

Chairmans Report 2025

13th June

It's been a very busy year, this year. We got a builder to look at the ceiling in the back hall. It was cracked. It was discovered that the roof was sinking, so that had to be fixed. The drains became blocked, the hall needed redecoration so we decided to only do the main hall and delay the rooms behind the stage to a later time. Maintenance costs a lot of money.

- On the plus side we got quotes for a sound system for the hall. One of the companies we called in suggested we try The National Lottery for a grant. This we did and were successful, and we had enough grant money to also get a projector and screen. That contractor got the job.
- We have held a lot of events this year, another Murder Mystery, a Line Dance, Wine Tasting, as well as our regular Mince Pies and Hot Cross Bun events, (not together) Cake Break and Light Lunch. I'm pleased to say they were all successful with tickets sold out. Many thanks go to the team, Mary, Cath and Sherilyn for organising them, and the helpers who turned out to help, including press ganged spouses.

With The Parish Council and local Residents we joined up to organize celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We had tremendous support from the community, and the pop-up museum and Becky and Steve's tents had a lot of interest. The Fish and Chip Friday at the pub sold out and the Barn Dance rounded off a good three days. Many thanks to all who helped.

- Looking to the future, this year is our 60th anniversary year. The Hall was opened in May 1965. We had originally planned to hold some celebrations in May but VE80 got in the way. The entertainment team have more plans for events though, the next planned is the Pre-loved sale. That's on 6 July and advertising will go out this week.
- Cath and I have been involved in the hall for 6 years now and have enjoyed all the up and downs throughout that time, and have accomplished a lot of the things we wanted to do. We got wi-fi fitted by Gigaclear at no cost, thanks to their community scheme. Had solar panels fitted with the help of a grant from Wiltshire Council, this has reduced our electricity bill but our current supplier doesn't operate the buy back scheme so I am currently working on changing companies as our contracts are up in 2026. I've already mentioned the audio and visual system, made possible by a grant for the total amount from The National Lottery. A generator was fitted with a grant from SSE to enable us to be The Community Hub should a disaster happen locally we will have power and will be the meeting place for emergency services. I mentioned in my report last year that I had approached the Parish Council to get use of the field next door, to extend our community activities. I have heard that at their meeting last week that they have agreed to lease the field for our use. Time moves exceedingly slowly but we get there in the end.
- But the time has come to slow down a bit and pull back. So if you wish I will carry on as Chair for the next six months, but stand down at the end of the year. I hope in that time I will be able to hand over to someone else. I am willing to continue as Treasurer so it won't be a complete break, and will be around to answer any questions. Thank you all for your help and support during this time.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	No (if any) 305542
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/5/2024	To	Period end date 30-Apr
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Event income	12,075	-	-	12,075	6,930
Regular income	14,328	-	-	14,328	13,601
Donations	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,011
Grants		10,362	-	10,362	15,000
Interest	438	-	-	438	288
Misc	91	-	-	91	463
Refundable depositis	1,066	-	-	1,066	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	29,047	10,362	-	39,409	37,292
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,047	10,362	-	39,409	37,292
A3 Payments					
Annual subscriptions to suppliers	861	-	-	861	170
Bank charges	71	-	-	71	77
Boiler/Heating service	252	-	-	252	252
Booking Clerk expenditure	76	-	-	76	80
Contract Cleaners	11,206	-	-	11,206	10,288

Fundraising expenditure	1,824	-	-	1,824	484
General waste removal	1,243			1,243	873
Ground Maintenance	282			282	350
Health and Safety Checks	201			201	218
Insurance	876			876	940
Intuit Ltd	421			421	113
Maintenance/Repairs	8,427			8,427	2,689
Misc	111			111	186
Music Licence	269			269	205
Office Supplies	149			149	117
Utilities	5,357	-	-	5,357	3,987
Window Cleaning	200			200	180
General refurbishment	1,559			1,559	
Sub total	33,388	-	-	33,388	21,208
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sound System	-	10,308	-	10,308	
Solar Panels	5,495	5,000		10,495	
		-	-	-	27,508
Sub total	5,495	15,308	-	20,803	27,508
Total payments	38,883	15,308	-	54,191	48,717
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,836	- 4,946	-	- 14,782	- 11,425
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,912	5,000	-	32,912	44,337
Cash funds this year end	18,075	54	-	18,129	32,912

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
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B1 Cash funds

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash at bank	18,075	54	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	18,075	54	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Audiovisual equipment	restricted	-	10,308

Solar panels	restricted	-	5,000
Solar Panels	unrestricted	-	5,495
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Un-refunded deposits	unrestricted	1,316	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

305542

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended **30th April 2025**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 Charity'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 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.

Signed:

Date

7th February, 2026

Name:

John Robert Eke

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

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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.