REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS AND SPORTS COMMITTEE

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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

# **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Objectives and aims

When planning its activities the charity keeps in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of the two village halls and various sports facilities for the use of the Parish of Biddenden including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation.

#### Public benefit

As a Charitable Trust, the Trustees have an obligation to the local community to provide a public benefit and this obligation is paramount in the management of the Hall and Sports facilities under their management. The Trustees aim to maintain the facilities to a good standard, and hold letting rates down as long as possible, taking account of the cash reserves policy. By their actions the Trustees feel that they are complying with their duty to provide public benefit in accordance with the guidance given by the Charity Commission. They continue to explore other ways of providing the required benefits.

### Significant activities

The halls, changing rooms and rifle range are rented out to twenty clubs and groups on a regular basis, as well as being used for private functions. The bowling green, squash courts, and tennis courts are rented out to the clubs on longer term rental agreements. Rental agreements are now in place for the six years from 1 April 2020 to 4 May 2026. These allow users access to the facilities subject to agreement with BVHSC and payment of rent.

# Corona Virus

During the year VHSC facilities returned to being open for normal use with all legal restrictions being removed from 19th July until early December. In December Plan B restrictions were in place for six weeks which again restricted use of the facilities. Throughout the year guidance on the management and use of the halls was received from Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK), and their umbrella organization Action Communities in Rural England.

Financial support was obtained through various Covid 19 related Small Business Grants (see Grants and Donations section below) and through the Corona Virus Job Retention Scheme. The Committee is extremely grateful for this support as it enabled VHSC to weather the pandemic without having to fund activities from reserves.

In addition to regular Committee meetings, the Chairman and at least one of the Executive Officers met with the Caretaker to review maintenance of the Halls and actions that needed to be taken following advice received from ACRK of actions required to meet 'Covid Secure' guidance and operate in line with government Covid 19 regulations.

The Committee is most grateful Mrs Flick Brockman, the Halls Caretaker, for working with users to ensure the halls were kept 'Covid Secure.

One positive outcome of Covid 19 has been the formation of several new clubs and user groups. This has resulted in the halls being better used than in the recent past.

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# ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Financial summary

VHSC had an operating surplus of £12,987 for the year (2021, surplus of £7,787).

During the year halls rents received were £16,000 (2021, £ 4,087). The increase reflects hall use returning to pre pandemic levels.

During the year, the following Covid 19 related grants were received in relation to the Village Halls:

Restart Grant (April 2021)	£8,000.00
Restart Grant (January 2022)	£2,667.00

VHSC also received the following donations:

History Society £250.00

Three restricted donations were received during the year:

Biddenden Parish Council: Squash Club Fire Alarm and Fire Door
Project £1,346.22
ABC Ward Members Grant £1,000.00
KCC Ward Members Grant £2,000.00

The ABC and KCC grants were awarded to fund the replacement of windows in the Old and New Halls. This work is planned to take place over summer 2022. In addition to these grants VHSC has secured an additional £26,000 in grants from ABC (£10,000) and KCC (£16,000). These funds will be paid out as the project is implemented.

The Squash Club received the following Covid 19 Grants:

Restart Grant (April 2021)	£8,000.00
Restart Grant (January 2022)	£2,667.00

As the grants related to a property registered for rates with VHSC they were paid into the VHSC bank account and passed on to the Squash Club.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the power to invest is such assets as they see fit.

#### Reserves policy

Unrestricted funds carried forward amount to £51,608, with a further £27,917 being held for repair and maintenance work on the bowls, squash and tennis facilities. These funds will be used to fund both routine maintenance and larger repair projects such as resurfacing the tennis courts.

The trustees regularly monitor reserves and endeavour to ensure that sufficient funds are available for current operating expenses and other expenditure specifically identified.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of gift dated 6 January 1908, and rules and regulations made and passed on 26 November 1964, as amended by scheme of 3 December 1997. The charity constitutes an unincorporated charity.

# Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Interested clubs and societies from the village are encouraged to have representatives on the Committee, together with village representatives willing to put themselves forward.

Appointments are approved by the Committee.

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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

At the periodic trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of income and expenditure, reserves and risk management policies and performance. The Trust's policies as regards to Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Environment, Risk Management, Privacy, and Data Protection are reviewed and agreed annually.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 5 and 12 to the accounts.

The trustee's hold four regular meetings a year, and ad hoc meetings as and when required. The following officers were elected following the 2021 AGM held on 19th August 2021:

Tom Lupton Chair Jerry Slinn Vice Chair Jo Piper Secretary Yashvant Shah Treasurer

Mrs Mary Smith retired as treasurer at the 2021, and kindly agreed to remain on the committee for a further year to ensure a smooth handover to the new treasurer. Mary had been VHSC treasurer for more than 17 years, and we are extremely grateful for the massive contribution she has made both to the smooth day to day running of VHSC and to ensuring our finances are in a sound state.

Mrs Judith Wright resigned as Secretary and from the Committee on 27th April 2021. We are most grateful for all her hard work.

Yashvant Shah was co-opted to the Committee on 25th May 2021 as treasurer designate.

Christopher Friend stood down as a committee member at the AGM. We are most grateful for his contribution.

Mrs Jo Piper and Peter Tester were elected to the Committee at the AGM and Michael Metcalfe was appointed on 17th March 2022.

Mrs Felicity Brockman continued in her role of day-to-day management of the Halls as caretaker and looking after bookings.

# Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are given an introductory pack detailing the responsibilities of trustees. On appointment, new trustees sign a trustee declaration statement committing them to giving of their time and expertise. The welcome pack includes a copy of the governing Trust Deed, trustee board and sub-committee minutes, a copy of the last years 'annual reports and accounts', and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know' and Public Benefit: running a charity' and are required to sign their acceptance of the provisions of the Data Protection Policy.

New trustees are usually representing local interest groups, and therefore training as a Committee member is through attendance at meetings. Committee members are encouraged to attend training sessions organised by Action for Communities in Rural Kent.

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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk Assessment

During the year a risk assessment for the charity was carried out. This reviewed all the identified risks the charity was exposed to.

In respect of children and other vulnerable persons or groups the charity has a Safeguarding Policy in place. This ensures, where relevant, that the bodies or persons which use the facilities under its management have adequate measures in place to keep them from harm and abuse.

In other respects the trustees are conscious of the importance of compliance and take such steps as are necessary to avoid failure to do so.

A long-term risk is that the halls and sports facilities are well used, and that the rental income generated is enough to cover routine repairs and maintenance costs. Activities to increase use of the facilities include the use of the website and working with user groups to implement the Long-Term Improvement and Development Plan. The Committee recognises that any major improvement work will depend on obtaining grant finance.

No serious incident or other such matter occurred during the year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

# Long Term Improvement and Development Programme (LTIDP)

In addition to routine maintenance work at all the facilities the following LTIDP project were implemented in 2021/22:

Tennis Courts - replacement of south fence. This was funded from VHSC Tennis Club restricted funds and a £5,000 grant received from Biddenden Parish Council in 2020/1.

Bowls Club - the water supply was upgraded to meet current potable water standards. This was funded from VHSC Bowls Club restricted funds and Bowls Club funds.

Old and New Hall Windows - during the year planning permission and funds were secured for replacing the halls windows with double glazed units. This work will be carried out during 2022/3.

During the year work the Long-Term Improvement and Development Plan was reviewed and updated, and projects identified for completion in 2022/23. Biddenden Parish Council have included £5,000 towards these projects in their 2022/3 budget.

# Health and Safety

The charity has a health and safety policy, and health and safety is discussed at all BVHSC meetings. Routine electrical, fire and general inspections are carried out and recorded.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number 302684

Principal address Biddenden Village Hall Tenterden Road Biddenden Kent TN27 8BB

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees

T Lupton

J Slinn

Mrs M Smith

Mrs M Farris

R Harris

Mrs E Rickwood

Mrs L Lidgett

H Richards

C Rice

Mrs J Wright (resigned 27/4/2021)

C Thomas

H R Passmore

C C Friend (resigned 19/8/2021)

Mrs J Oatway

M S Butterworth

Y Shah (appointed 25/6/2021)

R King

Mrs J Piper (appointed 19/8/2021)

P Tester (appointed 19/8/2021)

M Metcalfe (appointed 17/3/2022)

Independent Examiner Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP Chartered Accountants 82 High Street Tenterden Kent TN30 6JG

# **THANKS**

We are most grateful for the co-operation and support of all our users over the past two years.

I would like to record thanks the Officers and Committee for all their support over the last 12 months.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

T Lupton - Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BIDDENDEN VILLAGE HALLS AND SPORTS COMMITTEE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Miss Samantha Whiting FCA Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP Chartered Accountants 82 High Street Tenterden Kent TN30 6JG

19 August 2022

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
I NCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and grants		11,463	4,347	15,810	26,295
Charitable activities Property & halls management Bowls Club Squash Club Tennis Club		21,341 - - -	796 2,446 2,068	21,341 796 2,446 2,068	8,091 790 2,429
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	479 3	-	479 3	1,472 3
Total		33,286	9,657	42,943	39,080
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Property & halls management Bowls Club Squash Club Tennis Club		18,687 806 2,681 1,004	3,059 - 219 2,764	21,746 806 2,900 3,768	16,239 1,408 7,331 6,315
Other		736	<u> </u>	736	
Total		23,914	6,042	29,956	31,293
NET I NCOME		9,372	3,615	12,987	7,787
Transfers between funds	11	200	(200)	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,572	3,415	12,987	7,787
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		42,354	24,502	66,856	59,069
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		51,926	27,917	79,843	66,856

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2022

FIXED ASSETS	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Tangible assets	8	12,097	-	12,097	12,733
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	9	3,981 39,204	- 27,917	3,981 67,121	2,043 53,003
		43,185	27,917	71,102	55,046
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,674)	-	(3,674)	(923)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		39,511	27,917	67,428	54,123
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		51,608	27,917	79,525	66,856
NET ASSETS		51,608	27,917	79,525	66,856
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	11			51,608 27,917	42,354 24,502
TOTAL FUNDS				79,525	66,856

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

T Lupton - Trustee

Y Shah - Trustee

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### STATUTORY INFORMATION

Biddenden Village Halls and Sports Committee is an unincorporated charitable, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal office address can be found in the reference and administrative details in the Report of the Trustees.

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

No amounts are included in these accounts for the services donated by volunteers.

Income from the hire of halls and rents and contributions to utilities and repairs from Sports Clubs is accounted for in the period in which it arises.

# Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure represents the costs of maintaining the property and furthering the objects of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and consequently all costs include VAT where applicable.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Buildings & improvements - 5% on reducing balance

# Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds represent unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a particular future purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

# Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

# Grant income recognition

Grant income has been recognised under the performance model.

Grants that do not specify any future performance-related conditions are recorded when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Any grant that imposes specified future performance-related conditions is recognised only when the performance-related conditions are met. Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability

# 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Deposit account interest

	CJRS monies	2022 £ 479	2021 £ 1,472
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2022 f	2021 £

# 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

# 6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Bookings and administration	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL	ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and grants	21,095	5,200	26,295
	Charitable activities Property & halls management Bowls Club Squash Club	8,091 - -	- 790 2,429	8,091 790 2,429
	Other trading activities Investment income	1,472 3	- -	1,472 3
	Total	30,661	8,419	39,080
	EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Property & halls management Bowls Club Squash Club Tennis Club	16,239 1,037 2,911 594	371 4,420 5,721	16,239 1,408 7,331 6,315
	Total	20,781	10,512	31,293
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,880	(2,093)	7,787
	Transfers between funds	979	(979)	-
	Net movement in funds	10,859	(3,072)	7,787
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
	Total funds brought forward	31,495	27,574	59,069
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	42,354	24,502	66,856

The information shown above reflects the prior year comparatives figures split between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds for the amounts shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Buildings & improvements £
	COST At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	39,028
	DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2021 Charge for year	26,295 636
	At 31 March 2022	26,931
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2022	12,097
	At 31 March 2021	12,733

The freehold land owned by the charity was acquired as a gift more than 20 years ago and therefore has no cost. This comprises the original Village Hall and the new Village Hall. The insured value of the buildings is in the region of £730,000.

The Pavilion (Changing Rooms and Squash Courts) and the Tennis Courts, are subject to leases dated 4 August 1997 running to 5 May 2026, renewable for a further 21 years thereinafter. The rent is 5pence per annum, if demanded.

The Bowls facilities are subject to a lease dated 10 August 1999 and running to 5 May 2026, renewable for a further 21 years thereinafter. The rent is 5pence per annum, if demanded.

# 9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Other debtors	2022 £ 3,981	2021 £ 2,043
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	Other creditors	£ 3,674	£ 923

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

11.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	Transfers	
		At 1/4/21 £	movement in funds £	between funds	At 31/3/22 £
	Unrestricted funds General fund	42,354	9,054	200	51,608
	Restricted funds Tennis Club Squash Club Bowls Club Tennis Club Fence Biddenden Strummers Windows	12,070 6,182 2,991 3,059 200 - 24,502	(696) 3,573 797 (3,059) - 3,000 3,615	(200)	11,374 9,755 3,788 - - 3,000 27,917
	TOTAL FUNDS	66,856	12,669	<u> </u>	79,525
	Net movement in funds, included in the abo	ove are as follo	ws:		
	Unrestricted funds		Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
	General fund		33,286	(24,232)	9,054
	Restricted funds Tennis Club Squash Club Bowls Club Tennis Club Fence Windows		2,068 3,792 797 - 3,000	(2,764) (219) - (3,059)	(696) 3,573 797 (3,059) 3,000
			9,657	(6,042)	3,615
	TOTAL FUNDS		42,943	(30,274)	12,669

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	31,495	9,880	979	42,354
Restricted funds				
Tennis Club	15,850	(3,780)	-	12,070
Squash Club	9,152	(1,991)	(979)	6,182
Bowls Club	2,572	419	-	2,991
Tennis Club Fence	-	3,059	-	3,059
Biddenden Strummers	<u> </u>	200	<u> </u>	200
	27,574	(2,093)	(979)	24,502
TOTAL FUNDS	59,069	7,787	<del></del>	66,856

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	30,661	(20,781)	9,880
Restricted funds		(0.700)	(0.700)
Tennis Club	2 420	(3,780) (4,420)	(3,780) (1,991)
Squash Club Bowls Club	2,429 790	(4,420)	419
Tennis Club Fence	5,000	(1,941)	3,059
Biddenden Strummers	200	-	200
	8,419	(10,512)	(2,093)
TOTAL FUNDS	39,080	(31,293)	7,787

Restricted funds represent amounts received from each of the Bowls Club, Squash Club and Tennis Club by way of an agreed rent charge. Maintenance of each Club's property is met from these funds.

The trustees deem these to be Preserved Funds for the benefit of the Clubs who have paid over the money. In this regard, they are considered Restricted Funds as they can be used for no other purpose without the express permission of the Club concerned.

A restricted fund was created during 2021/22 for the replacement of the hall windows and includes grants received for this project.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

# 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

# 13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the Board of Trustees.