Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			Period end date		
	1st	April	2025	31st	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	South Heighton Village Hall
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	305309
Charity's principal address	South Heighton Village Hall
	The Hollow, South Heighton
	Newhaven
	Postcode **BN9 0HL**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Scarles	Chairman		
2	Sophia Thorpe	Secretary		
3	Clare Dickins	Treasurer		
4	Norah Bessant			
5	Philippa McTiffin			
6	Louise Baxter			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONVEYANCE AND TRUST DEED DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1971
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	General Charitable Purposes Environment/Conservation/Heritage

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provides buildings/facilities/open space

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Taken from minutes from AGM held 11 May 2026
(covering the period April 2025-March 2026)

Village Hall Improvements
Over the past year, we've made some significant improvements to the village hall. The concrete at the front of the building had begun to break up, so this was replaced, and we also installed new railings by the entrance to improve safety and accessibility.
Inside the hall, we completed a full redecoration and had the curtains professionally cleaned to freshen up the space. We've also ordered a new shed replacement.

Hall Hire
The hall continues to be a much-loved and well-used community asset and is particularly popular for children's parties. Last year, hire income brought in nearly £4,900 — around a 68% increase on last year's income.

Bingo Nights
Attendance at our monthly bingo evenings has increased a little in the last year and we have seen a few new regular faces. Bingo raised just over £800 throughout the year.

Jumble Sales
We held three jumble sales during the year and, together with private sales of donated items and the sale of excess clothing, we raised close to £1,700. These events bring in vital funds so thank you to everyone who donated, helped, and came along to support us.

VE Day Fete
Although the fete wasn't officially organised by the village hall committee, all the committee members helped out at this very successful event, held at the hall in May to celebrate 80 years since VE Day. All profits raised were very generously donated to the village hall, amounting to nearly £1,000. A huge thank you to all the organisers and everyone who helped make the day such a success.

South Heighton Bonfire Society (SHBS)
South Heighton Bonfire Society is a subcommittee of the village hall and is responsible for raising funds for our annual Bonfire Night.
Last year, the Society attended various fetes with their popular games, partnered with Borough Bonfire Society to host a race night, held a 'pirate party' at the village hall and hosted several pub quizzes. In addition, the Hampden Arms has a collection jar for SHBS. The society also charges a small fee to become a member.
Our Bonfire Night was held on 8th November 2025 and attracted approximately 3,500 people. It was a fantastic event — well-managed and well-attended.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves are used for maintaining & improving the village hall and to pay for necessary items to support the events we put on for the local community.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*Sophy Thorpe*	
Full name(s)	Sophia Thorpe	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	26 August 2026	

SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Income and expenditure for the year 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

INCOME

		£	£
Lettings			4872.73
Donations			0.00
Other Fundraising			
	Bingo	995.76	
	Bonfire Night 2025	21289.31	
	Bonfire Night 2026 (fundraising)	1360.43	
	VE Day Fete	2277.78	
			25923.28
Sundries	(Refunds)		531.90
Bank Interest			
	Current		0.00
	Deposit		110.71
Total income			**31438.62**

EXPENDITURE		25/26 £	Prepayments £	Accruals £	rev 24/25 £	
Gas & Electric		1069.97		122.14	-99.74	1092.37
Water/Sewage		371.63		46.70	-40.37	377.96
Insurance		2419.16	-1286.22		1220.26	2353.20
Maint/cleaning		5126.50				5126.50
Special events						
	Bingo	173.06				
	Bonfire Night 2025	15528.78				
	Bonfire Night 2026 (fundraising expenses)	61.41				
	VE Day Fete	1349.45				
						17112.70
Miscellaneous						273.44
Refunds of Cancelled Hall Hire						402.00
Website Fees						390.00
Admin						841.51
Total expenditure						**27969.68**
Surplus of income over expenditure						**3468.94**

SOUTH HEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2026

		£	£		£
Fixed Assets		**2024/25**	**2025/26**		
Improvements to Village Hall		71033.73	0.00		71033.73
Current Assets					
Debtors			0.00		
Prepayments			1286.22		
Bank	Current		2264.28		
	Deposit		18096.97		
				21647.47	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors (uncleared cheques)			0.00		
Accruals			168.84	168.84	
Working Capital					21478.63
Total					**92512.36**
Represented by:					
Capital Fund					14740.66
General Fund				74302.76	
Surplus Income				3468.94	77771.70
					92512.36

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	South Heighton Village Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	305309
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:	A J Stroud	**Date:**	17/10/26
Name:	AMANDA JANE STROUD		
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