

# ROADWATER VILLAGE TRUST

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Managing Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2025, which should be read in conjunction with the attached Financial Statement for the same period.

### LEGAL STATUS

The Charity results from a merger known as The Roadwater Village Hall and The Roadwater Recreation Ground and was established by Trust Deed dated 25 January 1995. It holds the freehold land now occupied by the Village Hall, Car Park and the Recreation Ground including part of the area of land known as Harper's Wood. The Charity Commission number is 1056321.

### OBJECTS, POLICIES AND ORGANISATION

The Trust is established to provide and maintain the Village Hall and Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Roadwater without distinction of gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or religious beliefs, with the object of improving the quality of life of the inhabitants.

The Hall is available for hire by an individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreement and scale of charges adopted for the year. The Recreation Ground is likewise available for hire, though not exclusively, as public access is maintained at all times.

It is intended that the scale of charges be sufficient to generate a significant proportion of the income required to meet the ordinary expenditure incurred in providing the Hall and Recreation Ground, with the shortfall being met by regular fundraising events. Large improvements are funded by specific appeals, extraordinary fundraising and grants.

The Management Committee is elected or appointed on an annual basis, with the officers being elected from the membership of the Committee. The Annual General Meeting is held in February or early March. At this time representatives from regular users of the Hall facilities are appointed and other members are elected by majority vote from those attending.

The Trust employs a cleaner/caretaker for 5 ½ hours per week.

### NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee consists of elected and representative members, the latter making up more than 50% of the Committee (according to the Trust regulations). Members can also be co-opted if there are vacancies.

Steve Eggar	Chair (DPS 1999 AGM)	+
Christos Yianni	Vice-Chair (March 2000 AGM)	*
Debbie Dennis	Treasurer (June 2001)	*
Jenny Nethercott	Secretary (2022 AGM)	*
David Bernard	(Art Group - June 2018)	+
Shauna Britton	(Playgroup – July 2018)	+
Brian Chinn	(Elected Member – December 2001)	*
Petri Cole	(Cricket Club – March 2018 AGM)	+
Mary Coles	(Dance & Singers Groups – 1984 AGM)	+
Manjula Cote	(Yoga Groups – March 2020 AGM)	+
Julia Eggar	(Elected Member - March 1992 AGM)	*
Bruce Freeman	(Players – March 2023 AGM)	+
Moira Lea	(Needles and Pins Group – February 2012 AGM)	+
Carol Prentice	(Elected Member - February 2016 AGM)	*
Hellen Riebold	(Elected Member - 2018 AGM)	*
Carol Littlejohn	(Spinning Group – April 2023)	+

\* Elected members (7)

+ Representative members (9)

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2025

There were a total of 706 lettings during 2025. The number of groups regularly using the Hall and Recreation Ground is 13. There were two weekly dance sessions, on Tuesdays and Fridays; two weekly yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a weekly Yogalates class on Wednesday; a weekly mother/grandmother/baby group on Mondays; a weekly Art Group meeting on Thursday; twice monthly sewing days of the Needles and Pins Sewing Group; a monthly meeting of The Spinning & Weaving Group; a weekly meeting on Wednesday of The Roadwater Singers informal group; a weekly meeting on Wednesday of the Youth Club; a weekly Tai Chi class on Wednesday; and weekly group guitar lessons on Monday.

The village hall has a new floor which was laid in August. Thanks go to the Fairfield Charitable Trust for their generous grant and to everyone who has supported fund raising events at the hall.

The Roadwater Players' two excellent productions of "Move over Mrs Markham" staged in May, and the December pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" were a great success and enjoyed by appreciative audiences on the five nights they were performed.

The annual summer Fete and Produce Show raised an amazing profit of £9168 and provided a fun afternoon enjoyed by many. A big "thank you" to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's fete another success, a tremendous effort by residents and friends of Roadwater.

Other events held by the Fund Raisers throughout the year included Family Quiz, Big Breakfasts, Bingo nights, Sing-a-long and the annual Christmas Tree lighting with carols around the tree. These events were very successful and enjoyable for all participants.

During the year there were performances from live bands, The Great Malarkey and Bonfire Radicals, the Swamp Stomp String Band, and a music concert for charity by the Guitar Club.

Roadwater Cricket Club is a friendly village club that runs two Saturday sides and a Sunday team. New players are always welcome.

Repairs are ongoing to some of the play equipment on the recreation ground. The area around the playground has been beset with an ongoing issue with molehills.

The Trustees are extremely appreciative of all those who have given such a tremendous amount of their time and energy to these events, and for the upkeep and general management of the hall and recreation ground.

### FINANCES

The attached financial statement shows the current state of the finances.

### Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees have elected to prepare financial statements on the Receipts and Payments account.



**31st DECEMBER 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS/INCOME</b>			
Bar	4100	1558	2543
Donations received	0	300	-300
Equipment Hire	820	130	690
Ev Charging	224	225	-1
Fete	9188	8063	1125
Feed in tariff	0	2102	-2102
Events	41	-1334	1375
Fundraising	4218	4966	-748
Grant	10000	0	10000
Interest	698	734	-36
Hall Hire	6398	9527	-3129
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35687</b>	<b>26270</b>	<b>9416</b>
Broadband	387	359	28
Caretaker	3118	3233	-115
Cleaning	1649	1711	-62
Electricity	1912	886	1026
Equipment	234	0	234
Ev Charging	149	0	149
Grounds Maintenance	2220	1238	982
Insurance	2442	2370	72
Licences	213	209	4
Maintenance	12883	384	12499
Phone Box	0	281	-281
Postage, printing & Stationery	0	5	-5
Subscriptions	60	0	60
Water	935	792	143
Website	415	222	193
Woodboiler pellets	1546	0	1546
Woodboiler repairs and maintenance	1081	1578	-498
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>29243</b>	<b>13267</b>	<b>15975</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6444</b>	<b>13003</b>	<b>-6559</b>

**Roadwater Village Trust  
Balance Sheet  
at 31st December 2025**

**2025**

**2024**

**ASSETS**

Cash and bank accounts

Current account	22260	16515
Virgin Money deposit account	55492	54793
	<u>77752</u>	<u>71308</u>

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance brought forward	<b>71308</b>	<b>58304</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	6444	13003
	<u>77752</u>	<u>71308</u>
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