

Treasurer's notes for the Norton Village Hall NN11 Annual General Meeting –
22/10/2025

For a start up charity completing its first year of operation the CIO has finished in a healthy position, which I will summarise later.

The most significant receipt in the year was a donation of c£2,200 from the Norton Village Community Association charity, which would up its activities during 2024. We are grateful to all those who have been involved in running the NVCA over the past 40 odd years, especially remembering our dear friend Roger Saunders who passed away earlier this year. We aim to build on their legacy.

The number of regular hall hirings has seen an upward shift and these have delivered c£2,300 in income across the 15 month time period.

The committee ran a few events which after costs generated a surplus of c£300.

The Saturday Food Hub has been an enormous success as we are grateful to the volunteers who man it on a weekly basis. Although there is no obligations from patrons to pay for any of the food available donations are welcomed, and we are please to report the Hubs have contributed £1,500 in the 15 months since they commenced.

Additional donations have been received from Jill, Kim and Dan from Norton whose teams have won monthly Pub Quizzes and have kindly shared their winnings with the Hall.

Our final major revenue stream comes from the ongoing arrangement with Nick Boby at Mycomms to house the Village WiFi Network and the CIO has received c£500 to cover the electricity to power it.

Our largest expenditure in the year was the refurbishment of the kitchen which has received praise from many hall users. Much of the work was carried out by volunteers, the units were purchased second hand, the work surface sourced locally, and local tradesmen were used where required. The CIO spent c£650 on the refit, and we also recognized the NPC support for various aspects of the project, including upgrading the electricals.

The committee has undertaken reviews of Health & Safety requirements and have spent over £400 on appliance testing, new locks and signage, etc to bring the hall up to standard.

We have also spent more than £500 on repairs, maintenance and cleaning.

The largest running cost associated with the hall is energy, and we are only reporting £400 in the 15 months to March 2025. We know this is understated and we are working with the Parish Council to fully understand the charges for the building, which we now know to be much higher. This does not pose any threat to the CIO as we understand

there are other offsetting revenues that mitigate the exposure, and we aim to have the situation fully resolved by the end on the next reporting cycle.

We continue to build up knowledge of the financial requirements of the facility we have taken on and intend to act with prudence to ensure the long-term viability of the charity. This will allow us to plan further improvements and undertake larger maintenance projects.

In summary, total revenue in the 15 months to March 2025 was £7,958, with total costs of £3,034. This leaves the CIO with a cash reserve of £4,923 at the end of our initial reporting cycle.

The full accounts will be lodged with the Charity Commission in the next few days.

Nigel Allcott

Treasurer

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