

Oxnam Village Hall SCIO

Charity Number SC049304

Trustees Annual Report & Accounts

for the period to 30 June 2026



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Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Oxnam Village Hall SCIO

Scottish Charity No: SC049304

Principal Address: c/o 6 Hardenmains Farm Cottages
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Charity Trustees on date of approval including office held:

Robert McKeand	Chairperson
Matthew Ladds	Vice Chairperson
Sharon Hollywell	Secretary
Heather Batsch	Treasurer
Abigail Barr	Trustee (appointed 30/6/26)
Claire Campbell	Trustee
Chris Hollywell	Trustee
Morag McKeand	Trustee
Karen Wardrop	Trustee
Alison Watkin	Trustee

Names of other trustees during the period: None

Independent Examiner: Sue Bennett ACIE
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The Direct Business

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Structure, Management & Governance

Oxnam Village Hall SCIO is an independent, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and operates under a Constitution. It was registered on 16 May 2019. The constitution was updated at the AGM on 27 August 2024 to allow meetings to be held virtually if required.

Appointment & Training of Trustees

Charity trustees are appointed at the publicly advertised AGM every year. Places are reserved for representatives of local community groups who use the hall on a regular basis, others are local residents elected from the community of benefit.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purposes

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

- the advancement of citizenship or community development.
- the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
 - a) To provide and maintain Oxnam Village Hall as a community facility for benefit of the inhabitants of Oxnam and environs in the Scottish Borders, as defined by the Oxnam Water Community Council area, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, for recreation, leisure and educational purposes of all kinds with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.
 - b) To promote citizenship and community development in the area of benefit defined above.

Main Activities in Relation to the Charitable Purposes

The main activities are the management and maintenance of Oxnam Village Hall for the benefit of local voluntary groups and individuals, who are able to hire it at low cost; also, the organisation of community events and activities for the benefit of local people.

Achievements & Performance

Regular activities run by various local community groups during the year have included Oxnam Valley Voices community choir, Oxnam Water Community Council, Oxnam Kirk, Library Café, Film Nights, Oxnam Water Ladies (OWLS) and Oxnam Quilters. The Hall continues as the Polling Station for the Oxnam community and as the Emergency Centre. A new weekly Burlesque Dance Class was started and has continued successfully throughout the year. A weekly Youth Drama Group was also held, culminating in a performance for parents and families before Christmas. The Hall website and Facebook page are regularly updated.

In common with all village halls, we have to run fund raising events to supplement the income received from hall bookings by groups and individuals. During the year we have put on three events which have been well supported and contributed much needed money to hall funds. The first of these was a popular Bingo Night in October. In November we held a concert by the highly talented duo, Morag Brown and Lewis Powell Reid which was a great success both musically and financially. These were followed by a very well attended Ceilidh with music from the Borders Fiddle Group and their excellent caller Magnus in March.



Our solar and battery storage systems have helped reduce our running costs by allowing us to generate, store and use more of our own electricity. Additional battery storage for which we had obtained funding, as referred to in last year's report, was installed during the current financial year. Whilst this will contribute to keeping the hall running costs down, our regular monitoring identified some technical issues which have required work by the installers to improve their performance. Further work is still required to optimise their use and is being pursued with the installers and manufacturers.

We have actively pursued, with the support of our local MP and MSP, the installation of a smart meter so that we could benefit from export payments for excess electricity generated by our solar PV panels. Whilst initial attempts to get it to connect to our supplier were not successful we were able to persuade Octopus to accept manual readings, thanks largely to the persistence of our Treasurer. I'm pleased to report that we are now on trial of a wi-fi meter hub, so we now have a fully functioning smart meter. This will make it easier to manage the export payments generated, which are a valuable financial addition to our income.

Our new air-source heating system has been in operation all year and has greatly contributed to a more pleasant and warmer environment in the hall, whilst also helping to reduce costs compared to the old radiant panel heating.

Whilst a considerable amount of work had been done to improve the hall for users it was felt that the exterior needed attention to bring it up to a suitable standard. As a result we had the exterior walls redecorated and the large accumulation of moss on the north facing roof cleared by utilising around £3600 of our reserves. This has greatly improved the appearance and should protect the building fabric for many years to come.



We have an aging community and increasingly our users are finding it beyond them to get out or put away our tables due to their weight and size. Oxnam Water Ladies, one of our regular user groups, have kindly offered to contribute towards smaller, lighter tables that will be easier for all users to handle. We are awaiting the outcome of an application to Scottish Borders Neighbourhood Support Fund for funding support which will hopefully allow us to progress this for the benefit of the local community.

It is good to be welcoming a new, and young, member to our Board of Trustees, who will help us better represent the local community's needs going forward. Finally, I must express my thanks for all the excellent work put in by the Trustees (and other volunteers) towards the hall improvements and all the many fund raising and other tasks required to keep a community asset like this operational.

Financial Review & Reserves Policy

We made a planned deficit on the year of £5,056.51 represented largely by spending from our reserves on maintenance, repairs and minor improvements to finish off the improvement works carried out last year. The two most significant elements were the blocking up of an unused rear entrance, finished with new render (helping to reduce heat loss), and the full exterior redecoration of the Hall. We generated Hall hire income of £2,725 and received with thanks a number of donations totalling £315. We organised the installation of three additional batteries for our renewable energy system and received the balance of the 100% grant funding for this improvement (£2,417.41), which was awarded in the last financial year.

Total funds held at 30 June 2026 were £10,572.22.

Our Reserves Policy states that: The monies standing to the credit of the Account shall be applied as the Committee decide in repairing and insuring the Trust subjects or the furniture and effects therein, together with the running costs. The Committee shall aim to build up a reserve of £10,000 for maintenance of the property as a whole.

Nature & Purpose of Funds

All funds raised through hire of the Hall are used for the management and maintenance of the property.

Remuneration to Charity Trustees

No charity trustees or persons connected to a trustee received any remuneration. No charity trustees received any expenses during the period.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by Robert McKeand - Chairperson

Signed: Robert McKeand

Dated: 26-7-2026

Receipts & Payments Account
Year Ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Receipts					
Donations	1	315.00	0.00	315.00	541.46
Grants	2	0.00	2,417.41	2,417.41	60,506.02
Receipts from Fund Raising Activities	3	1,775.09	0.00	1,775.09	418.00
Other Charitable Activities		2,725.00	0.00	2,725.00	2,617.50
Bank Interest		73.36	0.00	73.36	211.00
Solar energy export credit		500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Total Receipts		5,388.45	2,417.41	7,805.86	64,293.98
Payments					
Expenses from Fund Raising Activities	4	1,098.41	0.00	1,098.41	312.90
Expenses from Charitable Activities	5	9,171.55	2,417.41	11,588.96	70,204.34
Independent Examination		175.00	0.00	175.00	175.00
Total Payments		10,444.96	2,417.41	12,862.37	70,692.24
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(5,056.51)	0.00	(5,056.51)	(6,398.26)
Transfer between Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(5,056.51)	0.00	(5,056.51)	(6,398.26)
Statement of Balances as at 30 June 2026					
		Un Restricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Balances at Start of Year		15,628.73	0.00	15,628.73	22,026.99
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		(5,056.51)	0.00	(5,056.51)	(6,398.26)
Balances at End of Year		10,572.22	0.00	10,572.22	15,628.73
Other Assets					
See Note 6				493,506	493,506
Liabilities					
No Outstanding Liabilities					

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

Signed: **Heather Batsch – Treasurer**

Dated: **26-7-2026**

Notes to the Accounts	2026	2025
1 Donations		
Oxnam Water Ladies (unrestricted)	35.00	0.00
General / Scarecrow Festival	280.00	541.46
Total	315.00	541.46
2 Grants		
CARES (LES/EST)	0.00	39,976.00
Borders Community Action (Retrofit)	0.00	10,289.22
Borders Community Action (Decarb)	2,417.41	2,417.00
Oxnam Water Community Council	0.00	1,100.00
Roxburgh Federation of Village & Community Halls (dishwasher)	0.00	1723.80
Total	2,417.41	60,506.02
3 Receipts from Fundraising Activities		
Oxnam Ceilidh	461.99	418.00
Bingo, Pie & Beans	365.50	0.00
Folk Music concert	947.60	0.00
Total	1,775.09	418.00
4 Payments for Fundraising Activities		
Oxnam Ceilidh	450.75	300.00
Scarecrow Festival	0.00	12.90
Bingo, Pie & Beans	197.66	0.00
Folk Music concert	450.00	0.00
Total	1,098.41	312.90

Notes to the Accounts cont'd

5 Payments for Charitable Activities	2026	2025
Equipment	281.84	2,656.91
Utilities	27.44	1,082.61
Insurance	1,145.41	1,057.32
Music Licences	170.40	162.00
Occasional Licence	0.00	10.00
WiFi Sim rental	120.00	60.00
Stationery/print/postage	0.00	43.19
Cleaning/gardening service	360.00	135.99
Repairs/maintenance/AED	4,550.88	3,634.98
EICR Check (every 5 yrs)	360.00	360.00
Fire safety check	86.10	76.50
Planning/building warrant fees – improvement project	0.00	150.00
Hall improvement project	4,834.41	60,616.64
Miscellaneous	0.00	158.20
Bank charges	12.18	0.00
Total	11,588.96	70,204.34

6 Assets

	2025	Additions	2026
Oxnam Village Hall - Rebuild Value	434,545	0.00	434,545
Equipment in the Hall	58,961	0.00	58,961
Total	493,506	0.00	493,506

7 Funds

The Charities funds are unrestricted and made up as follows:

Bank of Scotland	Instance Access Acc	10,005.06
	Charity Account	567.16
Total		£10,572.22

8 Trustee & Related Parties

No charity trustees or person connected to a trustee received any remuneration. No charity trustees received any expenses during the period. All other expenses paid are reimbursements of expenses for the running of the charity.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of

Oxnam Village Hall SCIO Scottish Charity SC049304

For the Period 1st July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Set out on pages 8 to 10

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee & 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

1. 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

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

Name of Examiner

Sue Bennett ACIE Dip Business & Finance

Signed

Sue Bennett

Dated

27 July 26

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