Trustees' Annual Report

Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

For the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall
Charity registration number	509800
Principal address	Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall, Main Street, Middleton, YO18 8PB
Lifetime Honorary President	John Harrison
Trustees	Philip Davies, Richard Chambers, Stuart Plant, Howard Ella (appointed March 2025)
Structure	Unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution

2. Structure, Governance and Management

In March 2025 the Trustees implemented changes to the structure of both the Board of Trustees and the Management Committee. Howard Ella was appointed Chair with effect from 1 March 2025, succeeding Stuart Plant, who chaired the Committee until February 2025.

The Management Committee, under the Chair of Howard Ella, comprises: Marti Bardlsey (Treasurer), Oliver Strickson (Secretary), Simon Wrench (Vice-Chair), Ben Taylor, Jane Buxton, Helen Trebilco, Denise Wood, Claire Adrian and David Swain.

The charity's entries with the Charity Commission are current and comply with all legal requirements, including the reporting of trustee and personnel changes.

The Trustees draw on the resources of two external bodies to inform governance practice: ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural Areas), whose publications and advice inform the charity's policies and contractual arrangements with hirers, and Community Yorkshire First, which provides advocacy, training and funding information for rural communities in North Yorkshire.

3. Objectives and Activities

Mission

The Trustees aim to provide a safe, accessible, well-maintained village hall and green for social, recreational, educational and leisure use, meeting the needs of Middleton and Aislaby residents. Running costs are met primarily from activity income, with donations, fundraising and grants used to fund major capital projects.

Strategic objectives 2023–2028

The Trustees reconfirm the five strategic objectives approved for this period, due for review at the 2027 AGM:

- Maintain and improve income streams and secure grant funding, ensuring effective financial management
- Work towards a more sustainable, energy-efficient village hall and reduce its carbon footprint
- Encourage and facilitate activities and events meeting residents' needs, promoting culture and learning for all ages
- Make the Village Hall, Village Green and Town End Pond accessible to all, and develop an eco/wildlife area
- Plan for the future governance of current and future charity assets

4. Achievements and Performance

Premises and assets

Both halls remain in good condition internally and externally. The Management Committee is monitoring brickwork on the allotment side of the building for possible re-pointing over the next twelve months.

The transfer of ownership of the Village Green, Middleton (Title NYK376592, valued at £2,000) from Middleton, Aislaby and Wrelton Parish Council, completed in June 2023, continues to underpin the charity's wider strategic objectives. The associated Village Green and Town End Pond Project was completed in mid-2025, with ongoing maintenance now managed by a group reporting to the Committee.

A defibrillator adjacent to the Village Hall is registered with The Circuit, the national defibrillator network, with maintenance managed by the Committee.

Hall usage

Both halls are booked regularly by charity groups, keep fit and dance classes, table tennis, yoga, the Dementia Forward Café, children's groups, the WI, church groups, children's parties, training courses and private events. During 2025 the Committee moved hall management online, introducing an online booking portal and cloud-based accounting, and split day-to-day responsibilities across finance, maintenance, community and the annual village show.

Programme of activities, June 2025 to December 2025

- Village Meals: a regular programme of contribution-based meals, including the December 2024 Christmas meal and monthly meals into early 2025; a new 2025–26 programme began in October 2025
- Christmas Lights 2024: expanded using the newly acquired Village Green and Town End Pond, with costs kept under annual review
- Annual Village Show: reviewed by organisers with improvements planned to maximise community engagement
- Sue and Phil Close Christmas Quiz (2024 and 2025): a continued focal point for villagers
- A joint venture with the Middleton Arms provided further opportunities for community engagement; the monthly Coffee Morning is under review for 2026
- MAVH Digi Hub: an NYC-funded digital skills project delivering 15 workshops, with 8 Digital Mentors supporting 67 learners and over 141 hours of donated time and expertise, meeting all agreed outcomes and budget

5. Financial Review

The Trustees have received and accepted the financial report and accounts presented by the Treasurer for the period.

The Trustees have adopted a Financial Procedures policy setting out how the charity meets its obligations under the Charities Act 2011, HMRC requirements and common law, supporting proper financial control and compliance with funders' requirements. This policy is under review for ratification at the AGM.

Because the charity's reporting period has been extended to 18 months to realign its financial year, income for the period is expected to exceed the threshold that would otherwise apply on an annual basis. The Trustees have therefore arranged an independent review of the accounts for this period, in line with Charity Commission requirements.

Accounts are prepared within three months of the financial year end and presented to the Trustees before submission to the Charity Commission within the statutory deadline.

6. Communications

‘What's Happening’, the monthly newsletter, is delivered in print to every household in Middleton and Aislaby (a print run of 210) and circulated by email to around 200 addresses. A Middleton and Aislaby Village Facebook page is managed by the marketing team, and the website www.mavh.org.uk provides booking information, event details, project updates and governance information.

7. Health and Safety

The Management Committee has reviewed the charity's health and safety policy, risk assessments and fire procedures against current legislation. This review is before the Trustees for approval at the next AGM.

8. Trustees' Statement

The Trustees thank the Committee for its dedication and hard work over the period, and thank the organisations and individuals who use the village hall to deliver activities and services to the community.

The Trustees recognise the continuing challenge of promoting the physical, mental health and wellbeing of residents, and remain committed to creating experiences that are relevant to current and new residents of Middleton and Aislaby, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate in their community.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: _____ Trustee

Date: 8 January 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

Prepared for Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall: 1/7/2024 to 31/12/2025 (ADVISORY: indeterminate prior period)*

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	*Prior Total**
Donations, Legacies & Gift Aid				
. . Donations	4,058.89		**4,058.89**	
Grants - Income				
. . Grants - DigiHub		8,878.00	**8,878.00**	
. . Grants - North Yorkshire Council - UKSPF		2,680.00	**2,680.00**	
Charitable Activities				
. . Christmas Events	1,874.99		**1,874.99**	
. . Coffee Mornings	386.40		**386.40**	
. . Lettings - Village Halls	19,668.50		**19,668.50**	
. . Miscellaneous Income	759.43	1,088.29	**1,847.72**	
. . Village Show	1,174.79		**1,174.79**	
. . Village meals	2,000.34		**2,000.34**	
Bank Interest	648.60		**648.60**	
Total income and endowments	**30,571.94**	**12,646.29**	**43,218.23**	
Grants - Expenditure				
. . Projects - DigiHub		8,466.03	**8,466.03**	
. . Projects - UKSPF		1,995.99	**1,995.99**	
. . Projects - Village Pond	5,139.60		**5,139.60**	
Raising Funds				
. . Christmas Events - expenses	2,017.38		**2,017.38**	
. . Coffee Mornings	64.54		**64.54**	
. . Village meal expenses	4,832.98		**4,832.98**	
. . Village show expenses	851.43		**851.43**	
Charitable Activities				
. . Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	10,507.84		**10,507.84**	
. . Charity Management & Administration				
. . . . Bank Charges	95.00		**95.00**	
. . . . IT/Accounting	413.29		**413.29**	
. . . . Inspections etc	183.96		**183.96**	
. . . . Insurance	1,096.92		**1,096.92**	
. . . . Printing & Stationery	1,496.80		**1,496.80**	
. . . . Website	153.63		**153.63**	
. . . . WiFi / Broadband	995.99		**995.99**	
. . Cleaning	3,314.50		**3,314.50**	
. . Electricity	1,764.00		**1,764.00**	
. . Gas	1,830.60		**1,830.60**	
. . Miscellaneous Expenses	932.67		**932.67**	
. . Water	772.79		**772.79**	
Total expenditure	**36,463.92**	**10,462.02**	**46,925.94**	
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-5,891.98	2,184.27	**-3,707.71**	
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	-5,891.98	2,184.27	**-3,707.71**	
Extraordinary items				

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	*Prior Total**
Transfers between funds	684.01	-684.01		
Gains(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use				
Other gains(losses)				
Net movement in funds	**-5,207.97**	**1,500.26**	**-3,707.71**	
Total funds brought forward	*28,627.37*		***28,627.37***	*28,627.37*
Total funds carried forward	**23,419.40**	**1,500.26**	**24,919.66**	***28,627.37***

Independent Examiner's Report – Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

Sep 25, 2026 · @Howard Ella

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

Registered charity number 509800

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended [31 March 2026].

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Act. 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.

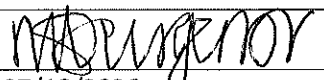
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with those records.

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.

Signed

Signed	
Date	07/10/2026
Name	Marie-Louise Surgenor
Relevant professional qualification or body (if any)	
Address	3 Chestnut Grove, Acomb, York, YO26 5LE

Drafting notes (delete before signing)

This draft assumes receipts and payments accounts and a financial year ending before 30 September 2026, when examination is still required above £25,000 income.

- **Accruals accounts:** add a third point to the statement covering failure to prepare the accounts in line with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities SORP.
- **If the examiner has concerns:** replace the final "no concerns" paragraph with each matter found, stated plainly.
- **Independence:** the examiner must not be a trustee, a close relative or business partner of a trustee, or involved in keeping the hall's books.
- **Filing:** file this report with the accounts and Trustees' Annual Report within 10 months of the year end.
- **Wording check:** compare against the current template in the Charity Commission's examiner guidance (CC32) before signing, as it is being updated for the new thresholds.