



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Alvechurch Village Hall

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

523090

Charity's principal address

10 Bear Hill

Alvechurch

Worcestershire

Postcode

B48 7JX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christopher Davies	Chairman		
2	Janet Brice	Vice-Chair		
3	Judith Yendell	Secretary		
4	Stephen Siddle	Treasurer		
5	Clare Howe			
6	Patricia Riley			
7	Hazel Watkiss			
8	Annette English			
9	Sheila Evans			
10	Jackie Burch			
11	Stephanie Miall			
12	Michael Crook			
13	Tony Wallis			
14	Catherine Russell			
15	Alyson Williams			
16	Nigel Cutress		28/10/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Official Custodian of Charities	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Charity Commission Order Sealed 23/01/1979
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Nominated by user groups and appointed at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of the Village Hall for the use of inhabitants and organisations of the district.

In undertaking the activities during the year, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Activities have included raising funds and seeking grants to maintain and improve the Village Hall as a venue for organisations within the locality and providing this resource at a low cost so that all inhabitants can benefit.

The Hall hosts activities for people of all ages, including: art classes; dance; drama; exercise; music; WI; meditation; prayer meetings and other community and social gatherings. It is also a popular venue for private parties, charity fundraising events, meetings and other events, all of which continue to place it at the centre of village life. These activities were seriously curtailed during Covid restrictions, but returned to normal levels in 2022/23 and increased further in 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of the year were in continuing to increase the extent to which the Village Hall is used by the local community; in continuing to address the recommendations in the building survey that was commissioned in 2022, and in making further improvements to our facilities. These have included:

- uploading the promotional video to our website;
- employing local builders to correct a defect in the accessible ramp, which had led to an incursion of rainwater under the main doors at times of heavy rainfall; to install a bottle-trap gully to address another drainage problem, and to modify the ramp to the lower door to make that entrance more accessible;
- changing the lock on the lower door to address a problem that hirers were experiencing in locking up, thereby improving the Hall's security;
- investing in new chairs for the small meeting room and in a new projector and screen for the main hall;
- employing a local electrician to address all the recommendations in the Electrical Installation Condition Report, and
- investing in a new phone for the Hall Manager.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As previously explained, and with our commitment to fund further improvements to the Hall despite the increasing difficulty in obtaining grants to fund larger projects, the Trustees continue to consider it prudent to hold reserves of more than a year's total expenditure. This approach has been vindicated in the 2025/26 financial year, in which we have been able to spend some £18,000 of our own money on the purchase of chairs for the main hall and the refurbishment of the toilets on the lower ground floor.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Trustees are pleased to report that the Hall's funding has continued to keep pace with its increasing expenditure, despite the current difficulties in obtaining grants for larger scale projects. We are especially grateful to the Friends of AVH for their fundraising efforts at their annual Christmas Craft Fayre; to our Local Councillors for the Local Authority grants that they have obtained for us, and to the Village Society for their constant support.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Stephen Siddle	C Davies
Full name(s)	Stephen Siddle	Christopher Davies
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman

Date 4 January 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Alvechurch Village Hall	No (if any) 523099
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Letting Fees Received	37,718	-	-	37,718	32,810
Key Deposits Received	140	-	-	140	80
Grants Received		5,000		5,000	
Donations Received	1,859		-	1,859	1,571
Fundraising		-	-	-	2,280
Interest	282	-	-	282	244
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,999	5,000	-	44,999	36,985
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,999	5,000	-	44,999	36,985
A3 Payments					
Letting Fees Refunded	5,123	-	-	5,123	2,955
Key Deposits Refunded	40	-	-	40	20
Hall Management & Cleaning	17,916	-	-	17,916	17,358
Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water & WiFi)	2,128	2,500	-	4,628	3,976
Insurance	1,445	-	-	1,445	1,390
Maintenance	1,640	-	-	1,640	4,582
Refurbishment	5,654	3,957	-	9,611	1,960
Administration	698		-	698	1,028
Fundraising Costs				-	569
Transferred Donation				-	447
Sub total	34,644	6,457	-	41,101	34,285
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,644	6,457	-	41,101	34,285
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,355	- 1,457	-	3,898	2,700
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,031	1,477	-	36,508	33,808
Cash funds this year end	40,386	20	-	40,406	36,508

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	14,816	20	-
	Deposit Account	25,559	-	-
	Petty Cash	11	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,386	20	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Rents Due	5,219	-	-
	Prepayments	1,693	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptop Computer	Unrestricted	587	-
	Mobile Phone	Unrestricted	205	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Rents in Advance	Unrestricted	1,525	
	Key Deposits	Unrestricted	740	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stephen Siddle	STEPHEN SIDDLE	08/12/2025
	C Davies	CHRISTOPHER DAVIES	08/12/2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Alvechurch Village Hall

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no.:

523090

Company no.:

Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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:

- 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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

11 December 2025

Name:

Gerald Gurriet

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