Chairmans Report – AGM Monday 9th March 2026

Introduce yourself and the rest of the Committee

Good evening and welcome to The Reid Hall AGM, as a matter of house keeping the fire exits are located and the toilets in the lobby. Enjoy your evening in your parish hall.

Sign previous AGM minutes.

We are a small team of trustees, currently 5 who all have careers together with giving their time to manage the hall, well done guys, it's a brilliant effort, and thank you.

Its been a busy year, the hall is has been busy, underpinned by the saving of costs due to volunteer efforts, thanks to the trustees and many other helpers from the parish.

We continue to monitor the condition of the roof and car park, the roof needs a tile replacing every so often after high winds and the car park has several soft patches that are starting to break up. Both costly operations to replace.

We finally found a suitable contractor having explored almost every available option for the heating. We opted in the end to replace the old storage heaters which two didn't work and parts were becoming difficult to get with the latest storage heaters but with the advantage of being able to remotely set the temperatures. Watch this space as we monitor their performance and cost effectiveness. This was 12k

During last year we had the French drain dug out, disposed of and a new one put back to combat the clay washing down off the farmers field onto both the car park and patio area making them like ice rinks. This has been 95% effective, we still have a little area by which is likely to be a result of a land drain pouring a fantastic volume of water, thus spilling some clay deposits onto the car park. The contractor and us are in conversations about a remedy.

The works cost 6k

We had a pump failure on the septic tank which had to involve some specialist contractors, remedied very efficiently to the tune of around 1K

The hall exterior needs a coat of Sadolin, a very local chap has come forward and volunteered to help. Watch this space.

The parish council replaced the commemorative bench that used to sit outside the hall entrance with a new one that now sits in front of the flag pole, it's a beautiful place to sit, and indeed is now surrounded by daffodils once again donated and planted by a local Nursery owner. Thanks again

Special events

It was nice to see that some parishioners organised a community event, which raised £500.00 for charity, in the past the hall has done this but felt it inappropriate to continue to do so. When parishioners stepped up and did this themselves it was highly welcomed by the trustees and parish. Well done – more to follow in July

So, once again we haven't been scared to spend on maintenance and general improvement yet still maintain a healthy balance in the bank. Mainly due to our success as a highly desired venue.

Special Thanks To:

The Trustee team for all your efforts. We are a mixed bunch which creates an overall sensible view on all actions and plans. A great team.

To Rowena who runs her own business, is a valued trustee BUT also took the booking clerk role 7 years ago, this has saved the hall a small fortune and is completed in the usual super-efficient fashion. Thank you

Jackie and Keith for their continued efforts in keeping the hall ship shape – thank you.

To Norman Hunnisett for keeping his eyes open for the maintenance jobs that he has completed through the year, this saves the hall a considerable amount of money – thank you.

To the parishioners that have helped in their own time, Christmas decoration, the set up for the AGM and other such operations, as they say, many hands make light work, thank you.

To Robin and Pauline who have completed many a task on the halls behalf, but particularly last year they erected a tower around the flag pole and replaced the rope and painted it top to bottom. We think efforts like this are at the very least going above and beyond.

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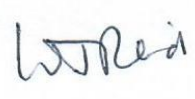
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Cash Funds		
NatWest Bank		
- Deposit Account	0.00	4.41
- Current Accounts	0.00	84.94
Metro Bank		
Currrent Account (inc undeposited cheques)	5255.03	12336.56
Savings Account	71760.99	71194.93
Cash In Hand	148.75	334.00
Total Cash Funds	77164.77	83954.84
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Liabilities		
Deposits held	100.00	
Total funds available	**77064.77**	**83954.84**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Date



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	20
INCOME		
Operating Income to generate funds		
Lettings	26,093.70	
Investment Income		
Bank Deposit Income	566.09	
	26,659.79	
Fund Raising Events	0.00	
Other Income (including donations)	143.00	
Grant from Wealden District Council	0.00	
Solar Panel income	3,444.20	
Total Receipts	30,246.99	
EXPENDITURE		
Cleaning	1,621.00	
Telephone	508.24	
Electricity	5,527.94	
Water Rates	243.95	
Repairs and Maintenance	25,387.72	
Rates	728.54	
Insurance	1,622.34	
Miscellaneous	1,497.33	
Website	0.00	
Booking Clerk	0.00	
Total Payments	37,137.06	
Net Surplus for year	-6,890.07	

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22,653.00

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323.00
0.00
3,359.70

27,111.52

1,653.00
724.48
2,939.72
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3,420.41
728.55
1,518.20
1,723.91
19.08
0.00

13,401.89

13,709.63

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF THE WARTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Having examined the books and records of the Wartling Village Hall Trust for the year ended 31/12/2025, I can confirm that the accounts are accurate and represent a true view of the year's activities.

Signed…P.Davis…… Mrs. Pauline Davis 18/09/2025