

Charity registration number 522140

VILLAGE HALL

(TRADING AS STANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**VILLAGE HALL
(TRADING AS STANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Mr P Richardson	
	Mr M Scott	
	S Thompson	
	Mr R Blyth	
	S Dickinson (Chair)	
	M R Molyneux-Dickinson	(Appointed 26 June 2024)
	Rev C S White	(Appointed 26 June 2024)
	J J Armstrong	(Appointed 26 June 2024)
	Mr M Truby	
	C Scott	

Charity number 522140

Independent examiner Daniel Stephenson

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**VILLAGE HALL
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REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Stannington Village Hall is to be held in trust for the use of the inhabitants of Stannington 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 leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. The hall has been used during the year by various educational groups and regular adult and children's clubs and has hosted a village show and table-top sales. The Hall's main source of income comes from regular user groups.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

During the year the charity reported income of £57,090 (2024 £66,461). This was made up of £30,684 (2024 £28,761) from hire revenue, £26,054 (2024 £37,017) from grants received and local fund raising, plus £0 (2024 £564) from reimbursements and £352 (2024 £119) from bank interest.

Payments and expenditure during the year was £32,054 (2024 £43,343). In addition there were capital improvement's made to the village hall building amounting to £24,780. The trustees are proud to report that with the above income and expenditure they managed to achieve the following results during the year;

- The capital improvements to the Hall illustrated in last year's report have now been completed.
- The Hall has continued to provide a Warm Space for the community during the winter months.

Financial review

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REPORT (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The free reserves as at the year end, being the net current assets of the charity, stand at £43,344 (2024 £44,773) all of which are unrestricted.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was constituted under a "Deed of Gift" on the 19th of November 1957, with a charity number 522140

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr P Richardson

Mr M Scott

S Thompson

Mr R Blyth

S Dickinson (Chair)

M R Molyneux-Dickinson (Appointed 26 June 2024)

Rev C S White (Appointed 26 June 2024)

J J Armstrong (Appointed 26 June 2024)

Mr M Truby

C Scott

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Trust Deed and with the consent of the trustees. The criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands of the organization. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous years' Annual Report and Accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know'.

Organisational structure

The members of the Management Committee are Managing Trustees with the responsibility of the day to day management of the Charity. Most members of the committee are nominated by local organisations which use the Village Hall and have a responsibility to always act in the best interest of the Charity. The committee must meet at least four times per year and no business may be transacted unless there are a minimum of five members in attendance.

Other matters

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and continue to monitor the arrangements and systems in place to mitigate those risks.

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REPORT (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Principal Address

Main Street
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 6EL

The report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

S Dickinson (Chair)
Trustee

8 July 2025

**VILLAGE HALL
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE HALL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Village Hall (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Daniel Stephenson

Dated: 8 July 2025

**VILLAGE HALL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	26,054	37,581
Charitable activities	3	30,684	28,761
Investments	4	352	119
Total income		57,090	66,461
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	32,054	43,343
Total expenditure		32,054	43,343
Net income and movement in funds		25,036	23,118
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		45,995	22,877
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		71,031	45,995

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**VILLAGE HALL
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BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		27,688		1,222
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		44,543		45,193	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,200)		(420)	
Net current assets			43,343		44,773
Total assets less current liabilities			71,031		45,995
Net assets excluding pension liability			71,031		45,995
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			71,031		45,995
			71,031		45,995

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8 July 2025

S Dickinson (Chair)
Trustee

**VILLAGE HALL
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Village Hall is a INSERT CONSTITUTIONAL DETAIL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% SL
Fixtures and fittings	20% SL

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include Debtors, cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised at transaction price.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	5,974	27,581
Grants Receivable	20,080	10,000
	<u>26,054</u>	<u>37,581</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Provision of Village Hall Services 2025 £	Provision of Village Hall Services 2024 £
Village Hall Hire	30,684	28,761
	<u>30,684</u>	<u>28,761</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	30,684	28,761
	<u>30,684</u>	<u>28,761</u>

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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Bank Interest	352	119

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Provision of Village Hall Services 2025 £	Provision of Village Hall Services 2024 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	503	306
Light Power And Heat	7,098	7,549
Water and Rates	1,327	1,413
Sundry	-	135
Insurance	1,549	1,507
Repairs and Maintenance	10,610	12,970
Subscriptions	355	656
Software consumables	120	253
Telephone and Internet	510	450
Cleaning	6,448	5,388
Advertising	30	120
Consumables	2,304	2,176
	<u>30,854</u>	<u>32,923</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	-	10,000
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	1,200	420
	<u>32,054</u>	<u>43,343</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>32,054</u>	<u>43,343</u>

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

6	Grants payable		Provision of Village Hall Services 2024 £
	Grants to institutions:		
	The Sir James Knott Trust		10,000
			<u> </u>

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7	Support costs allocated to activities		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Governance costs	1,200	420
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Analysed between:		
	Provision of Village Hall Services	1,200	420
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8	Net movement in funds		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,200	420
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	503	306
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Trustees

During the year, a total of £2,304 (2024 £1,775) was reimbursed to trustees for office and administrative expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. No trustees received any remuneration for their role.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	-	1,528	1,528
Additions	26,969	-	26,969
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	26,969	1,528	28,497
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	-	306	306
Depreciation charged in the year	197	306	503
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	197	612	809
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	26,772	916	27,688
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	-	1,222	1,222
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	420
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	45,995	57,090	(32,054)	71,031
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	22,877	66,461	(43,343)	45,995
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15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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