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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Colton Village Hall - Colton
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1059585
Charity's principal address	C/O Mr A.R Monbiot
	Sheringham, Bellamour Way
	Colton, Rugeley, Staffordshire
	Postcode **WS15 3LN**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1				
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9	John Macmillan	Chairman and Secretary		Colton Local Nature Reserve
11	Anthony Richard Monbiot			Colton Produce Guild and Colton Parish Council
12	Guy Renolds	Treasurer	Until 30th June	
	Edward Tucker	Treasurer	From 1st July	
13	Fiona O Brien	Booking Officer		
15	Lynne Richardson			Colton WI
16	John Richard Dean			
17	Ian Everall		From 19th June	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By election at the AGM, or in the case of a casual vacancy, co-option by the Management Committee; by nomination of representatives of the Village Organisations listed in the constitution.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

New trustees receive a folio of documentation, focusing in particular on the role and responsibilities of trustees, the constitution, conflicts of interest/loyalty and financial management and all other policies. They are encouraged to study on line the Charity Commission's Guidance for trusteeship.

As a small charity, Colton Village Hall guards against risks by the maintenance of a reserve fund (see section E), regular revaluation of the hall for insurance purposes, and the purchase of trustee liability insurance to the value of £100,000.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Colton, including use for meetings, lectures, classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees continued their long-standing policy of encouraging maximum usage of the hall by parishioners through advantageous pricing compared to charges made for bookings from non-residents of the parish.

The Children's Playground has remained open throughout the period and continues to be regularly inspected and maintained.

The nature reserve on village hall land continues to improve and develop and is greatly appreciated by residents and visitors alike. With the agreement of the trustees of Colton Local Nature Reserve (a micro charity) all the assets of that charity have been transferred to the village hall which will manage the reserve's finances in future.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Although the number of elected trustees has improved significantly, it remains extremely difficult to persuade Village Organisations to provide representative trustees.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees have successfully maintained repayments on the loan for the solar panels without depleting our financial reserves and have negotiated an improved energy supply contract to meet our remaining needs The reduced energy bills which have followed prove the wisdom of investing in solar panels. A significant grant from another local charity has enabled us to maintain our policy of providing heavily discounted room hire rates for parishioners during the loan repayment period.

Our website has been completely revamped and modernised and our use of social media has been improved, both of which have resulted in an upturn in bookings for the hall.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	1. We have a current financial reserve of c£15,000. 2. It remains the policy of the trustees to build back the reserves to about £40,000 over the coming years. 3. The expense of maintaining the playground falls primarily on the Parish Council, but we hold a small reserve fund to cover immediate replacement and repair costs, currently standing at approximately £3,500
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds are raised through:

1. Fund-raising events organised by the Management Committee;
2. Hire charges to village organisations
3. Hire charges to private individuals, whether living inside the Parish or outside, and to businesses and organisations based outside the Parish.
4. Grants for large items of capital expenditure if available.
5. Other grants

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Kenneth Macmillan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	1st November 2026	