

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

### **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

Registered Charity Number: 305320

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The charity's purpose is to provide and maintain the Village Hall for the benefit of the local community. The hall is available for social, educational, and recreational activities, and is managed to ensure accessibility, safety, and affordability for all residents.

During the year, the Trustees continued to oversee the day-to-day running of the hall, ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations, maintaining facilities, and supporting community groups in their use of the premises.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

- The hall hosted regular activities including exercise classes, dog training classes and other events.
- Improvements were made to the toilet facilities and energy efficiency measures were introduced, reducing utility costs.

#### **Financial Review**

Income was generated primarily from hall hire fees although during the year substantial grant funding was received to assist with the cost of works to the toilet block. Other expenditure was focused on maintenance, utilities, and insurance. The charity remains financially stable, with reserves sufficient to cover at least six months of operating costs. It was necessary for a loan to be obtained from ACRE to pay for unexpected work which was identified during work on the toilets block.

The Trustees continue to monitor finances carefully to ensure sustainability and value for money in all activities.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is managed by a committee of Trustees elected annually at the AGM. Trustees are responsible for strategic oversight, compliance with Charity Commission guidance, and ensuring the hall is run for public benefit.

Policies on safeguarding, health and safety, and equal opportunities are reviewed regularly. Risk management procedures are in place to address operational and financial risks.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Village Hall provides facilities that promote social cohesion, wellbeing, and community engagement, accessible to all residents without distinction.

# CROSS IN HAND VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2024 -31 MARCH 2025

**Balance in bank 1 April 2024** **22,374.19**

## Income

Hall hire	14677.50	
Other (inc grant funding)	31800.00	
Interest on deposit cash	135.08	
<b>Total income</b>		<b>46612.58</b>

## Expenditures

Cancellations		
Building repairs	1777.95	
Cleaning and general maintenance	4140.00	
Cleaning and repair materials	327.41	
Boiler service and repairs	515.00	
Gas and Electricity	2360.19	
Water	258.02	
WDC rates	93.56	
Insurance	303.20	
Fire extinguishers service	375.61	
Electrical test		
Website	600.00	
Deposit refunds	485.00	
Toilet area reconfiguration and overhaul (to date)	43063.81	
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>54299.75</b>

**14,687.02**

## Balance in bank 31 March 2025

Current account	351.78	
Deposit account	14335.24	
Cash total		<b>14687.02</b>

## Capital account:

Freehold of the Village Hall (Permanent endowment)		£1
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## To the trustees of Cross in Hand Village Hall charity

Dear Sirs

### **Independent examiners report to the trustees of Cross in Hand Village Hall Charity.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cross in Hand Village Hall Charity for the year ending 31 March 2025.

### **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) 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 of the Act.

### **Independent Examiners statement.**

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect

**A** accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Act.

Or

**B** the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Signed

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Date 29 November 2025