

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Stock & Bradley Village Hall (Charity no. 523102)

1. Reference and administrative details

Registered address: Church Road, Bradley Green, Worcestershire, B96 6RW

Website: www.sbvh.org.uk

Trustees who served during the year:

- Roger Pask (Chairman)
- Nikki Dean (Secretary)
- Keith Lawrence (Treasurer)

Principal officers: None

2. Structure, governance and management

Legal form: Unincorporated association governed by document 'Stock and Bradley Village Hall' dated 18th January 1935.

Trustee appointment: Trustees are appointed by the committee in accordance with the governing document.

Meetings & decision-making: The committee meets monthly, every other month, or as necessary to conduct business and oversee operations.

3. Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes: As set out in the governing document, to provide and maintain a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish and surrounding area, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.

Main activities to further purposes: Hiring the hall to community groups and individuals; hosting events and activities that promote the wellbeing of the community.

Beneficiaries: Local residents and community groups.

4. Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The hall provides public benefit by offering an affordable, accessible and safe space for community activities, social cohesion and healthy living (e.g. classes, meetings and events). This reduces isolation, supports local volunteering, and enables groups to deliver services and activities that would otherwise be unavailable locally.

5. Achievements and performance

During the year the hall continued to host regular community use and private hires and maintained its role as a focal point for village life. The committee prioritised routine maintenance and ensured the hall remained available and welcoming for a wide range of users. During the year, 3 new doors were fitted including internet enabled access control.

6. Financial review (Receipts & Payments basis)

Total receipts: £29,594.80

Total payments: £27,768.91

Net movement in funds: **£1,825.89** (surplus)

Year-end cash balance: £32,220.50 (see Statement of Assets and Liabilities)

Reserves policy:

The trustees aim to hold free reserves sufficient to cover routine operating costs and contingencies. As a working target, the trustees consider **around six months of typical expenditure** to be appropriate. Based on 2024 payments (\approx £27,768.91), six months is **about £13,884**.

At 31 December 2024, free reserves were **£32,220.50**, which is **above** the current target. The trustees will review the reserves level in 2025 and consider designating part of the balance for planned maintenance and improvement works.

Going concern & principal risks:


The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval, supported by stable demand for hall use and adequate cash reserves. Key risks include (i) fluctuations in hire income, (ii) unexpected building repairs or capital replacement, and (iii) cost inflation for utilities and insurance. Mitigations include prudent budgeting, maintaining appropriate reserves, forward planning for maintenance, and keeping the hall appropriately insured and compliant with health & safety requirements.

7. Funds held as custodian trustee

None.

Approved by the trustees on [date] and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Roger Pask Role: Chair & Trustee

Signature: 

06/09/2025