STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

(Charity Number 502613)



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

Life President

Gordon Smith

Trustees and Committee Members – since the AGM July 2025

C. Hancock	Trustee, Chairman
S Bolton	Trustee, St Mary's Church
P Ballard	Trustee, Church on the Green
G. Blissett	Trustee, Treasurer
L. Boylan	Trustee, WI
J Gibson	Trustee, Co-opted
M G Gibson	Trustee, Co-opted
T. Henderson	Trustee, Elected
S. Hutt	Trustee, Crafty Reivers
P. Reynolds	Trustee, Stamfordham Carpet Bowls Club
C Reynolds	Trustee, Parish Council
G Taylor	Cricket Club (Resigned October 2025)
I Harkness	Cricket Club (from November 2025)
E. Trevelyan	Assistant Treasurer, Elected
A. Dias	Stamfordham Primary School/Vice Chairman (resigned August 2025)
S. Reed	Karate, Elected

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

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, NE18 0PB

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

Charity Registration No. 502613 www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

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

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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 3 occasions:

24th April 2025
10th July 2025 AGM
6th November 2025

After years of voluntary service to the SPF&VH charity, we say goodbye to Edward Trevelyan. In his role as Treasurer, Edward managed the complexities of employment law and HMRC alongside supporting the work of the charity. We shall miss his sensible, down-to-earth approach to the issues raised at trustee meetings, the running of the charity, its buildings and grounds. His role as treasurer for most of his years as trustee has enabled us to keep track of our finances and to be compliant with the rules and regulations of the Charity Commission and HMRC. Edward has given his time and his expertise without complaint and has served the charity for 23 years. The Trustees extend their grateful thanks to Edward.

The long serving cleaner retired on 29th October 2025 and, in appreciation of her long service, was given a gift from the Trustees. The trustees acknowledge the time and effort put into keeping the hall clean and tidy. A new self-employed cleaner took over the work, focussing on the interior of the hall. Another self-employed person maintains the exterior of the property carrying out daily inspections of the hall and grounds, reports back to the trustees on work that may need to be done and help with setting up and clearing away after functions. Both these people invoice monthly.

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

- Installation of batteries for the solar project (hall)
- Refurbishment of the main storeroom and Toddlers storeroom (hall)
- Drainage work (playing field)

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

Bowls, Crafty Reivers, Toddlers, Karate, 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 and Young Farmers, provide welcomed income.

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
- Burns Night Fundraiser
- Car Show

Trustees organised fundraising events: Oktoberfest, Tea with Santa, Monthly Pop-Up Cafés, 2 NTC plays, Stamfordham Fayre

Miscellaneous hires include:

- Children's parties – hall and pavilion
- Christenings
- School farm visit - packed lunch venue
- Private parties
- Funeral wakes
- 3-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 equipment
- Wedding receptions – Hall
- Film Nights run by Friends of Stamfordham Primary School

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.

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 book celebrating the history of the Village Hall has been 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 £758.

Member Club Lettings and income from non-member user groups were fractionally down on the previous year.

Fundraising income increased, particularly from the Pop-Up Café, Village Fayre and Burns Night.

Grants were received to help with replacement of hall chairs (£5,000), asbestos removal (£3000) and a local trust fund provided £5000 to help with general repairs firstly at the Playing Field and wherever needed thereafter.

There is a surplus for the year of £16,896, most of which is earmarked for specific projects.

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	G Blissett
Acting Chair	Treasurer

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall

Receipts and Payments Account

31 March 2025	For the Year Ended	31 March 2026	
Total funds to nearest £	Receipts and Payments	Total funds to nearest £	
2025		2026	Note
	Receipts		
6,582	Lettings Member Clubs	6,542	1
5,837	Lettings Other Users	4,758	2
9,666	Donations / Fundraising (regular)	12,450	3a
1,312	Donations / Fundraising (other)	13,550	4
1,007	Bank interest	774	5a
3,312	Covenants / Gift Aid	2,765	5b
2,168	Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid	828	5c
29,885		41,667	
	Payments		
16,097	VH Running Costs	13,468	6
21,514	Service Repairs & Replacements	8,651	7
9,551	Capital items	480	9
47,161	**Total payments**	22,599	
-17,276	**VH Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments**	19,068	
-468	**Playing Field Excess / (Deficit) of receipts over payments**	-2,173	3b/8
-17,744		16,896	8
64,479	**Bank accounts 1 April 2025**	46,734	
46,734	**Bank accounts 31 March 2026**	63,630	
	Represented by:		
9,613	Lloyds Bank	32,986	
37,122	Lloyds Deposit	27,879	
	Nat West	2,765	
46,734	**Bank accounts 31 March 2026**	63,630	

The Trust owned 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 F Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended
31 March 2026

2025			2026		Note
		Receipts			
		VH Lettings Member Clubs			
660		Stamfordham Carpet Bowls	800		
1,570		Stamfordham YFC	798		
1,110		Stamfordham Toddler Group	1,050		
195		Stamfordham WI	280		
185		Stamfordham School	126		
300		Stamfordham Parish Council	188		
113		Widdrington Trust	113		
1,910		Karate	2,016		
		Ballet	570		
540		Crafty Reivers	600		
	6,582			6,542	1
		VH Lettings to Non Member Clubs & Individuals			
4,807		Functions	4,033		
555		Dance Group	45		
		Netball			
		Tynedale Hunt			
260		Yoga	490		
215		Pilates	190		
		NCC Election			
	5,837			4,758	2
		VH Donations / Fundraising (regular)			
3,078		Pop Up Café / Jams / Books	3,119		
		Village Fayre	2,739		
465		Holiday Club	300		
117		St Patrick			
1,000		Oktoberfest	439		
375		Fireworks eg Comedy Night	500		
		Motorbike Rally	615		
		New Years Eve			
3,454		Cyclone -Challenge			
		Cyclone -Beaumont Curlew	2,535		
395		Sloan Trophy	639		
75		Vagabonds	197		
420		Other Cyclists	538		
75		Tynedale Pony Club	123		
211		Theatre Productions	-164		
		Burns Night	870		
	9,666			12,450	3a
		Playing Fields Lettings / Fundraising			
		SPF Football Club	200		
965		SPF Cricket Club	1,100		
1,077		SPF Car Show	909		
		SPF Weddings			
		SPF Cyclone			
-147		SPF Other	200		
	1,895			2,409	3b
		Donations / Fundraising (other)			
		Grant - batteries and solar			
		Grant - chairs	5,000		
		Grant - asbestos	3,000		
-144		Grant - Energy Efficiency			
-200		Veterans			
846		Jumble			
		Jubilee			
		Coronation			
810		Sundry Donations / Other	5,550		
	1,312			13,550	4
1,007		**Bank Interest**	774		5a
3,312		**Covenants**	2,765		5b
2,168		**Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid**	828		5c
	6,488			4,367	
	31,780	**Total Receipts**		**44,077**	

Stamfordham Playing F Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended
31 March 2026

2025			2026		Note
		Payments			
		Running Costs			
4,921		Caretaker	5,449		
3,586		Fuel Oil	1,774		
1,729		Insurance	-306		
608		Water (Sewerage & Environment)	711		
1,495		Electricity	2,041		
538		Website and broadband	260		
		Royalties to Performing Rights Society	874		
341		Film Licence	411		
170		TV licence	175		
364		Fire extinguisher service	339		
64		PAT Testing	64		
409		Laundry	245		
557		Sanitary disposal	444		
435		Cleaning sundry	526		
50		Window Cleaning			
832		Administration Costs	463		
	16,097			13,468	6
		Service Repairs & Replacements			
		Pest control	264		
		Extractor fans gutter cleaning			
192		Fire alarms			
582		Tidying up grounds	232		
39		Boiler maintenace			
258		Emergency lighting maintenance	180		
280		Kitchen sundry	355		
19,405		General repairs	7,092		
758		Sundry	528		
	21,514			8,651	7
		Playing Field Payments			
		Playing Field - Insurance	593		
154		Playing Field - Water	382		
101		Playing Field - Diesel	99		
248		Playing Field - Calor Gas			
151		Playing Field - Licenced Premises			
418		Playing Field - Music Licence			
170		Playing Field - TV Licence			
		Playing Field - Generator Service			
280		Playing Field - Bin Collection	295		
778		Playing Field - Repairs	1,992		
65		Playing Field - Other	120		
		Playing Field - Tractor	900		
		Playing Field - Sundry	200		
	2,364			4,582	8
		Capital items			
162		Roofing (no grant funding)			
9,389		VH Energy Efficiency - insulation and lighting			
		Playing Field - Trees and Fencing	480		
	9,551			480	9
	49,525	**Total Payments**		**27,181**	
	-17,745	**Surplus / (Deficit) for year**		**16,896**	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	**STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31ST MARCH 2026**	**Charity no (if any)**	**502613**
Set out on pages	8 - 10		

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'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

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. M. Lambert	**Date:**	11/6/26
Name:	PETER LAMBERT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Retired Chartered Accountant		
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