024 at an open music event held at the hall. All of these contributions made by volunteers help to raise vital funds to maintain the hall.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The village hall provides the only place in the parish for inhabitants to meet together. We consider it especially important to address rural loneliness and isolation, particularly amongst the elderly, by holding regular monthly get-togethers offering refreshment and conversation.</p> <p>By providing the hall for hire for events we allow people from all walks of life to get together for family events and parties to celebrate well-being. We provide space for a social club, exercise classes, art groups, craft activities, a home schooling group and the parish council, to improve the lives of the participants. This includes both local residents and hirers from the wider area.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	A surplus of £1,083 was made in the year ending 31/3/25.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to maintain the fabric of the hall into the future, with expected repairs and maintenance costs required in future years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,521.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The main source of funds is through the hire of the hall for events. We also receive donations through holding our own events, with the annual village bonfire and fireworks event being the main fundraiser.</p> <p>During the current year we received £39k from Rother District Council's Village Halls Energy Project, which enabled us to better insulate the hall and install improved heating from infra-red panels. This helps to guarantee the future viability of the hall as it improves its' ambience and should attract more hirers.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Surplus reserves are held in an interest bearing bank savings account.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed dated 28/10/65
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The committee of management shall consist of Elected members and Representative members and may include Co-opted members. There shall be a minimum of 3 Elected members, to include Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and Representative members consisting of a list of 11 local organisations. All Elected members will be elected at the annual AGM for the period until the next AGM. All inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years of age and upward shall be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mountfield Village Hall
Registered charity number	305282
Charity's principal address	Church Road, Mountfield, East Sussex TN32 5JU

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees
declare that they
have approved the
trustees' report
above.

Signed on
behalf of the charity's
trustees

Signature(s)

N.A.Whines

N.C.Randle

Full name(s)

NEIL ANDREW WHINES

NICHOLAS CARL RANDLE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

CHAIR

SECRETARY

Date

14/01/26

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period	From	01/04/2024	To	31/03/25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds			Total funds to the nearest £	Last Year To 31/03/24 £
		Archiving fund to the nearest £	Childrens /Bonfire to the nearest £	Development funds to the nearest £		
A1 Receipts						
Donations	3,041	-	1,000	-	4,041	1,445
Grants	0	-	-	39,873	39,873	3,090
Hire of hall	7,333	-	-	-	7,333	7,291
Mens Club maintenance contrib.	800	-	-	-	800	800
Mens Club electric contribution	211	-	-	-	211	174
Mens Club cleaning contribution	149	-	-	-	149	139
Mens Club insurance contribution	301	-	-	-	301	168
Mens Club water rates contrib.	65	-	-	-	65	48
Mens Club broadband contrib.	277	-	-	-	277	129
Mabelle book sales	43	-	-	-	43	27
Meanderings book sales	0	79	-	-	79	118
Bonfire event income	0	-	1,874	-	1,874	1,518
Rubicol event income	1,305	-	-	-	1,305	-
Interest	188	-	-	-	188	68
Total receipts	13,713	79	2,874	39,873	56,538	15,015
A2 Payments						
Bonfire event/dropin expenses	29	-	1,806	-	1,835	1,910
Rubicol event expenses	679	-	-	-	679	-
Parent & Child set-up	84	-	-	1,000	1,084	-
Children party expenses	0	-	541	-	541	326
Heat and light	6,787	-	-	-	6,787	4,646
Water + business rates	223	-	-	-	223	107
Insurance	907	-	-	-	907	829
Repairs and maintenance	859	-	-	38,873	39,732	3,765
Grounds/grass mowing	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	1,099
Cleaning	1,182	-	-	-	1,182	1,096
Website maintenance	230	-	-	-	230	205
Performing rights	87	-	-	-	87	77
Action in Rural Sussex	46	-	-	-	46	144
Broadband	710	-	-	-	710	655
Advertising	222	-	-	-	222	194
Sundry expenses/bank charges	78	11	-	-	89	78
Total payments	13,225	11	2,347	39,873	55,455	15,131
Net of receipts/(payments)	488	68	527	-	1,083	-116
A4 Cash funds last year end	6,597	619	2,222	-	9,438	9,554
Funds transfer	1,000	-	-1,000	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,085	687	1,749	-	10,521	9,438

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank – current	773	-	773
	Savings account	7,312	2,436	9,748
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	8,085	2,436	10,521

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

N.A. Whines

Print Name

NEIL ANDREW WHINES

Date of approval

15/07/25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Mountfield Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no (if any)

305282

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 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

[Signature]

Date:

08.06.25

Name:

IRVIE MARCHANT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if

PARISH CLERK / RFO - DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

any):

Address:

ST. GILES

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DALLINGTON EAST SUSSEX TN21 9LA

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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