

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

(Charity Number 502613)



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

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Life President

Gordon Smith

Trustees and Committee Members – since the AGM July 2024

C. Hancock	Chairman
S Bolton	St Mary's Church
E. Trevelyan	Elected Assistant /Treasurer
P Ballard	Church on the Green
G. Blissett	Treasurer
L. Boylan	WI
A. Dias	Stamfordham Primary School/Vice Chairman
J Gibson	Co-opted
MG Gibson	Co-opted
T. Henderson	Elected
S. Hutt	Crafty Reivers
S. Reed	Karate
C. Reynolds	Elected
P. Reynolds	Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club
C Reynolds	Parish Council
G Taylor	Cricket Club

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC, Blackheath, London, BX1 1LT

National Westminster Bank Plc, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1ET

Independent Examiner

P Lambert, Church House, Stamfordham

Village Hall Address

Grange Road,
Stamfordham
Newcastle upon Tyne NE18 0NA

Playing Field and Pavilion Address

Stamfordham Sports Pavilion
Grange Park
Stamfordham NE18 0AH

Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall Registered Address

14 South Side
Stamfordham
Newcastle upon Tyne NE18 0PB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Aims and Organisation

The Charity is regulated by a scheme dated 2nd November 1983, and sealed by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The objective of the Trust is the provision and maintenance of a Playing Field and Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stamfordham and its neighbourhood.

Trustees

Details of the Trustees are shown in the Administrative details on page 2. There is a representative vacancy for Stamfordham Young Farmers.

Review of the Year and Activities

The Trustees were able to meet in person on 5 occasions:

20th June 2024
11th July 2024 AGM
19th July 2024 EAGM
10th October 2024
20th February 2025

A cleaner continues to be employed for 8 hours a week with statutory holidays. It is clear, however, that the building requires a deep clean at least twice a year.

During the year, an independent maintenance person was engaged to carry out daily inspections of the hall and grounds, report back to the trustees on work that may need to be done and help with setting up and clearing away after functions. He invoices on a monthly basis.

Small and large maintenance and improvement jobs have been carried out:

- Sanding of hall floor
- Repairs to external pipework
- Replacement windows in the kitchens, kindly funded by two supporters

The User Groups which give regular monthly income are very much appreciated:

Bowls, Crafty Reivers, Toddlers, Art, Karate, Theatre, Dance, Yoga, Pilates, WI, Parish Council Meetings

Stamfordham Cricket Club pay an annual fee and contribute towards the costs of running the playing field and pavilion.

User group extra hire, Karate Black Belt Testing, provide welcomed income

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025 (continued)

Large hirings which have a substantial impact on income:

- Sloan trophy, Cyclone Challenge and Beaumont Cup
- Plus other cycle groups using the hall as a base

Trustees organised fund raising events: Oktoberfest, Tea with Santa, Monthly Pop-Up Cafés, 1 Jumble Sale, 2 NTC plays, screening of the Carabao Cup Final

Miscellaneous hires include:

- Children's parties – hall and pavilion
- Christenings
- School farm visit packed lunch venue
- Private parties
- Funeral wakes
- 4-day Holiday Club let
- Stamfordham Primary School rehearsal and venue for Christmas play
- Friends of Stamfordham Primary School
- Stamfordham Fireworks Group Comedy Night
- Hiring of crockery/chairs etc
- Wedding receptions – Hall and Playing Field
- Film Crew Hire 'I fought the law...'

Many thanks to all trustees for organising and supporting all the events during the year.

The AV system has continued to be an added incentive for hirings and events:

- Private events for showing videos and images

TV, PPL/PRS and MPLC licenses have been acquired which include one TV licence for the Pavilion.

The five yearly electrical report was carried out in December 2023

Playing Field & Pavilion

Stamfordham Cricket Club have continued their excellent work on maintaining the whole of the Playing Field and Pavilion. The Trustees acknowledge this, are indebted for their voluntary work and grateful for the time they give to the maintenance of the whole facility.

Future plans are to address the car parking area which needs to have a firmer base.

Northumberland Heritage Village Hall Project

The has been continuing throughout the year. This has enabled many senior members of the community to record their memories of using the Village Hall as a school building and village hall. The display boards are now in place for all to see. During the forthcoming year, the book will be printed and distributed to those that provided material. Many thanks to the group who worked tirelessly to see this project through to its conclusion.

Finance

A deposit account acts as a Reserve Account to ensure funds are available for large expenditure. Interest on this account yielded £1007.

Member Club Lettings have increased this year.

Income from non-member user groups is also up on last year.

Fundraising income increased, particularly from the Pop-Up Café

Ring-fenced grants from previous years were used for Veterans Breakfast Club, The Village Hall Heritage Project and the redecoration of the West Room (which has now been carried out).

The deficit of £17,719 for the year is accounted for by major repairs and completion of the Energy Efficient Project.

Although there is a seemingly healthy balance, trustees are minded that there could be a significant draw on funds in the next financial year, for example, kitchen refurbishment and new chairs.

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C Hancock
Acting Chair
24th April 2025

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G Blissett
Treasurer
24th April 2025

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

Last Year	For the Year Ended	31 March 2025	
Total funds to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	
2024	Receipts and Payments	2025	Note
5,291	Receipts	6,582	1
3,247	Lettings Member Clubs	5,837	2
8,112	Lettings Other Users	9,666	3a
26,647	Donations / Fundraising (regular)	1,312	4
1,049	Donations / Fundraising (other)	1,033	5a
2,753	Bank interest	3,312	5b
995	Covenants / Gift Aid	2,168	5c
48,094	Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid	29,911	
	Payments		
14,400	VH Running Costs	16,097	6
11,720	Service Repairs & Replacements	21,514	7
38,205	Capital items	9,551	9
64,325	Total payments	47,161	
-16,231	VH Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments	-17,250	
3,016	Playing Field Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments	-468	3b/8
-13,215	Deficit for the year	-17,719	8
77,694	Bank accounts 1 April 2024	64,479	
64,479	Bank accounts 31 March 2025	46,760	
	Represented by:		
16,338	Lloyds Bank	9,613	
48,141	Lloyds Deposit	37,148	
0	NatWest (Covenant Account)	0	
64,479	Bank accounts 31 March 2025	46,761	

The Trust own the following Assets

- a) The freehold land and buildings known as Stamfordham Village Hall
- b) The freehold land and buildings known as Stamfordham Playing Field
- c) The freehold land known as the MUGA court

**Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall
For the Year Ended
31 March 2025**

Notes to the Accounts

2024		2025	Note
	Receipts		
	VH Lettings Member Clubs		
630	Stamfordham Carpet Bowls	660	
223	Stamfordham YFC	1,570	
977	Stamfordham Toddler Group	1,110	
190	Stamfordham WI	195	
	Stamfordham St Mary's Church		
120	Stamfordham School	185	
90	Stamfordham Parish Council	300	
30	Widdrington Trust	113	
1,825	Karate	1,910	
451	Art Club		
335	Ballet		
420	Crafty Reivers	540	
5,291		6,582	1
	VH Lettings to Non Member Clubs & Individuals		
2,578	Functions	4,807	
150	Dance Group	555	
	Netball		
210	Tynedale Hunt		
120	Yoga	260	
190	Pilates	215	
	NCC Election		
3,247		5,837	2
	VH Donations / Fundraising (regular)		
1,445	Pop Up Café / Jams / Books	3,078	
511	Burns Night		
300	Holiday Club	465	
1,467	St Patrick	117	
495	Oktoberfest	1,000	
150	Fireworks eg Comedy Night	375	
	New Years Eve		
1,235	Cyclone	3,524	
1,019	Cyclone Food	-70	
475	Sloan Trophy	395	
110	Vagabonds	75	
345	Other Cyclists	420	
80	Tynedale Pony Club	75	
480	Theatre Productions	211	
8,112		9,866	3a
	Playing Fields Lettings / Fundraising		
20	SPF Football Club		
2,075	SPF Cricket Club	965	
1,160	SPF Car Show	1,077	
1,621	SPF Weddings		
305	SPF Cyclone		
	SPF Other	-147	
5,181		1,895	3b
	Donations / Fundraising (other)		
	Grant		
9,820	Grant -trees and fencing		
15,544	Grant - Energy Efficiency	-144	
-200	Veterans	-200	
	Jumble	846	
	Jubilee		
322	Coronation		
1,161	Sundry Donations / Other	810	
26,647		1,312	4
1,049	Bank Interest	1,033	5a
2,753	Covenants	3,312	5b
995	Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid	2,168	5c
		6,514	
53,276	Total Receipts	31,806	

**Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall
For the Year Ended
31 March 2025**

Notes to the Accounts

2024		2025	Note
	Payments		
	Running Costs		
4,420	Caretaker	4,921	
2,017	Fuel Oil	3,586	
1,130	Insurance	1,729	
530	Water (Sewerage & Environment)	608	
2,621	Electricity	1,495	
770	Website and broadband	538	
	Royalties to Performing Rights Society		
317	Film Licence	341	
318	TV licence	170	
566	Fire extinguisher service	364	
32	PAT Testing	64	
596	Laundry	409	
240	Sanitary disposal	557	
643	Cleaning sundry	435	
151	Window Cleaning	50	
51	Administration Costs	832	
14,400		16,097	6
	Service Repairs & Replacements		
	Pest control		
	Extractor fans gutter cleaning		
918	Fire alarms	192	
65	Tidying up grounds	582	
114	Boiler maintenance	39	
115	Emergency lighting maintenance	258	
504	Kitchen sundry	280	
9,128	General repairs	19,405	
875	Sundry	758	
11,720		21,514	7
	Playing Field Payments		
565	Playing Field - Insurance		
233	Playing Field - Water	154	
197	Playing Field - Diesel	101	
	Playing Field - Calor Gas	248	
	Playing Field - Licenced Premises	151	
	Playing Field - Music Licence	418	
	Playing Field - TV Licence	170	
180	Playing Field - Generator Service		
	Playing Field - Bin Collection	280	
	Playing Field - Repairs	778	
990	Playing Field - Other	65	
	Playing Field - Sundry		
2,165		2,364	8
	Capital Items		
19,727	Roofing (no grant funding)	162	
7,684	VH Energy Efficiency - insulation and lighting	9,389	
10,794	Playing Field - Trees and Fencing		
38,205		9,551	9
66,490	Total Payments	49,525	
-13,215	Surplus / (Deficit) for year	-17,718	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL		
On accounts for the year ended	31 ST MARCH 2025	Charity no (if any)	502613
	Set out on pages 7 to 8/9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 3 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 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 in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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: P. A. Lambert Date: 8 July 2025

Name: PETER LAMBERT

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

Retired Chartered Accountant

Address:

Church House, South Side
Stamfordham
Northumberland NE18 0PB

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

NONE