BOLTON LE SANDS Village Hall / Community Centre

Registered Charity 700264

Accounts and Report

for the year ended

31 March 2026

Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall

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Charity Details

Name	Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall
Registered Charity Number	700264
Address	Packet Lane Bolton-le-Sands Carnforth Lancashire LA5 8DW
Bankers	Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
Independent Examiner	Tracy Seton 21 Broadlands Drive Bolton-le-Sands LA5 8BH

Annual Report

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2026

Structure, governance and management

The Governing Document is a scheme dated 18 February 1988 as amended by special resolution dated 13 May 2010 and is unincorporated.

Management Committee

The charity is administered by a Management Committee, at 31 March 2026 comprising:

Chairperson	-	Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers
Vice Chair	-	
Secretary	-	Mr Thomas Ian Birnie
Treasurer	-	Mr Peter Bayliss
Booking Secretary	-	Mrs Sharman Robinson

Representatives of the Village Hall user organisations.

The Management Committee are the charity trustees as specified in the Governing document and as the meaning defined in the Charities Act.

The Full Committee met on three occasions during the year.

Objects, activities and public benefit

The object of the charity is to maintain Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall / Community Centre for the communal benefit of the residents of Bolton-le-Sands and its surrounding area. The management committee aim to provide first class hall facilities at an affordable cost to voluntary organisations servicing the community.
The charity has two preferred providers of cleaning and caretaking services, both on a flexible self employed basis. In addition, it also depends upon volunteers from the local community and committee members.
Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall is a member of Community Futures.

Financial review

In conjunction with our Mission Statement the trustees aim is to continually promote the interests of the Village Hall / Community Centre. To raise the necessary funds to keep the building and its contents in good working condition. To continue to keep it at the heart of the village life, for the benefit of all the local community and to enhance the facilities available to bring forward a better quality of life for the community.

Accounting Policies

1. Basis of Accounting – The accounts are produced on a receipts and payment basis. The transactions are recorded at the time of receipt or payment regardless of the date that it is owed.
2. Fund Accounting - The funds are separated into unrestricted and restricted funds. Restricted funds must be used for the specific purpose only, as defined by the donor or grantor.

Review of the year

The hire charges of £22,395 is £1,270 more than the previous year, an increase of 6.0%.

Bookings totalled 410 for the year, a decrease of 13%. An average of 34 per month, ranging from 49 in June to 20 in August.
The Hall is used by a variety hirers, including, Art Group, Ballet, Carnforth Choral Society, Horticultural Society, Innovate Pilates, Lancaster and District Choral Society, Mothers Union, Pickle Ball, Sequence Dancers, St Johns Hospice Choir, Stagestruck, Superball Paul, WI Meetings and regular Coffee Mornings. In additional, there are many one off events and family parties etc.

The planned programme for the replacement of the floor tiles in Meeting Room 1 and the Kitchen plus associated area, with Polysafe Nordic Grey flooring was completed during August.
The solar panel installation was upgraded with a grant provided by Rural England Prosperity Fund.
Hopefully we are in the latter stages of the installation of Smart Energy Guarantee meter that will provide some revenue for the energy exported to the National grid.

I must record my appreciation to all those willing volunteers who have worked so hard over the past year to maintain our Village Hall. Whilst it could not happen without such a strong team I must commend the officers of the Management Committee, Mike Ashton and Samantha Jones.

I need also to express my gratitude to Sharman Robinson, our Bookings Secretary, for her continued commitment to such a huge and time consuming operation that is so vital to the successful running of the Village Hall.

It is our hope that the Community Centre will maintain and retain its central place within village life.

DD Carruthers

Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers
Chairperson *On behalf of the Management Committee*
Date 14th MAY 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31 March 2026

RECEIPTS

	2026			2025
GRANTS and DONATIONS	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**	**Unrestricted**
Rural England Prosperity Fund.	3,848.00	-	3,848.00	-
Sundry donations and other gifts.	660.08	-	660.08	-
Gifts Restricted to Defibrilator	-	150.00	150.00	-
Restricted to Roof Repair	-	150.00	150.00	-
Total	4,508.08	300.00	4,808.08	-
TRADING ACTIVITIES				
Hire charges:	22,395.00	-	23,395.00	21,125.00
Sub total	26,903.08	300.00	27,203.08	21,125.00
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Bank Interest			-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**26,903.08**	**300.00**	**27,203.08**	**21,125.00**

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Receipts and Payments Account year ending 31 March 2026 continued

			2026	2025
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted
Receipts b/fwd	**26,903.08**	**300.00**	**27,203.08**	**21,125.00**
Direct Charitable Payments				
Repairs and maintenance	10,850.05	-	10,850.05	16,281.19
Solar power installation – upgrade	3,900.55	-	3.900.55	-
PRS/PPL Performing Rights	236.06	-	236.06	211.94
Electricity	2,310.84	-	2,310.84	2,392.55
Gas	2,991.01	-	2,991.01	3,236.58
Water Charges	2,764.70	-	2,764.70	2,366.98
Less Recovered from Re-charges	(4,101.94)	-	(4,101.94)	(3,577.92)
Cleaning and Waste Disposal	1,275.03	-	1,275.03	982.00
Cleaning & Caretaking Services	5,607.30	-	5,607.30	4,913.31
Less LCC Contrib'n to Disabled Toilet	(654.83)	-	(654.83)	(638.24)
Less PC Contrib'n to Supplies etc	(521.70)	-	(521.70)	(529.67)
Insurances	1,305.72	-	1,305.72	1,028.32
Equipment	2,085.45	-	2,085.45	891.35
	28,048.24	-	28,048.24	27,558.39
Other Payments				
Independent Examiners Fee	120.00	-	120.00	120.00
Annual Licence Fee – LAPLNA1019	70.00	-	70.00	70.00
Booking Telephone cost	34.80	-	34.80	29.00
Internet Charges	427.95	-	427.95	425.62
Stationery, Postage & Sundry Expenses	145.82	-	145.82	221.99
	798.57	-	798.57	866.61
Total Payments	**28,846.81**	-	**28,846.81**	**28,425.00**
Net increase /(decrease) in year	**(1,943.73)**	**300.00**	**(1,643.73)**	**7,300.00**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Deposit	Accounts
Opening Balance 2025	21,771.86	-	868.04	22,639.90
Increase/ (Decrease)	(1,943.73)	-	243.42	(1,700.31)
Restricted - Defibrillator		150.00	-	150.00
Restricted - Roof Repair	-	150.00	-	150.00
Closing Balance 2026	**19,828.13**	**300.00**	**1,111.46**	**21,239.59**

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Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
Monetary Assets		
Bank Current Account	21,239.59	23,348.90
Bank statements 31st March	21,239.59	23,348.90
Payments included above but not yet cleared at bank	-	709.00
Receipts included above not yet credited by bank	-	-
Balance as Books of Account	**21,239.59**	**22,639.90**

Non-Monetary Assets

Permanent Endowment

Buildings used by the charity: The Village Hall (freehold title held by Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council as Custodian Trustee who also own the land on which the Hall stands). The Hall is insured for £1,003,875

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Contents of hall, including furniture, tables, chairs, floor cleaner, cleaning appliances, kitchen utensils, cutlery and crockery, fully fitted kitchen appliances etc. These assets are insured for £65,872. Trustees indemnity is also insured for £250,000

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Management Committee.

D D Carruthers

Mrs Dorothy Dianne Carruthers
Chairperson

Date 11th May 2026

P D Bayliss

Mr Peter Bayliss
Treasurer

11th May 2026

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Independent Examiners Report
To The Trustees / Members of Bolton-Le-Sands Village Hall/Community Centre

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bolton -Le-Sands Village Hall/ Community Centre (the Community Centre) for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Community Centre 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 Community Centre's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 respect of the Community Centre as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do 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 .....T A Seton.....

Tracy Seton CPFA
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Date .....11th May 2026.....