

Colston Bassett Village Hall – Chairs report, March 2025

I will be stepping down immediately after the AGM as Chair after a 5-year tenure. I took up the vacant Chair position in January 2020 after the mass resignation of the previous committee, and the timing is right to hand onto new leadership.

Over the last 5 years, there has been a clear focus on investment in the VH facility. This has included procurement of an online booking and invoicing system, a major acoustic tile sound enhancement project, loop for hard of hearing, new sound system and Wi-Fi installation (which has just been upgraded). Access for disabled visitors has been improved, with thanks specifically to Martyn Davies for his generosity. A new roof was quickly followed by a very successful solar panel installation with benefits above and beyond just renewable energy sources and consequent cost savings. The central heating system has recently been completely replaced and main hall floor refurbished.

The existing kitchen facility will be refurbished and new equipment installed in early May 2025, with specific thanks to the Landa family for their generous support.

A highly proactive approach to securing grant and donation funding, led by treasurer David Lambert, has made a very significant contribution to these projects and more - e.g. new BBQ for summer (and winter) events as well as cutlery/crockery replacement

The Village lottery was relaunched in 2021 and makes a significant contribution to revenues. An expansion of the lottery is planned to increase participation, prize money and revenue.

Usage of the Hall and its facilities has increased year on year from the difficult times during the Pandemic, and bookings now fully cover running costs, with wedding events now becoming more popular and regular events, for example monthly village breakfasts, enjoying great support. The re-opening of the Martins Arms under new management has also presented an opportunity to the VH management team for closer collaboration and co-operation for a wide range of village events.

In terms of fundraising and family-oriented events, the international duck racing combined with other national events, e.g. Jubilee and Coronation, Xmas fayre et al, have all provided good experiences for the community and welcome revenues.

The extremely hard working VH management committee team deserve great credit for their sterling work and organisational skills during a very challenging period for Village Halls across the country. The consistent financial and moral support of the Parish Council is both appreciated and valued, as is the support received from the Borough Council.

John Jennings. Chair 2020-2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
COLSTON BASSETT VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

504134

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 ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

**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").

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J. A. Maygostling

Date:

25/01/26

Name:

JANE MAYGOSTLING

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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Charity name: CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S VINDICATED TRUST

On accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2015 Charity no (if any): 554074

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I report to the trustees as my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2015.

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').

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(2)(b) of the Act.

I have maintained my independence. I declare that no material matters have come to my attention other than those disclosed below, in connection with the examination which might lead you to believe that I, or any member of my firm, are not independent in accordance with section 130 of the Act.

- no provision of services has been made in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- no other matters are relevant with the Accounting Records.

I have provided a copy of the accounts to the relevant members of the Trust, along with the explanation of which attention should be drawn to other to ensure proper understanding of the accounts to be reported.

Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Name: ST. MARY'S VINDICATED TRUST Reg: 554074

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