

Stichill Village Hall

Trustees Annual Report including
Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts
to 30 April 2026



Scottish Charity No: SC012362

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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Stichill Village Hall

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The Charity's Principal Address: Lyntonlea
Ednam Road
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Ednam Road
Stichill
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Charities Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Chairperson	Ken Wilson	
Treasurer	David Watson	
Secretary	Brian Irwin	
Vice Chair	Moir Stephen	
Trustee	Fiona Nisbet	June 2025
Trustee	Elaine Henderson	

Names of other trustees during the period:

Gillian Robertson	Resigned June 25
Ian Dutton	Resigned June 25
Frances Jane	Resigned June 25
Alister Pike	Resigned June 25
Jane Harrison	Resigned September 25
Janine Wilson	Resigned September 25
Ann Irwin	Resigned September 25
Grant Henderson	Resigned September 25

Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
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Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document:

Stichill Village Hall, SC012362, was recognised as a charity on 3 May 1990.

Trustee Recruitment & Appointment:

The office bearers shall consist of a Chairman, (Vice-Chairman), Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by members of the Committee at each Annual General Meeting. Only members of the Committee shall be eligible for election as office bearers. Retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election.

Objectives & Activities

The Charity's Charitable Purpose:

As set out in the 'Constitution' and 'The Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005' the purpose(s) of Stichill Village Hall are the following: -

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of health
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of public participation in sport

Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

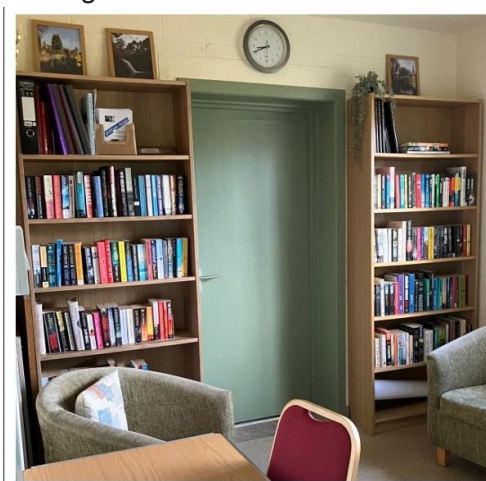
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

The promotion of the well-being of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stichill in the former County of Roxburgh now in the Scottish Borders

Any other purpose that may be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Achievement & Performance for Stichill Village Hall

We have continued to maintain and improve Stichill Village Hall as a welcoming, comfortable and well-resourced space to allow community access to activities that promote well-being and reduce isolation. One club's representative wanted to pass on their "...appreciation of the standards of the Hall facilities. The heating and cleanliness immediately come to mind but we also value many other aspects of the Hall, equipment and storage." We allocated resources to redecorate the main hall, to renew the hall curtains, and to modernise the sound and projection systems. We also improved security by renewing the fire door and the door of the outside store. Because of greater energy efficiency, we've been able to do this work without increasing hire charges.



We have also continued to develop the library based in our meeting room.

Stichill Village Hall continues to host a wide range of groups and to cater for a wide range of interests, such as Bridge, Bowling, Tai Chi, Pilates, Dance, National Theatre Live presentations, the SWI, Community Council meetings and surgeries of parliamentary representatives.



A real change this year has been a big (35%) rise in the number of get-togethers and community events. These have brought together members of the community of all ages, reducing isolation of those who live alone and fostering community spirit and pride in the village. The introduction of a monthly "Stichill Social" evening, and viewings of 6 Nations matches, have added to already established Vintage Cafe afternoons, Film and New Year get-togethers. One resident who was at the New Year's Day Get Together commented on Facebook: "Great night. This is what community is all about."

A big team of residents volunteered for a village tidy-up.



Teams of volunteers made up of trustees and local residents have worked enthusiastically and creatively on putting on Halloween, Christmas and Easter events to engage people of all ages. They are planning a summer event linked to the Kelso Laddie visit to the village and the inaugural Stichill Show in September. This is already generating community interest and has already received a donation from the Margaret Carlaw Trust to help meet costs.



Stichill Village Hall depends on the efforts of a dedicated and growing group of volunteers who variously and in their own ways contribute to its success: our creative and enthusiastic event's organisers; our dedicated fundraisers; our publicists; our handymen and women who look after the hall and help keep it in good shape; our rota volunteers who keep an eye on the hall on a day-to-day basis; and our administrators who do the unpopular but necessary paperwork - bookings, health & safety, insurance, and keeping track of the money that comes in and goes out.

In August of 2025, we followed the advice of OSCR, the charity regulator in Scotland, and reviewed our governing document. As a result, we agreed that we needed to update how we make our decisions. We decided the best way forward would be to become a SCIO (an incorporated charity). This work has progressed well. A SCIO has been set up but is not yet operating. We have asked permission of the charity regulator so that we might transfer our assets to the new charity and are waiting for their decision.

Financial Review

Statement of Reserves Policy:

Due to inflationary pressures in the wider economy, it is now Stichill Village Hall policy to maintain a contingency fund of £7000 per annum. Funds are also designated to projects for implementation in 2026-2027:

Contingency:	£ 7000
SCIO costs	£ 1500
Maintenance	£ 1100
Improvements - blinds	£ 600
Improvements - lighting	£ 2000
Improvements - library	£ 50
Improvements - Marquee	£ 1500
TOTAL	£13950

The balance of funds in the account will allow the charity to meet any plans for the development of hall activities and facilities that may arise during the year. In 2027-2028 funds will be required to maintain the hall exterior. The Trustees will continue to monitor the balance in the light of continued inflationary pressures and any risks to business continuity.

Details of any deficit

Expenditure exceeded income from hall hire, fund-raising and donations. This was planned although the planned deficit was smaller than expected. In 2026-2027, thanks to ongoing reduced energy costs, a projected surplus of hall hire income over day-to-day running costs means that there will again be no need to increase hall hire charges. This will be kept under review given the uncertainties in the world economy.

Details of Donated Facilities & Services:

The Charity benefits from the time given by all the Trustees to the running of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The members of the Charity must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Charity during the financial year. The members of the Charity are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Charity at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ken Wilson
Chairperson

Dated:

Receipts & Payments Account
Year Ended 30th April 2026

	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Receipts					
Donations		508.50	0.00	508.50	588.07
Receipts from Fund Raising Activities	1	3,816.25	0.00	3,816.25	3,746.00
Other Charitable Activities	2	5,704.05	0.00	5,704.05	5,871.50
Grants	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,190.00
Total Receipts		10,028.80	0.00	10,028.80	41,395.57
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities	4	1,735.70	0.00	1,735.70	1,491.64
Expenses from Charitable Activities	5	12,240.78	0.00	12,240.78	43,130.67
Independent Examination		175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00
Total Payments		14,151.48	0.00	14,151.48	44,797.31
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(4,122.68)	0.00	(4,122.68)	(3,401.74)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(4,122.68)	0.00	(4,122.68)	(3,401.74)

**Statement of Balances as at
30th April 2026**

	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Balances at Start of Year	26,922.61	0.00	26,922.61	30,324.35
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(4,122.68)	0.00	(4,122.68)	(3,401.74)
Balances at End of Year	22,799.93	0.00	22,799.93	26,922.61

Other Assets

See Notes	7	795,073	771,396
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Liabilities

No Outstanding Liabilities

Financial Statements approved by the Charity and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....
David Watson Treasurer
Dated.....14 May 2026

Notes to the Accounts

	2026	2025
1 Receipts from Fundraising Activity		
Vintage Café	549.15	384.55
Film Nights	591.00	488.00
100 Club	970.00	918.00
Stichill Social	64.50	0.00
NT Live	1,287.40	1,141.45
Events	354.20	0.00
Quiz Night Events	0.00	100.00
History Weekend	0.00	714.00
	3,816.25	3,746.00
2 Other Charitable Activities		
Hall Hire	5,504.05	5,441.50
Sales of second-hand equipment	200.00	430.00
	5,704.05	5,871.5
3 Grants		
Energy Savings Trust	0.00	11,190.00
Margaret Carlaw Trust (SCPOA)	0.00	20,000.00
	0.00	31,190.00
4 Expenses from Fundraising Activities		
PRS & Licenses	514.90	321.00
Film Night	3.54	3.19
Vintage Café	9.25	18.44
Concerts	0.00	29.93
100 Club	455.50	419.00
NT Live	521.40	633.60
Quiz Night	0.00	50.00
History Weekend	0.00	16.48
Events	231.11	0.00
	1,735.70	1,491.64
5 Expenses from Charitable Activity		
Electricity	1,072.00	5,560.13
Hall Janitorial & Supplies	568.61	635.63
Property Repairs	4,013.80	660.12
Fire & Electrical Safety Checks	229.02	1,875.76
Professional Fees	0.00	440.40
Insurance	860.67	826.64
Postage & Stationery	78.26	104.52
Broadband	435.01	384.60
Miscellaneous	0.00	29.45
Greening the Hall	0.00	32,046.78
Equipment (see note 7)	4,910.48	566.64
Bank Charges	72.93	0.00
	12,240.78	43,130.67

Notes to the Accounts cnt'd

6 Nature & Purpose of Funds

All funds held by Stichill Village Hall at the year-end are for the sole use of the hall, and made up of Unrestricted funds of £22,799.93

7 Assets of Stichill Village Hall as at 30th April 2026

	2025	Additions	2026	Notes
Hall	743,879	19,341	763,220	1
Kitchen Equipment (Including cleaning equipment)	3,096	116	3,214	2
Main Hall Equipment (Including blinds & curtains)	9,975	367	10,342	3
Committee Room (Including filing cabinets & printer)	1,385	30	1,415	4
Staging	3,000		3,000	
AV Equipment	2,928	3,600	6,528	5
Bar Equipment	1,416		1,416	
Y2K & Youth Club Equipment	900		900	
Bowls Equipment	3,386		3,386	
Outdoor Equipment (inc lawnmower, BBQs, marquees, furniture, etc.)	1,431	221	1,652	6
TOTAL	771,434	23,677	795,073	

Notes

1. Increased value (index linked)
2. Cleaning equipment, champagne flutes
3. Curtains, ladder, leaflet holder, decorating tools, less £200 for trolley sale
4. Laminator
5. Mounted projector and sound system, accessories and cables
6. Exterior Christmas lights

8 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Stichill Village Hall
Registered charity number SC012362
On the accounts of the charity for the period to 30th April 2026
Set out on Pages 8 - 10

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Sue Bennett 21 Dounehill Jedburgh TD8 6LJ

Date:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

ACIE & Dip Business & Finance