



# **ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

## **2024-25**

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

This has been another successful year for our charity. Hartpury Village Hall is a popular venue both for regular and one-off events, with many hirers coming from outside the immediate village area. The income generated by such hirers helps significantly in terms of allowing us to keep our hire rates low for regular local groups and classes and to continue developing and investing in our facilities.

The start of the year more or less coincided with the completion of the new housing development in front of the village hall, although at the time of reporting a number of these new houses have still not been occupied. We responded by amending our terms and conditions of hire to try to reduce the risk of noise disturbance in particular and this appears to have been working satisfactorily.

After many years of procrastination we bit the bullet and made some modest amendments to the wording of our Trust Deed, which dates from 1960. The most significant changes concern the ways in which committee members (who are also trustees of the charity) can be appointed, increasing the proportion of members elected at the AGM and updating the list of local organisations with nomination rights. The changes have been signed off by the Charity Commission.

Our largest capital investment this year was in the installation of a solar panel and battery storage facility, with 80% of the total cost of nearly £13,000 covered by an infrastructure grant from the Forest of Dean District Council. This will lead to a considerable reduction in our annual energy costs in future years. We also invested £3,000 in new LED lighting in the main hall. More recently we have been working on a major plan to install artificial safety surfacing around the various items of equipment in the external play area, due for completion in May 2025. Almost half of the funding for this project has been provided by external grant funders, including Gloucestershire County Council, Hartpury Parish Council, the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and Hartpury University and College; £9,000 of this external funding has been received and included in the accounts for 2024-25, thereby rather flattering the financial surplus which appears in the accounts.

I would once again like to thank my fellow trustees and the many volunteers in the marquee team, the bar team and the grounds maintenance team, the 100+ club collectors and everyone who supports our work behind the scenes. A large part of the success of the charity is due to all your input. Thanks are also again due to Margaret and Richard Evans who ensure that the facilities are kept clean, tidy and well presented.

Ken Jollans, May 2025

## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Business Current Account:</b>	Opening Balance 01/04/2023	£19269.42
	Closing Balance 31/03/2024	£34533.74

The closing balance of the Business Current Account is much higher than last year due to unspent grants for the resurfacing of the play area which is currently being completed.

We are continuing to invest in the Flagstone platform for our funds that are not required for the day to day financial running of the village hall. We have the funds invested in fixed rate accounts that mature on a rolling basis of 6, 12 & 18 month terms. The balance at 31 March 2025 was £52227.00. This figure includes paid interest but not accrued interest.

The electricity costs are high due to the arrangement we had with the builders of the new houses and the way in which the direct debits came out of the bank and the reimbursement for electricity used received over the past 2 financial years. The installation of the solar panels and just our usage should see a reduction next year.

The committee have again continued to prioritise on going repairs and upgrades to ensure the village hall is maintained to the highest standard. We have been fortunate enough to receive grants to enable us to install solar panels and to carry out the resurfacing of the play area. We are very grateful for these because without this help, we would not have been able to complete these projects.

The Hallmaster booking system continues to work well, and I thank our hirers for their prompt payment of invoices.

My thanks to Peter Antill for auditing the accounts again this year.

Deborah Siddle, Village Hall Treasurer      May 2025

#### **100+ CLUB REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

OPENING BALANCE	CASH PRIZES APRIL-SEPTEMBER	£425
INCOME:	SUBSCRIPTIONS (125 members)	£1,250
EXPENDITURE:	MONTHLY PRIZES (11 x £30)	-£330
	SEPTEMBER BIG DRAW	-£275
	TRANSFER TO VILLAGE HALL	-£645
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>CASH PRIZES APRIL-SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>£425</b>

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024-25**

Chair:	Ken Jollans (Elected)
Secretary	Gill Pett (Elected)
Treasurer	Deborah Siddle (Friends of Hartpury School)
Bookings Secretary	Susan Knox (Co-opted)
Other Elected Members	Victor Smith, Sheila Trail, David Zeal
Other Representative Members	Pauline Drury (Parochial Church Council) Sylvia Gibbs (Line Dancing) Susan Gregory (Health Walks) Ronald Felgate (Hartpury Drama Group)* Tasha Armstrong Godwin (Hartpury Drama Group)** Rachael Watson (Parish Council) Lynda Page (W.I.)
Other Co-Opted Members	Angela Adey, Bobbie Heaven

\*Resigned Dec 2024    \*\* With effect from Dec 2024

**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025**

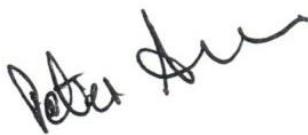
	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
<b><u>Hire of Hall</u></b>		
Alexander Technique	516.25	437.50
Badminton	990.00	850.00
Balance Classes	388.75	348.00
Bowls	936.00	998.00
Drama Group	1415.74	1233.21
Election	337.50	390.00
Fitness Classes	558.75	527.07
Health Walks	577.46	634.34
Line Dancing	1000.00	210.00
Parish Council	579.38	250.53
Pilates	668.00	538.32
Private Parties/Events	11424.56	13648.23
Produce Market	360.00	465.00
SupaStrikers	661.81	472.68
Weddings	550.00	580.00
WI	500.13	374.02
Yoga	1585.83	880.78
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<b><u>Other Income</u></b>		
Donations and Grants	641.00	20386.86
Bar Income	7242.83	5304.09
100 Club'	635.00	645.00
Marquee Hire	1720.00	1531.80
Village Events	790.00	900.11
Investment Income	1442.64	1018.19
Total Other Income	<hr/> 12471.47	<hr/> 29786.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35521.63</b>	<b>52623.73</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Hall & Grounds - Cleaning	2889.86	3451.39
Hall & Grounds - Improvements/Maint	14823.34	20218.23
Hall & Grounds - Grounds	2443.60	713.80
Equipment	219.93	0.00
Licences/Subs/Taxes	525.11	791.56
Insurance	1338.74	1393.74
Electricity	3642.02	6527.20
Telecom	322.20	439.29
Water	362.88	379.23
Bar Purchases	3529.09	2260.51
Other	1807.52	470.36
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>31904.29</b>	<b>36645.31</b>
<b>Surplus/-Deficit</b>	<b>3617.34</b>	<b>15978.42</b>

**MONETARY ASSETS****At YEAR END**

	£	£
NS Investment Account	358.78	362.38
Santander Account	277.74	280.67
Bank Current Account	19269.42	34533.74
Cash in Hand	0	0
Bar Stock/Float	1134.70	827.01
Flagstone Investments	<u>51211.74</u>	<u>52227.00</u>
	<b><u>72252.38</u></b>	<b><u>88230.80</u></b>

**SIGNATORIES**

DEBORAH SIDDELE  
TREASURER



PETER ANTILL  
EXAMINER