



Bank Account Reconciliation		NatWest Bank	
Financial Year from 160124 to 150125	Business Current Account		
	Account Number: 12208647		
	Sort Code: 54-10-23		
	Name: Foston Village Hall		
Charity Number	503716		
		Previous Year	
Starting Balance 160124	£1,952.95	Starting Balance 01012	£935.27
Income	£45,735.60	Income	£17,237.31
Expenditure	£43,543.71	Expenditure	£16,219.63
Closing Balance	£4,144.84	Closing Balance	£1,952.95
		Starting Balance 2022 to 2023	7435.39
		Income	6353.44
		Expenditure	935.27
		Closing Balance	
Income outstanding at end of financial year			
Reconciliation - Plus Amounts Paid to Bank but not cleared	£0.00	£0.00	
Monies owed from Invoicing at Year End	£160.00	£0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£160.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
Expenditure held over to the next financial year			
Deposits ringfenced - held until 2025	£200.00	£75.00	
Possible duplicate deposit to be repaid	£0.00	£30.00	
Less cheques written but not cleared	£0.00	£0.00	
Less any cheques uncleared from previous year	£0.00	£0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£200.00</b>	<b>£105.00</b>	
Committee Member Expenses	£3,713.85	£6,535.83	
Petty Cash in Hand	£100.00	£100.00	
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	
Savings / Deposit Account/s balance	£21,463.69	£0.00	
Investments	£0.00	£0.00	
Liabilities: Monies owed by Foston Village hall, including lo	£20,289.05	£0.00	
Other assets owned by Foston Village Hall	£0.00	£0.00	
Bar Stocktake 150125	£719.65		
Signed on behalf of Foston Village Hall			
Treasurer			
Signature			
Name	Carole Chandler-Barratt		Treasurer
Date	7th February 2025		
Chair			
Signature			
Name	Pamela Fellows		Chair
Date	7th February 2025		

**Independent Financial Examiners Report**

I report on the Accounts made available to me on the attached Financial Statement for Foston Village Hall for the Year Ending 150125

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and presenting same to the Committee. The Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to examine the accounts, as presented to me and to make recommendations for best finance practice should I feel it necessary.

**W<sup>o</sup>rk in  
Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in my next statement.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, ~~(other than disclosed below)~~:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*(Please delete (other than disclosed below) if they do apply*

**Comments:**

**Auditor**

**Signature**

**Name**

**Date**

**Address**



6/3/2025

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Patrick Traynor FCA

## Summary Foston Village Hall Accounts and Financial Activity – 160124 to 150125

### Income at £45,735.60.

Our income comes from hall hire, donations from coffee mornings and from fundraising events such as the monthly social nights, quizzes, the summer fete and craft fayres. This year our income includes donations for repairs to the Village Hall. We have shared a link with residents for EasyShopping which gives the Hall a commission on shopping purchases made and we have had a clothing bin installed which again gives a commission, all supporting increasing running costs. We must thank the Parish Council for supporting us with a grant towards our running costs during the closure. Without our hall hire income and fundraising events, the balance in our account was worryingly low, despite reducing our costs to the minimum.

### Expenditure at £43,543.71.

Expenses cover utility, general running costs, funding the fundraising events. This year it includes payments made to suppliers for repairs to the Village Hall.

The **final balance** for the current account at the end of the financial year was **£4,144.84**. Our account usually runs at circa £1,800 - the difference is due to repair monies being transferred in to pay suppliers.

The final accounts were reviewed by the Village Hall Committee on 2 February 2025, confirmed as full and final accounts and have been signed off the Chair, Pamela Fellows and Treasurer, Carole Chandler-Barratt. They have been independently examined by Patrick Traynor.

This year a formal maintenance plan was developed and funds were raised to support applications for necessary grants. A new Business Reserve Account was set up for the management of these funds. Four grants were awarded:

SKDC	Flooring	£8,617.35 + £807.00 from funds
SKDC	Electrical repairs	£4,035.00
National Grid Community Grant	LED Lighting	£ 685.00
Foston Parish Council	Safety lock back door	£ 500.00

The **final balance** for the Business Reserve account at the end of the financial year was **£21,463.69**. These monies are allocated to projects.

We now have a preferred suppliers list and will begin to apply for new grants to carry out additional maintenance and replacement of equipment. We have closed our JustGiving page but donations are still being accepted as we have to continue with a maintenance plan to keep the hall fit for purpose and to support the ever-increasing running costs.

The Village Hall is fundamental to the community of Foston as it offers a central meeting point for groups and people of all ages and opportunities for community events, volunteering, encouraging social interaction and opportunities for educational purposes.

It was with much sadness that we had to close the hall on 13 November 2024 due to rodent damage to our electrics and water tank. Immediately a funding initiative was set up to raise funds to enable the repairs with a target of £12,500. We raised an incredible £14,366.98.

The donations have enabled us to carry out the following repairs and re-open the Village Hall on 31 January 2025:

Re-wiring of the Village Hall, Blocking of access to the roof void,, Replace water tank in gents toilets and rodent proof new lid to prevent water contamination, Pest Control and ongoing management

We would like to thank all of our contractors who have worked really hard to meet tight timescales:  
Holland Electrical Contractors Limited, EDP Electrical Works, James Gleed, Josh Atter, Pestforce

We would like to thank everybody who have supported us since 13 November 2024, when we had to close the hall, especially those who donated money and/or their time, the afore mentioned Foston Parish Council, Foston Neighbours and Foston WI for their generous donations. We have registered for Gift Aid so that we can benefit from the additional 25p in each pound donated. Results will show in next year's accounts.

We are also keen to encourage volunteers and new Committee members. Everything you do makes such a difference.

You are able to apply for a copy of the Village Hall Accounts which are available digitally only. If you have a particular question, please ask me.

Carole Chandler-Barratt  
Foston Village Hall – Treasurer - 15 January 2025



## **Foston Village Hall Chairman's report for 2024-2025**

2024 has been a very eventful year for the village hall and one of positive changes. The village hall committee increased in size with the appointment of Steve Chapman as Bar Manager, Nick Cook as Media coordinator and Jessica Reynolds as Events coordinator. Carole Chandler-Barratt became the new Treasurer and Richard Wynn and myself remained in post.

These changes resulted in an increase in the number, quality and variety of village hall events, additional social nights with additional activities and a new email address, new FaceBook page, improved website including an online booking and hire process and improved communication with the village.

Throughout the majority of the year social events have been regularly held to help fund the village hall's general operating costs and maintenance needed. Without these, the funds raised from bookings would have been insufficient to keep the hall open. Special events included Children's Easter Egg hunt, Summer village fete, Garden party organised by the WI and St Peter's Church, and a Christmas Fair.

When Long Bennington Rotary Club heard that there was insufficient shade at events held in the garden, they kindly donated a marquee for future events.

As mentioned at the last AGM, the Committee applied for and successfully obtained grants from South Kesteven District Council, Foston Parish Council and National Grid to install new flooring in the seating area, bar, kitchen and ante room, improve the emergency and security lighting and install more efficient lighting and install a wet chemical fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

It was during one of these electrical projects in late November that it was discovered that squirrels had chewed the electrical wiring posing a significant fire risk and the hall had to be immediately closed. In less than two months the necessary funds were raised from generous donations from villagers, the Parish Council, Foston Neighbours, Foston WI, Long Bennington Rotary Club and William Peters Freemason Lodge. The funds were used to not only totally rewire the village hall but also to block rodent access to the roof void, replace the chewed soffits and water tank and to introduce a pest control contract.

During January six separate companies were mobilised and coordinated to complete the rewiring, replace damaged soffits and water tank and complete the improvement projects including new flooring and water heater, making best use of the time the hall was closed to the public.

On January 31st the village hall reopened after an extensive clean by Foston village volunteers.

Improvements have continued thereafter, including decorating the ante room, installing a baby changing unit, replacing the water heaters in the bar and the gents toilets.

Our next projects will include replacing the inefficient fridges and freezers, replacing the deteriorating sheds, refurbishing the bar area and gents toilets for which grants will be applied for.

None of this would have been possible without the Foston village hall committee - Carole Chandler-Barratt, Steve Chapman, Nick Cook, Jessica Reynolds and Richard Wynn, and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication in running and improving the village hall and keeping it open for the benefit of the community.

My thanks cannot be complete without acknowledging the support given by the local community and user groups in using the village hall and attending its events.

Finally, we are looking for additional volunteers to join the committee to help support the different roles on the committee either full time or part time or for specific projects or activities. Please speak to any of us on the Committee to find out more.

*Pam Fellows*

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Chairman  
Foston Village Hall Committee

22nd February 2025