

Smailholm Village Hall - SC052858
Trustees' Annual Report
01 October 2024 – 30 September 2025

The charity trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of this report were:

1	Lindsay Grime	Chair
2	Marjorie Barrow	Secretary
3	Jane Miller	Treasurer

The following were Board members from 19 August 2025

4	Brian McFarlane	Bookings Secretary
5	Jane Roberts	
6	John Barrow	
7	Denise Hunter	
8	Charlotte Davison	
9	Christine Malcolm	
10	Yvan Biot	Co-opted Representative for Smailholm Futures

Structure, governance and management

Smailholm Village Hall is governed by a Constitution. The Board of Trustees, which can have up to 11 members with a quorum of 3 members, is responsible for running the organisation. Trustees are nominated from members of the organisation and appointed annually at the AGM. The Board is responsible for the appointment of additional Trustees from time to time in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and activities

The organisation's charitable purposes are

1. To provide and maintain Smailholm Village Hall as a community facility for the benefit of the inhabitants of Smailholm village and surrounding area covered by the following postcodes: TD5 7PH, TD5 7PJ, TD5 7PQ, TD5 7PF, TD5 7PG, TD5 7PL, TD5 7PN, TD5 7RT, TD5 7SB, TD5 7SD, TD5 7SE, TD3 6LG 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.
2. To promote citizenship and community development in the area of benefit as described in point 1.

The main activities in relation to these objectives have been –

1. To ensure the fabric of the building is maintained in good condition
2. To run events which are open to all members of the community
3. To hire the hall for a variety of purposes to provide an income stream

Achievements and performance

The charity was set up in September 2023 with the purpose of taking over the running of Smailholm Village Hall from the existing Smailholm Village Hall Committee, SC029318, which managed the Hall under an outdated Deed of Trust. There were unseen delays in transferring assets to the new charity due in part to the complexity of conveyancing. However, all requirements were successfully completed and Smailholm Village Hall Board formally took over ownership of the Hall on 31 July 2025. After this funds started to be moved to the new bank account and the Board took over stewardship at its first meeting on 19 August 2025. In practical terms this report therefore essentially relates to activities from 31 July 2025 – 30 September 2025.

Perhaps fortuitously 2025 was the centenary of Smailholm having a community hall. A purpose built recreation hall was donated to the village by the Earl of Haddington in 1925 and the current building, which was originally the Primary School, was given to the village in 1973. This was certainly worth celebrating so we had a party open to the whole community at the end of August. This included a very civilised sit down lunch, an exhibition of old photos of the village and new plans from Smailholm Futures. It was very enjoyable and very fitting for the first event run by the new Board.

The hall continued to be the hub for Smailholm residents and the wider community, being used almost every weekday and regularly at weekends.

Financial review

The Treasurer arranged for £5,000 to be transferred from Smailholm Village Hall Committee to Smailholm Village Hall in August. At the time of this report the remaining funds were still to be transferred because £15,000 was held in a fixed interest account that could not be closed until November 2025 and some funds were needed to pay any outstanding bills.

As at 30 September 2025 there was a total of £2,200 in funds

There were no reserves and no grants in this reporting period.

We have no employees, so we rely entirely on the Board and other members of the community who volunteer regularly to ensure the smooth running of the hall.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature -

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lindsay Grime". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a period at the end.

Name - Lindsay Grime

Position – Chair

Date – 19 May 2026