

Middleton & Todridge Village Hall

Trustees Annual Report for the Period January 1 2025 to December 31 2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Middleton & Todridge Village Hall

Other names charity is known by

Middleton Village Hall

Registered charity number

522088

**Charity's principal address
for correspondence**

20 Rothwell Road

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates appointed if not for 12 months after AGM	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) and/or appointed, co-opted or resigned.
Ernie Coe			
George Courtice	Chairman		
Kate Freeman	Secretary		
Elsie Green			
Chris Hughes	Treasurer		
Paul Miller			
Simon Roberson		May 19th 2025	Wallington Demesne Parish Council
Colin Snowball			
Corinna Waddell			
David Wilkinson			

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document:	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	Middleton & Todridge Village Hall is a non-company charity. A Committee of Management make up the administering trustees. There are a maximum of ten elected members, six representative members and co-opted members. There are no employees.
Trustee selection methods:	Trustees are elected annually at a meeting open to all those residents aged over 18 living in the area of benefit. Up to three members can also be co-opted.
Relationship with related parties:	The land on which the property rests is leased from Mrs Julia Percy for a period ending March 2068. The Official Custodian is vested in the Charity Commission which acts as trustee for the charity in relation to the holding of title to the land. The Village Hall is a member of the North Northumberland Village Halls Consortium and the regional infrastructure organisation Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE). It receives advice from Community Action Northumberland (CAN), one of England's 38 Rural Community Councils.
Bank Arrangements:	The charity banks with the Unity Trust Bank plc, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB. It operates a deposit and current account and has secure internet access to both. Three trustees have signatory powers, two of whom must approve all payments.

Objectives and activities

Objectives: Middleton Village Hall aims to provide the neighbourhood with a warm & welcoming place for community activities. Our trust deed refers to activities which have “the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants”. The hall supplies an invaluable, community owned resource which allows local people to share experiences, activities and entertainment in a safe and comfortable environment.

Activities: During 2025 the regular weekly hirings for Pilates and Yoga classes continued although we noted a reduced number of bookings for Yoga classes due to lower attendance not making it worthwhile for the trainer. Weekly Table Tennis sessions, managed by the committee, again extended well into the summer months. The monthly winter meetings of the Wansbeck Natural History Group continued as did the Hartburn Community Project's Film nights during the late autumn and early spring.

Other activities included five live performances: Lovely Assistant, Third Class Titanic, Jazz in the Village, Graffiti Classics and the Wannie Liners choir - the latter achieving a near record attendance.

The hall was again used by local school children and teachers for an overnight stay. We also hosted 5 parties, mainly for children, and Robson & Cowan hired the hall for a day's training.

The long established hirers who continued to make regular use of the hall's facilities included: Middleton & District Leek Club, a cycle race HQ, Scots Gap Chapel for a Harvest Festival and carols in December.

Achievements and performance

2025 saw a reduced footfall compared with the last 3 years. This was attributed to the absence of Cambo Young Farmers bookings as well as only one cycle race and reduced Yoga class attendance. The Management Committee met formally on 4 separate occasions during the year.

As a consequence of major improvements over the last few years, 2025 saw a reduced expenditure on improvements.

Improvements

- The commission of a Heat Loss Survey puts us in a better position to explore future options for reducing heating costs and contributing to reduced carbon emissions.
- The generous donation of the wooden bench from Mary Hogg's family in memory of her and Bunny's long residency in the village.
- The exterior notice board was re-stained

Financial outcome 2025

The summary accounts show the true surplus in 2025 of £475. However, the difference between unrestricted income and expenditure ,excluding capital investments, show the following. See summary accounts for further details.

Unrestricted Income from ordinary activities	6735
less expenditure on ordinary activities (excluding capital investments)	<u>5665</u>
Net surplus for year on ordinary activities	1070

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

On December 31 2025 our unrestricted reserves were £34,628.

For 2026 it was proposed that we continue to have three designated un-restricted funds at the following levels:

a) A general fund £4250 equivalent to a minimum of 9 months worth of operating costs.

b) An emergency maintenance fund of £5000

c) A refurbishment/energy/repair fund of £25378

This is viewed as the best balance between the prudent management of the resources under our trust and the best use of the charity's resources to deliver its aims. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details

Three trustees (Chris Hughes, George Courtice and Kate Freeman) of the charity are listed as signatories on the bank accounts with two of the three required to approve cheques, on-line transactions and the setting up of regular payments. An annual review of our charity's accounts is carried out by an independent person with the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination.

We prepare our accounts on a "receipts and payments" basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charity Act 2011 for a non-company charity with a gross income of less than £250,000.

Signed

Chairman

Date

Treasurer

Date

Secretary