

**GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**29 APRIL 2026, 10 am**

1. **Present:** Tim Smith (Chair), Alice Murdock (Deputy Chair), Chris Stirney, Sue Peet (Secretary), Teresa Chapman, Louisa Feltham, James Ireland (visitor), Bob Wilson, Mandy Law (Treasurer), Lorna Bryant.

2. **Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting**

These were seen and agreed.

3. **Matters arising**

No matters were arising from the previous agenda.

4. **Chair's Report (Tim Smith)**

The Chair reported a good year for the Village Hall and gave thanks to the individuals and groups who had made particular contributions to the running of the Hall during the previous year; see attached (Appendix 1). Tim announced that he was standing down from the Committee as of the AGM. The committee offered a vote of thanks to Tim Smith for his long and valuable service to the Committee.

5. **Treasurer's Report (Mandy Law)**

The Treasurer reported that the Village Hall is financially self-sustaining, with average monthly income exceeding running costs; see attached (Appendix 2). The accounts will be submitted to Charity Commission after checking by Paul Brittain. They will also be submitted with the Chair's Report to the Parish Council. The accounts presented by the Treasurer were approved by the Committee.

6. **Crafternoon Report (Alice Murdock)**

This year Crafternoon met 10 times and raised £143.50 for Hall funds. This has been spent on plants for the hanging baskets, exterior window cleaning and a dozen William Morris mugs for the new kitchen. There is currently a balance of £78.

7. **Election of Officers**

- **Chair:** Teresa Chapman: proposed - Tim Smith; seconded - Mandy Law
- **Vice Chair:** Alice Murdock: proposed - Teresa Chapman; seconded - Chris Stirney
- **Treasurer:** Mandy Law: proposed – Bob Wilson; seconded – Louisa Feltham
- **Secretary:** Sue Peet: proposed – Mandy Law; seconded – Lorna Bryant

8. **Committee Membership**

In addition to the elected officers, the following agreed to stand again as Committee Members/Trustees: Lorna Bryant, Louisa Feltham, Chris Stirney, Bob Wilson

9. **AOB.**

James Ireland raised the point that the timing of the AGM was not conducive to encouraging people with work commitments to attend. This was duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 10:30

# APPENDICES

## Appendix 1: Great Easton Village Hall Chair's Report – April 2026 (Tim Smith)

It has been a good year for the Village Hall, with several fundraising events and of course the refurbishment of our kitchen which has made a massive difference to the hall.

Our regular income is now exceeding outgoings which allows us to focus future fund raising activities on the projects planned to continue to improve the hall – replacing the stage curtains and the external rendering are next on the list.

The hall archive has been sorted and organised, which is a great help for future generations of the committee. Thanks to Chris, Mandy & Sue for this thorough piece of work.

The fund raising events this year included the Valentines Quiz which was well supported, and a very successful Grand Raffle (alongside the church).

Having introduced the Final Friday Social last year, it has become a permanent fixture in the calendar each month and continues to be a great source of regular income.

As always, I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing help and support through this year. and I would also like to thank the following people and groups who have contributed to the this year:

- The “Kitchen Crew” for the fantastic job managing the kitchen refurbishment
- Alice and Andy Murdock for running the Valentines Quiz
- Teresa, Mandy, Kathy Gibb & Gill Irons for organising the Grand Raffle as well as the numerous ticket

sellers

- Bob and Kevin Chapman for organising the Final Friday Socials
- Kevin Chapman (again) for his help with maintaining the hall, particularly the outside notice board
- The Crafternoon group who kindly funded the hanging baskets
- Cath Lupton for the donations from her birthday party
- Kate Hill for her donation
- The Garden Task Force for keeping the garden in good order
- Jemima Salvi for helping out with the cleaning

Lastly, this has been my 12th year as chair (10/03/2014), and 16th year (29/03/2010) on the committee and I will be stepping down as Chair and from the committee. It has been a pleasure serving on the committee over this time and I will of course be on hand to offer advice to the new Chair and continue to provide IT support to the Village Hall.

I am very confident that the hall is in good hands with this committee and that the this great facility will continue to serve the village for many years to come.

## Appendix 2: Treasurer's Annual Report

### Great Easton Village Hall Treasurers Annual report Year ending 31 March 2026

Charity Reg. No: 511066

*Note: these accounts are subject to independent examination and have not yet been finalised.*

Financial summary – year ending 31 March 2026	Core hall funds
Total income	£26,080
Total expenditure	£23,948
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>£2,132</b>
Bank balance at year end	£28,160
<b>Available to spend (after reserves and commitments)</b>	<b>£16,835</b>

*Surplus is lower than last year (£3,973) due to the £7,439 kitchen investment. Excluding this, surplus would have been approximately £9,500.*

This report explains how we managed the Village Hall's finances over the past year. To make things clear, we use two sets of figures:

- **Normal Numbers:** This is our Core Hall Funds. It shows the money we made and spent on the day-to-day running of the hall.
- **(Numbers in Brackets):** This is the Total Money. It includes large "Restricted" grants (for the kitchen) and the "Walk on the Wildside" project. These are funds we cannot spend on the general running of the hall, so we keep them separate to see our true financial position.

#### Financial Position: We are Self-Sustaining

By the end of the financial year, the Village Hall generated **£26,080** (£43,907) and spent **£23,948** (£42,283). This resulted in a surplus of **£2,132** (£1,624).

The Important Takeaway: Our everyday income is now 15% (**approximately £108 per month on average**) higher than our monthly running costs. This means the Hall is officially self-sustaining - we are bringing in more than enough from bookings and monthly draw to pay our regular bills (like gas, cleaning, and insurance) without needing to dip into our emergency savings.

Our total surplus is slightly lower than last year because we invested over £7,000 into the kitchen refurbishment. Without this major improvement, our profit would have been over £9,000.

### **Our Income**

- **Hall Hire:** Income from bookings reached £8,683, a 17% increase on last year.
- **Fundraising:** The Grand Raffle (November 2025) and Valentine Quiz (February 2026) were both great successes. The Grand Raffle raised **£2,652** in ticket sales and the Valentine Quiz made a profit of **£1,114**, giving a combined net profit of **£3,766** — a 169% increase over last year's single event.
- **The Bar:** Since starting in August 2024, the bar has become a reliable contributor, bringing in a steady average profit of at least £300 per month.

### **Our Spending**

Our highest every day running costs continue to be cleaning and gas.

- **Cleaning:** Costs rose to £1,614 (up from £1,359 last year), an increase of approximately 18.8% due to the higher volume of hall bookings.
- **Gas:** We spent £1,393 this year. Although this is a major expense, it is actually a 12.5% decrease from last year and reflects our change to a better tariff.

Our largest "optional" spend was £7,439 for improvements, primarily to finish the kitchen project which was supported by local grants.

### **Available funds and Future Projects**

At the end of the year, we had **£28,160** in the bank. However, not all of this is available for general use. Once we set aside our £8,000 emergency reserve and account for money belonging to "Walk on the Wildside", damage deposits and the monthly draw, we have approximately **£16,835** left to spend.

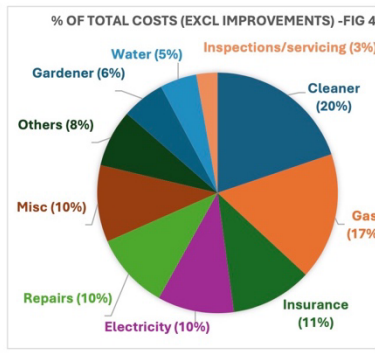
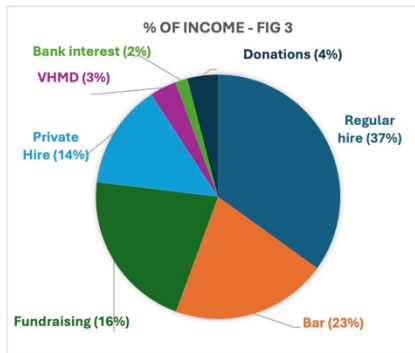
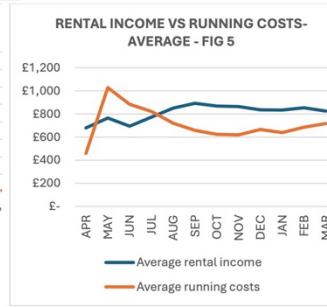
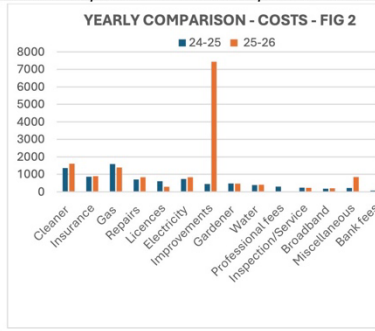
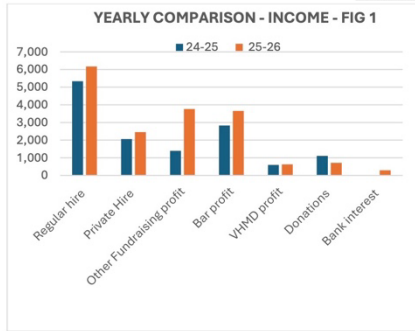
Our 2-Year Plan: We have a major programme of works planned, including replacing the exterior rendering and redecorating the inside of the hall.

- Estimated Cost of Works: £24,000.
- Current Available Funds: £16,835.
- The Funding Gap: We are roughly £7,100 short of our total goal.

Because we are successfully covering our daily running costs with our regular income, we can focus all our future fundraising efforts on closing this £7,100 gap.

**Mandy Law, Treasurer 2 April 2026**

GEVH Treasurer's Report to 31 Mar 26 - Graphs and Pie charts



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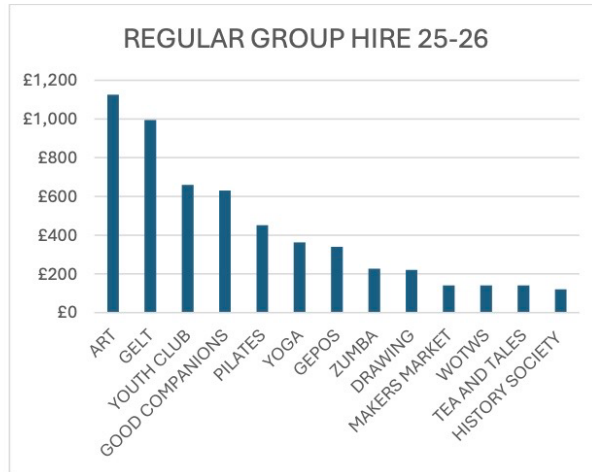
**OVERALL SURPLUS = £2,132**  
(Last year = £3,973)

AVAILABLE FUNDS - £24,835

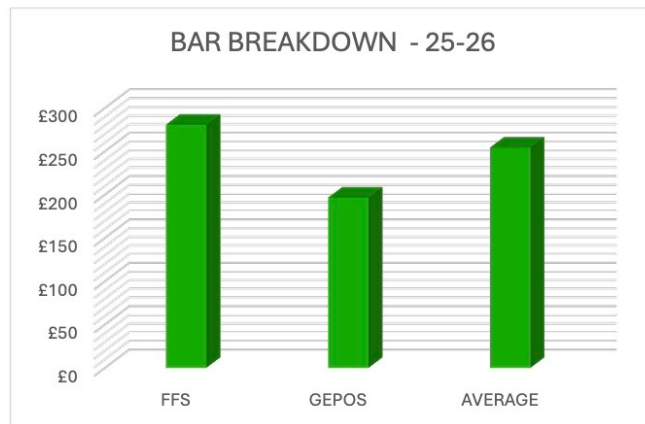
AVAILABLE TO SPEND - £16,835

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OTHER GRAPHS

**INCOME FROM GROUPS**



**BAR PROFIT PER EVENT**



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025-2026

(Receipt and Payment basis)

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Regular Hire	6,194	-	6,194	5335
Private Hire	2,489	-	2,489	2065
Fundraising - Lottery	1,222	-	1,222	1200
Fundraising - Bar	8,242	-	8,242	5286
Fundraising - Other	6,928	-	6,928	1600
Fundraising - Walk on the Wildside <sup>1</sup>	153	-	153	3901
Donations	716	-	716	1104
Bank interest/Credit	289	-	289	-
Grants <sup>2</sup>	-	17,674	17,674	-
<b>Total income*</b>	<b>26,233</b>	<b>17,674</b>	<b>43,907</b>	<b>20,491</b>
<i>* Excludes cashback payments</i>				
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Cost of Fundraising - Lottery	600	-	600	600
Cost of Fundraising - Bar	4,589	-	4,589	2,453
Cost of Fundraising - Other	3,162	-	3,162	202
Cost of Fundraising - Walk on the Wildside	661	-	661	2,813
Gas	1,393	-	1,393	1,592
Electricity	838	-	838	734
Water	404	-	404	393
Broadband	201	-	201	185
Insurance	891	-	891	861
Cleaner	1,614	-	1,614	1,359
Gardener	472	-	472	477
Inspections and servicing	231	-	231	244
General/Repairs	839	-	839	704
Improvements	7,439	-	7,439	451
Licences	285	-	285	603
Marketing	-	-	-	160
Professional fees	-	-	-	300
Miscellaneous	841	-	841	224
Bank fees	149	-	149	74
Grants	-	17,674	17,674	-
Donations	-	-	-	1,000
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>24,609</b>	<b>17,674</b>	<b>42,283</b>	<b>15,430</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit for the year</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>5,061</b>

<b>Assets</b>	£	£
Bank Balance	27,727	26,050
Cash balance	434	526
Invoices owed	1,017	803
Stock value	462	324
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,639</b>	<b>27,703</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deposits owed	200	250
Lottery owed	300	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>29,139</b>	<b>27,153</b>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 1 - Designated funds**

Walk on the Wildside funds are designated for environmental projects to be used over the next 5 years. They are now included in the balance sheet.

	Funds C/F	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
	£	£	£	£
Walk on the Wildside	4,814	153	663	<b>4,303</b>

**Note 2 - Restricted funds - Grants**

S106 and Community Grant funds from HDC for kitchen project

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Presented and approved by Trustees at the AGM meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

On behalf of Trustees:

Name: Tim Smith, Chair

Signature:

Date: