

Charity Registration No. 1072699

COLERNE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Land owned by The Colerne Village Hall Association Charity
is Vested in the Official Custodian for Charities

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees present their **REPORT** and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity for the Public Benefit

The Objects of the Charity are specified in the Trust Deed as follows:

“The Trust Property shall be held upon trust for the purpose of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Colerne and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, and in particular for use 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 said inhabitants.”

The management committee carries out these objects by:

Providing first class hall facilities at an affordable cost

Maintaining the building so that is safe and fit for purpose

Promoting the use / availability of the Hall in the Parish Magazine and on the website

Fundraising and grant applications to enable improvements to the fabric and facilities of the building

Activities and Achievements

The Hall is managed by unpaid volunteers, who make up the management committee, who meet three times a year to determine policy, to plan the development of the Hall's facilities and to deal with routine matters regarding the day to day running of the Hall. In between meetings a monthly update concerning outstanding matters and detailing the financial position is emailed to all committee members by the secretary.

The Hall is insured with Zurich through the Community First Village Hall Plus Group and is a member of Wiltshire Village Halls' Association. The Hall has its own independent website and in order to reach a wider section of the community is also on Facebook and also advertises in the Parish Magazine which is delivered bimonthly to every house in the Village.

A cleaning firm is contracted to clean the Hall and the grounds are maintained by a contractor. Minor maintenance is carried out by volunteers while major maintenance is contracted out.

The Hall's Policies and Procedures are reviewed on an annual basis.

The Hall has an expense policy within its Financial Management Policy.

The Solar Panels generate an annual income for the Hall through the payback scheme.

The 300 Club continues to be a major fundraiser for the Hall with shares standing at 278 the largest number of shares sold since the Club commenced; the Committee, again, is very grateful for the Membership's continued support.

No major projects were planned for the year but unfortunately the Solar Panel Invertor had to be replaced; this was funded from fundraising and a donation.

A number of smaller repair and maintenance jobs have also been completed throughout the year.

The gas costs were reduced with a new rate implemented from 16th September.

It was agreed at the A.G.M in May 2025 to increase Hire Charges from September 2025.

The Scout Lease is still on a “rollover” basis.

Three Fund Raising Events took place during the year; a Quiz Night and two Afternoon Tea & Cake Events.

As now required by insurance every three years a Reinstatement Cost Assessment was carried out by a qualified surveyor from the R.I.C.S which unfortunately resulted in a considerably higher rebuild cost for the insurance; this considerably increased the insurance cost for the year.

During the year one regular group ceased hiring the hall and two ceased hiring the D S Room.

A sub committee has ben set up for fund raising and marketing of the hall.

The committee decided to investigate costs for the repair and cleaning of the railings instead of replacing them.

A quote was obtained for new rendering on the outside of the hall; the secretary will investigate if there are any grants available for this work and fund raising will also be undertaken.

No event has taken place which required the application of a Temporary Event Notice.

No serious incidents occurred that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

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For many years it has become very difficult to attract volunteers for the defined roles that are legally required to manage the Hall. The current Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary have informed the Committee that they will be standing down from their roles by the May 2027 A G M at the latest, before if at all possible. This hopefully will give enough time for a transition to take place in an orderly manner to ensure that not only the day to day running of the Hall is explained but also all necessary policies and procedures required under Charity Law are adhered with. An Open Event was held on 21st March during the National Village Halls Week inviting the community to see the Hall's facilities and meet the groups who use the Hall on a regular basis. During the event the Committee also advertised the roles required to maintain the Hall but unfortunately no-one came forward. The Committee has advertised for volunteers on the Community Facebook page and written an article in the Parish Magazine stating volunteers are required and asking if anyone is interested to attend the May A G M this year or contact the current secretary. It has also been stated that if no-one is forthcoming it could mean the closure of the Hall; certain roles must be filled as defined in the Trust Deed and if they are not the Hall cannot run. As the Committee do not wish the Hall to close, the Parish Council has also been approached to see if they would be willing to take the Hall as Sole Trustee and oversee the management of the Hall; they are considering the situation.

Trustees (Management Committee)

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Jackie Bicknell (Chairman & Safeguarding Officer)
Erica Laws (Vice Chairman)
Anne Nicholas (Secretary)
Sheila Nicholas (Treasurer)
Ann Atkinson
Anne Skerrett (Booking Admin)
Leona Bird from 27th October
Ann Matthews
Chris Woods
Natalie Pike
Sharon Williams
Simon Youdan
Glyn Thomas
Andrew Palmer to 9th September

TRUSTEES' REPORT
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Review of financial position

The accounts are presented on the "receipts and payments" basis.

The actual Hiring of the Hall reduced during the year due to the loss of regular groups, however due to the Hire Charges increasing from 1st September 2025 there was a slight increase to the hiring income of £692 which amounted to a total of £12,374; as detailed on page 5 of the accounts.

Three Fundraising Events took place during the year; Two Afternoon Tea and Cake Events and a Quiz Night with Food & Drink, making a profit of £1,133; within the Fundraising total on pages 5 & 6 of the accounts. Also included in the fundraising total is the £150 made on refreshments at the Open Event.

The Feed in Tariff (F.I.T.) for the year was £2,857; as detailed on page 5 of the accounts.

The Reinstatement Cost Assessment cost £300 as detailed on page 6 of the accounts under Professional Fees; This also resulted in an increase of £655 for the year to the Insurance; as detailed on page 6 of the accounts.

The Solar Panel Invertor Replacement cost £2,995 this was paid with a donation of £1,000; within Gift Aid Donations on page 5 of the accounts and £1,995 from fund raising mainly from the Hall's share of the 300 Club for 2025/26 year as detailed on page 5 and 6 of the accounts.

The new rate negotiated for the gas energy cost that came into effect during the year resulted in an overall reduction of 36% to energy costs for the year; the bills totalling £2,541 a reduction of £1,461 to the previous year; as detailed on page 6 of the accounts.

To improve Broadband at the Hall it was decided to terminate the contract with BT and take out a contract with Gigaclear resulting in an early termination fee from BT and simultaneous charges for two months, an extra £467 for this year as detailed on page 6 of the accounts.

The Bank Charges decreased as the Bank discontinued the monthly fee from August 2025 but cheques and cash payments or receipts are still charged; as detailed on page 6 of the accounts

A gift aid donation of £1,000 toward the cost of a project was received; within the gift aid total on page 5 of the accounts and has been placed in the deposit account within the net current assets on the Balance Sheet (page 7)

The income exceeded the expenditure this financial year by £1,406.

The Reserves for unforeseen major repairs stands at £17,000 and for major loss of income £3,000, a total of £20,000; this amount is within the net current assets on the Balance Sheet (page 7) the Bank deposit account total.

Equipment purchased

2025/2026; Expenses-Within Equipment/Furniture page 6.

Replacement:

Mixer & Drinking Water Taps (Kitchen) £111, Dinner Knives x 12 £6

Fire Blanket in Kitchen £27, Water Fire Extinguisher on Stage £96

&

The replacement Solar Panel Invertor £2,995 as detailed on page 5 of the accounts



Jackie Bicknell

Chairman

Dated: ...28th April 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF COLERNE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated: 13-A-2026

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Income receipts				
Grants				
Grants			1,160	1,160
Donations & Legacies				
Donations for Tree Felling			1,160	
Sundry Donations	85		99	
Gift Aid Donations	2,200		450	
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	<u>113</u>		<u>163</u>	
		2,398		1,872
Charitable Activities				
Hiring Charges	12,374		11,682	
Sale Of Furniture			300	
Miscellaneous income	<u>10</u>		<u>10</u>	
		12,384		11,992
Other Trading				
300 Club	2,780		2,730	
Fundraising Events	<u>1,601</u>		<u>1,497</u>	
		4,381		4,227
Investment income				
Bank interest	310		386	
Rent received	34		34	
F.I.T. Payment (Solar Panels)	<u>2,857</u>		<u>2,462</u>	
		3,201		2,882
		<u>22,364</u>		<u>22,133</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

			2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenses						
Gardening		708			469	
Water Rates		927			942	
Insurance		2,145			1,490	
Light and Heat		2,541			4,002	
Cleaning		5,840			5,722	
Repairs&Maintenance: Routine		681			1,270	
Servicing		949			615	
Equipment/Furniture		310			1,588	
Solar Panel Invertor		2,995				
Miscellaneous Purchases		92			78	
300 Club		1,371			1,281	
Stationery, Postage, Printing & Advertising		179			179	
Broadband		968			501	
Subscriptions & Licences		587			558	
Bank Charges		27			65	
Fundraising Costs		318			287	
Miscellaneous Costs		20			10	
Professional Fees		300				
Tree Felling					3,480	
			20,958			22,537
Net (deficit)/income			1,406		-	404
Cash and bank balances at 31 March 2025			29,131			29,535
Cash and bank balances at 31 March 2026			<u>30,537</u>			<u>29,131</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.