ASHCOTT VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 900075

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TRUSTEES

At the time of the preparation of this report, the following were the Trustees of the Ashcott Village Hall.

Debbie Jayne Shingler (Chair)

Martin Timms (Secretary)

Stephen Pickford (Treasurer)

Peter Cole

John Herbert

Penelope McLachlan

GOVERNANCE

The governing document for the Ashcott Village Hall is the 1985 Conveyance document from the sale of the Hall to the Ashcott Parish Council.

THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY

Conveyance states that the Hall shall be used 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 inhabitants of Ashcott”

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The main activities of the Charity are to maintain the Hall so that it can fulfil the purposes identified above.

The main strategy to support this is to continue and develop our fundraising, which is needed in support of the income from regular hirers and donations. Regular fundraising events include a monthly Film Night and a monthly Pub Night (which also serves to host our local MP’s surgery).

All activities are run and managed by volunteers, supporting the trustees.

The various activities provided through regular hirers include a thriving table tennis club, a short mat bowls club, a mother and toddlers club, two line dancing clubs, an embroidery group, a garden club, the Women’s Institute, a sequence dancing group, an embroidery group, monthly quiz nights raising money for local causes, and a very well attended and popular pantomime each year.

Sadly the costs of maintaining the Hall continue to rise each year and increasing fundraising is vital for its future existence.

Following is the Chair's address to the AGM:

"Well here we are again, where has the year gone . . . .

We have had a good year with an upturn in revenue due to pub nights and other fundraisers throughout the year. The film nights were also good fundraisers, all down to Sam's research, hard work and tenacity. We will be starting up again in November with a different type of licence which will allow us to advertise and charge admission.

Jason has had his first year in the maintenance manager's position and has taken to the role very well. He has had great support from Peter, which has led to Jason having increased confidence, so much so he has taken a plumbing course and intends to take further courses in the New Year, which will all benefit the Hall. He also did a great job with his first Maintenance Week. This saw the main hall decorated, the stage hydraulics repaired along with the general upkeep of the hall, although the floor has had to be postponed until May. We have now taken on a weekend cleaner and a monthly gardener which is being covered by the fundraising.

On a personal note, I have used my own licence to put on the pub nights, fundraisers and the pantomime. I have also renewed my hygiene certificate at level 3 so that we are covered to put food on at our fundraisers.

We were again able to put on the children's Christmas party for the children of Ashcott at no cost to their parents but children who attend Ashcott Primary and live outside the village were charged a small fee to cover their present from Santa.

We are looking forward to the Ebbw Fach choir returning and we have a DJ for this New Year's Eve.

So, in closing I would like to say a thank you to everyone on the committee for their continued support and a special thanks to the mighty 5 who help out with every event we put on."

Martin Timms

Secretary

Ashcott Village Hall

20 August 2026

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ACCOUNTS
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Hall Hire	14,555	15,070
Pantomime Income	4,633	4,617
Other Fund Raising Income	8,741	6,970
Donation – Parish Council	1,100	1,000
Other Donations	1,654	3,414
What's On Advertising	1,730	1,935
Interest Received	121	122
Other Income	884	4
Solar Panel Fit	1,387	1,768
Total Income	**34,805**	**34,930**
EXPENDITURE		
Maintenance	9,808	7,066
Cleaning and Materials	9,462	9,869
Utility Services	4,318	2,518
Fund Raising Expenses	7,584	6,443
Insurance	1,117	1,093
Licences	179	457
Printing	1,543	1,739
Administration Expenses	198	11
Miscellaneous	1,186	791
Total Expenditure	**35,395**	**29,987**
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**(950)**	**4,943**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 JULY 2025

		2025		2024
		£		£
FREEHOLD PROPERTY				
Land at Cost		8,000		8,000
Building Improvements at cost	171,101		171,101	
		179,101		179,101
EQUIPMENT				
Cost brought forward	94,539	94,539		
Additions:	-	-		
Depreciation to date	(80,990)	(77,603)		
		13,549		16,936
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	15,990	16,284		
Bank project Deposit	11,854		11,773	
Cash	573		990	
		28,417		29,007
NET ASSETS		221,067		225,044
Fund Account				
Brought Forward		225,044		224,335
Excess of Income over Expenditure		(590)		4,943
Depreciation of Equipment		(3,387)		(4,234)
		221,067		225,044

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: **Martin Timms, Secretary**

Date: 23 August 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the members of:	ASHCOTT VILLAGE HALL
On accounts for the year ended:	31.07.25 Charity No: 900075
Set out on pages:	1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees And examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 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 these 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

    - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
    - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: 20 August 2026

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