Betley & District Village Hall Committee

(Registered Charity No 510948)

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Enterprises (FRSSE) - Receipts and Payments Basis

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Independent Examiner's report to:
Betley & District Village Hall Committee ("The Trustees")

I report on the accounts for the year ended **31st March 2026** which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of The Trustees and the Independent Examiner
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- To examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement
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 with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I 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.

Signed: ..... Date: 12.09.2026

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Principal Address: Betley Village Hall, Main Road, Betley, Crewe. CW3 9BH

Website: https://www.bvhwebsite.com

Nature & Aims of the Charity:

Betley & District Village Hall Committee is a registered charity operating under a Trust Deed dated 3rd April 1964 which states that the Trust Property *"shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Betley and the neighbourhood…. without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants".*

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to administer the affairs of the Charity in accordance with the above stated aims.

List of Trustees:

At the time of preparation of these accounts, the serving Trustees are as follows:

Elected Trustees

Mr Simon King – **Chairperson & Occasional Bookings**
Mrs Melanie Dunn – **Treasurer**
Mrs Sarah Preston - **Secretary**
Mr Kevin Locke – **Health and Safety**
Mr Douglas Dunn – **Facilities Manager**

Representative Trustees (*Dual Roles)

*Mrs Judy Bettley-Smith – Tennis Club **plus Regular Bookings**
Mrs Linda McDonald – W.I.
Mrs Rebecca Fletcher – Beavers
Mrs Christine Hawksley – Badminton and U3A
*Mr Richard Head – Parish Council **plus Fundraising Support**
Mrs Chrissie Bailey – B.A.T.S.
Mr Tony Turner – Bowling Club & Indoor Bowling Club

Co-opted Trustees

Mrs Charlotte Daly
Mrs Susan Owen - **Occasional Bookings Secretary**
Mrs Jo Hales - **Fundraising Support**

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REPORT & NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1) The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Enterprises (FRSSE) using the receipts and payments basis.

2) The Statement of Assets and Liabilities illustrates the movement in the respective account and fund balances during the year.

3) The Statement of Financial Activities and Analysis of Income & Expenditure summarise the combined activity during the year of all funds except for the Bowling Club. The Bowling Club funds and account activity for these funds has not been combined as these are managed separately and financial amounts involved are small. The individual activity of the Bowling Club fund is shown separately in the Receipts and Payments accounts contained within these financial statements. For operational reasons the Bowling Club accounts have a financial year end of 30th September.

4) The Trustees have formally approved a Reserves Policy which is reviewed from time to time. The policy was reviewed, amended and approved by the Trustees on the 30th July 2024 and again for its annual review April 2025. The approved policy requires that:

   a) A prudent minimum balance of £8,000 'Unrestricted funds' used to receive income and support routine expenditure is maintained in the 'General Fund' (NatWest Business Current Account)
   b) Unrestricted funds designated as a 'contingency fund' of no less than £25,000 is held in the NatWest Business Reserves Account, the amount needed to run the Village Hall for one year.

   Toward the end of this financial year Trustees agreed to open two additional savings accounts with Hampshire Trust Bank (HTB) - an Easy Access SME Saver account and a 95-Day Notice SME Saver account with total funds of £38,000 transferred from the Natwest Business Reserves Account to these accounts. This was agreed to generate a better interest rate which had reduced significantly in the Natwest Business Reserves Account over recent years. The reserves policy has been updated to reflect this change.

   The accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities confirms that balances on 31 March 2026 were in excess of the minimum requirements stated in 4a and 4b above. Any remaining balances within the Business Current or Business Reserves Account will be used to support a programme of works identified and reviewed annually by the Trustees.

c) The Treasurer prepares monthly accounts and reports regularly to the Trustees. Particular attention is given to the ongoing balance between revenue income and revenue expenditure as it is the Trustees' policy to achieve a revenue surplus on the Current Account in every financial year. For the financial year, there was a net revenue deficit in the Current Account of £3,160.71 (2025 £1,730.74 surplus).

d) The Trustees are grateful to the Betley Bonfire Charity Awards of £3057.00 received in the year ending 31 March 2025 toward ground maintenance works and primarily for one off tree surgery works at a cost of £2940.00 incurred within this financial year ending 31 March 2026.

e) The Trustees would also like to thank the Betley Bonfire Charity Awards for a grant of £1468.00 received in March 2026 toward playground improvements with costs expected in the financial year ending 31 March 2027. Playground maintenance and improvements works are necessary to maintain an enjoyable, safe space for children and young people living in the district and beyond. With an annual inspection cost of c.£150 plus other costs for post inspection works, the Trustees launched a fundraising appeal requesting small voluntary donations from park visitors. This was launched in January 2026 with Fundraising income of £64.34 received to year ending 31 March 2026. All fundraising income received for the playground appeal will be treated as restricted funds and used solely for playground maintenance and planned improvement works approved by the Trustees.

f) The Trustees continue to focus on improvements to the village hall building, the sports pavilion and grounds – also safety checks with remedial works and improvements actioned as required. For the financial year ending 31 March 2026, the Trustees incurred costs of £7,484.40 for floor restoration works with further improvements planned next financial year. In total safety expenses of c.£1,730 were incurred throughout the year.

g) Excluding the restricted funds noted in e) above, during the financial year ending 31 March 2026 community/fundraising income of £389.60 was raised from the Christmas light switch on and children's disco in December 2025.

h) The Trustees work to ensure value for money for good, and services received, obtaining 2 or more quotations for works and regularly reviewing utility providers to secure the best deal possible on utility costs. This helps to manage rising costs year on year.

i) Other income to note is regular income from United Utilities for the use of Betley Village Hall land to access sewerage works. For the year ending 31 March 2026 total income of £4,992.00 was received.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2026

		2026 £	2025 £
Current Assets			
Current Account		**12,224.20**	15,384.91
Business Reserve Account		**403.76**	38,021.52
Easy Access SME Saver (HTB)		**18,000.00**	
95 Day Notice SME Saver (HTB)		**20,000.00**	
Total Current Assets		**50,627.96**	53,406.43
Represented By:			
Surplus/Deficit for year		**(2,778.47)**	1,486.04
Starting Balances		**53,406.43**	51,920.39
Year End Balances		**50,627.96**	53,406.43
Total Equity		**50,627.96**	53,406.43
Represented by Funds:			
	General	**12,224.20**	15,384.91
	Reserve	**38,403.76**	38,021.52
	Bowling Club		
	TOTAL FUNDS	**50,627.96**	53,406.43
Other Funds			
Bowling Club -Account	**(30.9.25)**	**1,157.22**	5,280.25
	TOTAL FUNDS	**51,785.18**	58,868.69

Total Funds by Designation at 31 March 2026

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL
General Fund		**12,224.20**			**12,224.20**
Reserve Fund			**38,339.42**	**64.34**	**38,403.76**
Bowling Club	**30.9.25**		**1,157.22**		**1,157.22**
TOTAL FUNDS		**12,224.20**	**39,496.64**	**64.34**	**51,785.18**

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Statement of Financial Activities at 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Sundry donations and compensation	17.06	147.00
Grants received	1.480.02	3,668.80
Donations and legacies Total	1,497.08	3,815.80
Income from charitable activities		
Lettings - Regular Groups	15,756.00	15,601.38
Lettings - Occasional	5,683.50	5,099.50
Lettings - Caravan Club	1,355.00	1,905.00
Lettings - Deposits rec'd	2,050.00	2,550.00
Lettings - Statutory	44.00	0
Miscellaneous income – Refunds rec'd	257.93	136.86
Tennis Club Fees and Other Income	1,211.00	1,089.00
Bowling Club Fees and Other Income	1,732.00	2,179.34
Fund Raising Gross Income	732.74	2,043.96
Income from charitable activities Totals	28,822.17	30,605.04
Investments (Interest Accrued)		
Investment Income from savings (reserves) ac	382.24	521.30
Investments Totals	382.24	521.30
Other income		
Other income - United Utilities	4,992.00	
Other income for contra	00.00	4,784.00
Other income Totals	4,992.00	4,784.00
Income and endowments Grand Totals	**35,693.49**	**39,726.14**

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EXPENDITURE (£)	**2026**	2025
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Hall running costs	**18,065.85**	18,321.03
Maintenance costs excluding Bowling Green	**6,157.30**	3,470.31
Maintenance costs - Bowling Green	**1,245.90**	1,354.29
Major improvements - Hall	**7,484.40**	0
Major improvements - Bowling Green	**0**	0
Subs, licences and professional fees	**599.76**	617.20
Safety expenses	**1,728.65**	11,331.32
Other expenses – Trustees & Sundry	**361.20**	189.50
Community events & FR expenses	**278.80**	1,006.45
Deposits returned	**2,541.00**	1,950.00
Refund approved (Bowling Club)	**9.10**	0
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**38,471.96**	38,240.10
Other expenditure		
Other expenditure for contra	**0.00**	0.00
Other expenditure Totals	**0.00**	0.00
Expenditure Grand Totals	**38,471.96**	**38,240.10**

Net Surplus/(Deficit) Income and Expenditure	**(2,778.47)**	1,486.04
Represented by movement in Funds		
Opening Balances	53,406.43	51,920.39
Closing Balances	**50,627.96**	53,406.43
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	**(2,778.47)**	1,486.04

Betley and District Village Hall

Bowling Club

Accounts For Year-Ending

30th September 2025

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Receipts & Payments by Cost Code for Period 01-OCT-2024 to 30-SEP-2025

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS BY COST CODE REPORT (01-OCT-2024 to 30-SEP-2025)	Amount	Amount	Amount
RECEIPTS			
4000 REVENUES		30.50	
4005 Bar Sales	10.00		
4015 Clothing Sales	10.00		
4020 Equipment Sales	10.50		
4100 OTHER INCOME		2,008.48	
4101 Christmas Dinner Payments	1,034.35		
4125 Bank Interest	73.63		
4130 Donations Rec'd	566.50		
4140 Misc. Receipts	4.00		
4146 Facilities Hire	330.00		
4200 Match Income		1,398.00	
4201 VETS A	168.00		
4202 VETs B	225.00		
4203 Newcastle	228.00		
4204 Friendly Matches	198.00		
4205 Internal Club Matches	32.00		
4208 Miscellaneous Match Income	85.00		
4210 Saturday Mixed League	414.00		
4211 Match Income VETs A	48.00		
4300 FUNDRAISING INCOME		4,331.30	
4301 Lottery	2,247.00		
4302 Whist night net income	138.00		
4303 Race Night	1,474.30		
4310 Raffle Ticket Sales	472.00		
5000 MEMBERSHIP/MATCH/EVENT FEE INCOME		1,768.00	
5005 Membership Fees	1,768.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**9,536.28**

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PAYMENTS		
7000 CLUB GENERAL EXPENSES		-3,496.80
7001 Food Costs	-50.42	
7002 Christmas Dinner Payment	-1,068.25	
7005 Capital Expenditure - Buildings	-17.99	
7008 Payments to 3rd Parties	-149.00	
7009 Purchase of Kit & Equipment	-2,001.14	
7025 Sponsorships/donations	-210.00	
7100 SPORTS EXPENSES		-461.30
7101 Association Fees	-78.00	
7102 Donations to away clubs	-7.99	
7103 Professional Fees	-41.00	
7104 Competition Fees	-218.00	
7107 Trophies/prizes	-61.00	
7113 Match/Event Food	-55.31	
7200 OVERHEADS		-3,242.13
7203 Professional Fees	-72.00	
7204 Printing & Stationary	-2.96	
7205 Repair and Maintenance	-982.24	
7218 Maintenance of Green	-401.76	
7221 Purchase of Equipment (not for resale)	-25.57	
7224 Membership Fees to Village Hall	-1,727.00	
7233 Cleaning	-30.60	
7300 EVENT/FUNDRAISING EXPENSES		-1,178.83
7301 Lottery Prizes	-850.00	
7302 Lottery Prize Yearly	-300.00	
7315 Event Food Costs	-14.04	
7335 Raffle tickets	-14.79	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**-8,379.06**
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD		**1,157.22**