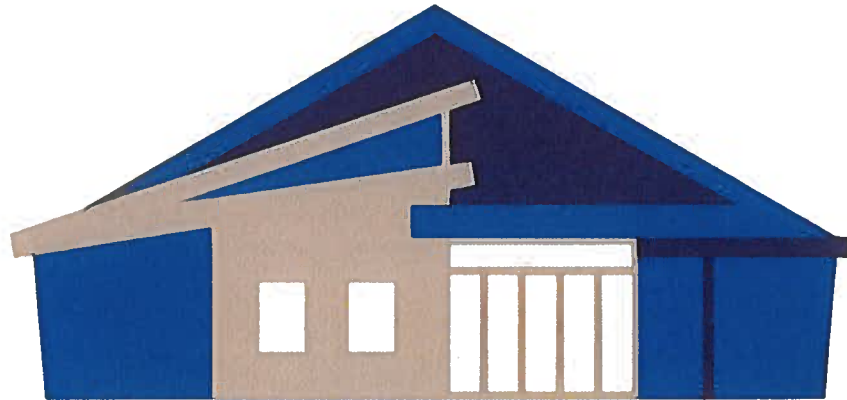




Newbald Village Hall

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Annual Report of the Trustees

2025

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered Charity Number 1176756

Newbald Village Hall Committee

Geoff Lewis	Chairman & Treasurer
Jenni Howard	Hall Development Grants
Ed Openshaw	Secretary
John Tomlinson	'Newbald Live' representative, & Facebook page Administrator
James Wright	Maintenance Coordinator
Kerry Harper	Digital Inclusion Project
Fiona Oakes	Hall Bookings & Website Administrator
Di Wainman	Safeguarding & 'WI Newbald' representative

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024-2025

This report mirrors to a certain extent that of last year in that the running of Newbald Village Hall has remained relatively stable.

There have been no changes in Trustees and responsibilities have remained unaltered. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Trustees for all their contributions and hard work over the last twelve months which in turn makes my responsibilities a lot more manageable.

It should be noted that the number of Trustees, at eight, remains four below the number stated in the Constitution, and as a result we are always looking for volunteers.

A major achievement, reflecting the work the Trustees do, is that Newbald Village Hall has now achieved Hallmark 3 status, the highest level possible. This highlights how well the Hall is being managed and meeting its legal obligations.

In preparation for the Hallmark audit we totally revamped our web site to streamline both the booking system and incorporate a platform for all our documentation and procedures to be viewed, making them open and transparent.

Hiring remains stable although with the main Hall being closed in January '25 annual takings were slightly down on '23/24. To bolster income, we are reliant on rent from the Post Office, the 100 Club lottery and the sale of beverages at Hall events when required. And a big Thank you goes to the volunteer bar staff.

The cost of electricity remains a concern, although reducing slightly from October '25 with a new supplier. To mitigate the rises we undertook a renovation of the main Hall ceiling in January '25 to include air source heating and low energy lighting. Hopefully we will see the savings coming through in '25/26. Whilst undertaking the work fire resistant wall panelling was fitted to improve fire safety requirements. This work was fully funded by FCC, NPC, Sober Hill WF and Sancton WF.

With the bar operating from the kitchen this area has remained problematic for a few years, and an affordable solution was required. In August, after eventually obtaining funding from R B Massey Fund, Sober Hill WF, Sancton WF, NPC and Garfield Weston, and reaching an agreement with Newbald Parish Council, we have commenced an extension to the side of the Hall. It is envisaged that the new bar area, incorporating extra storage capacity will be available by October '25 and as a result free up the kitchen for its intended purpose.

2025 / 26 will continue to see consolidation of Hall activities with an emphasis on the control of expenditure.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2024 - 2025

2024/25 has been a busy period again with work on the main hall and the bar/storage areas, undertaken with the minimum of disruption, giving the potential for an improved experience for Hirers, in turn leading to future increased revenues.

The audited accounts for 01/09/24 – 31/08/25 are enclosed within this report.

The net contribution for 24/25 was down £10,000 on 23/24 to £5,610

The two main reasons for this reduction in contribution were:

- 1 The cost of tree maintenance for safety reasons £3500
- 2 The cost of two years electricity in 24/25 £4600

Hiring income was down £1300 due to the closure of the main Hall for the month of January during the installation of an air heating system and renovation to the ceiling, lighting and walls. The purpose of the work was primarily to reduce future electricity usage. A new electricity contract (3 years) has been agreed with Drax at a slightly better kWh rate than the current rate with SSE. The new contract starts on 01/10/25.

North Newbald Village Hall

Statement of Financial Activities
Including Financial Activities
For the 12 months ended 31 August 2025

Income	Notes	Total 2025			Total 2024			Total 2023		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds
Income from Activities	1	28,730		28,730	35,418		35,418	27,393		27,393
Grant Income			44,662	44,662		11,953	11,953		5,443	5,443
Loans										
Investment Income		728		728	571		571	123		123
Total Income		29,458	44,662	74,120	35,989	11,953	47,942	27,516	5,443	32,959
Expenditure										
Activities	2	57,766		57,766	26,207		26,207	27,279		27,279
Costs of Raising Funds										
Repayment of Loans										
Total Expenditure		57,766		57,766	26,207		26,207	27,279		27,279
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers										
		28,308	44,662	16,354	9,782	11,953	21,735	237	5,443	5,680
Net Incoming Resources before other recognised Gains and Losses										
		28,308	44,662	16,354	9,782	11,953	21,735	237	5,443	5,680
Gain/(Loss) on sale of assets										
Bad Debts Written Off										
Net Movement in Funds		- 28,308	- 44,662	- 16,354	- 9,782	- 11,953	- 21,735	- 237	- 5,443	- 5,680
Funds Brought forward at 1st September 2024		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward		- 41,662	- 103,341	- 61,679	- 51,444	- 91,388	- 39,944	- 51,681	- 85,945	- 34,264
Statement of Financial Activities										
Balance Sheet										
As at 31 August 2025										
Fixed Assets										
Tangible Assets										
Current Assets										
Debtors	3	17,752	60,281	78,033	10,180	51,499	61,679	9,908	30,036	39,944
Cash at bank and in hand		17,752	60,281	78,033	10,180	51,499	61,679	9,908	30,036	39,944
Total Current Assets										
Creditors:Amounts falling due within one year *	4		15,000	15,000		5,000	5,000		1,000	1,000
Creditors:Amounts falling due after one year	5								1,000	1,000
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		17,752	45,281	63,033	10,180	46,499	56,679	9,908	28,036	37,944
TOTAL Assets/(Liabilities)		17,752	45,281	63,033	10,180	46,499	56,679	9,908	28,036	37,944

North Newbald Village Hall

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2025

For the 12 months ended 31 August 2025

1. Income from Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025 Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024 Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023 Funds
Bar/Films/Quizes			-			-			-
Events	11,903		11,903	17,417		17,417	12,352		12,352
Grants		44,662	44,662		11,953	11,953		5,443	5,443
Lettings	12,380		12,380	13,468		13,468	10,836		10,836
Lottery	1,847		1,847	1,712		1,712	1,822		1,822
Post Office	2,600		2,600	2,600		2,600	2,383		2,383
Sundries			-	221		221			-
Other Activities			-			-			-
Total Income	28,730	44,662	73,392	35,418	11,953	47,371	27,393	5,443	32,836

2. Expenditure on Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025 Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024 Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023 Funds
Advertising	1,323		1,323						
Bar Costs	6,468		6,468	8,253		8,253	6,535		6,535
Caretaking	2,976		2,976	3,195		3,195	2,596		2,596
Electricity	4,645		4,645	239		239	2,469		2,469
ERA	50		50	50		50	50		50
Insurance	1,657		1,657	1,595		1,595	1,520		1,520
Licence	334		334	202		202	141		141
Loan Repay			-	1,789		1,789	1,026		1,026
Maintenance & Repairs	5,323		5,323			-	2,797		2,797
100 Club	613		613	276		276	708		708
Publicity			-	480		480			-
Rates	259		259	86		86	101		101
Security Lights			-			-	62		62
Sundries	68		68	345		345			-
Telephone/Wifi	702		702	649		649	649		649
TV Licence			-			-	185		185
Yorkshire Water	301		301	503		503	290		290
Waste	307		307	297		297	278		278
Web Page			-	416		416	179		179
Acoustic Panels			-			-	2,772		2,772
Defibrillators			-			-	2,981		2,981
Electrical Repairs			-	1,902		1,902			-
Energy Rating			-	280		280			-
Heaters			-	900		900			-
Projects			-	3,938		3,938			-
PHASE 4			-			-	540		540
Side Extension with Bar Imp	13,325		13,325			-			-
Roof repair with new ceiling	9,396		9,396			-			-
Cycle Rack	53		53			-			-
Drapes	4,166		4,166			-			-
Patio Door	3,595		3,595			-			-
Floor Repairs	2,205		2,205			-			-
Toilet Repair			-	557		557			-
Wifi Project			-			-	1,400		1,400
Total Expenditure	57,766	-	57,766	26,207	-	25,952	27,279	-	27,279

	Total 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2023
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3. Debtors

Trade Debtors						
Prepayments						
Total	2025	Total 2025	Total 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2023

4. Creditors

ACRE Loan						
Total	2025	Total 2025	Total 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2023

4. Creditors

SSE			5,000	5,000		
Massey Loan	15,000					
Total	15,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	-

Treasurers Report - continued

Net income from the sale of beverages was down £3100 on 23/24 mainly due to The Herbs not choosing to hire the Village Hall because of the inability to agree a formula for performing licencing. Net income from the '100 club' remains consistent, highlighting the continuing support from Newbald residents for its Village Hall.

During the period the Acre loan was paid off and to part fund the bar extension a loan was taken out for £15,000, interest free over five years from R B Massey Memorial Fund. All project work was 90% externally funded with the balance coming out of accrued Newbald Village Hall funds.

On completion of the bar extension, by the end of September, the coming year (25/26) has been simpler to budget and initial indications are favourable. Net contribution is predicted to be £11,200, with any one-off items being 90% funded before proceeding.

The Trustees will continue to be prudent with Hall funds, maintaining close scrutiny on a daily basis.

HALL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

From the germ of a decision to find a way of improving the main hall, and to answer the question of how the bar could be better run and the need for storage better accommodated in October 2023, saw 2024 taken up with grant applications, tender submissions and endless revisions. Phase 5 – the main hall refurbishment which included air con, new ceiling, decorating, bi fold doors, re positioned electrics, re furbished flooring and much more. It was not until January 2025 that work could commence once the finances were in place. A certificate of completion was issued in March 2025 with all contractors paid and we could enjoy the warm, bright hall. Thanks go out to the grant providers, FCC (WREN) being a significant contributor, along with Sancton Hill Wind Farm Fund and Sober Hill Wind Farm Community Fund and ourselves Newbald Village Hall Management Committee. All this achieved the necessary funding of approximately £49K.

Alongside the work being done to achieve Phase 5 the committee had begun before covid the proposal for Phase 4 – and extension to the main hall to accommodate additional storage and a dedicated bar. This was by far the more expensive project and so took longer to secure the necessary funding and so lagged behind Phase 5. Throughout 2025 grant applications were submitted taking many months to secure agreement. We employed an architect to provide drawings and oversee tenders, a Quantity Surveyor to check the costs, and JCS Joinery to do the work. By April we were discussing start dates, and agreed by July, to start September 2025. As I write, the works are in progress.

Thanks go out to the generosity of the grant funders, RB Massey Memorial Fund and Garfield Weston Foundation being the major contributors, along with Sancton Wind farm Fund and Sober Hill Wid Farm Community Fund, and Newbald Village Hall Management Committee providing over 10% of the final cost, estimated at £107343 (build costs £75K). It is envisaged that Phase 4 will be up and running by Mid-October and will appear in the next Annual Report.

Phases 4 and 5 are a testament to the stoicism, dedication, and belief in how valuable a community building such as Newbald Village Hall is to the residents, that has resulted in the fine building we have today.

MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR 2024-25

Starting out on a positive note our problematic external powered front entrance door seems to have been mainly cured of past issues. Unfortunately, the inner sliding door has taken our attention due to motor issues it is not operating. Due to costly repairs needed we have opted to leave in the open position until we have finished Phase 4 extension works and are able to assign funds for its repair.

2025 has seen both Phase 4 extension works which is active as I write this report and Phase 5 refurbishment works to the main hall carried out early 2025. Phase 5 has given us a new suspended ceiling, LED lighting, air conditioning to replace expensive electric radiators and fire rated plaster boarding to address concerns of the old wood boarding. All items reworked will address issues with failing strip lighting and damaged electric heaters.

My previous report raised a water leak behind the left side toilet resulting in a minor flood in the kitchen and toilet. This year we had what could have been a major problem with all 4 toilets blocking up at the start of a sellout music event leaving us with no operational toilets. Fortunately solving the immediate problem, we hired in 2 emergency porta loos in double quick time. Following investigation and clearing the drains we discovered root ingress to the drainage pipework. To safeguard this not happening again a further camera inspection will be needed in about 2 years to guard against any regrowth. Due to pre-Phase 4 clearance works trees close to the hall have been removed so hopefully lowering the risk of root ingress happening again.

Exterior cutting back of vegetation has been carried out by Kai though on a reduced basis due to the then impending works to the extension. As I write the rear field looks more like Fraisthorpe Beach as all the earth dug out for the extension has been spread over and the dip in the ground to help level it out. Topsoil and reseeded will be needed early spring to return the ground to as it was.

The work carries on maintaining and improving one of the village's prize assets.

HALL BOOKINGS

Our regular hirers since 2024 AGM have been: - Post office, dance group for under 5s, dance practise for individuals, karate, Newbald Live, bowling club, table tennis, WI and craft club, Parish Council, quiz night, holistic therapies, opticians' meetings, patchwork group, sewing group, tai chi/Qigong and majorettes. The new regular bookings for this year have been patchwork group, sewing group, tai chi/Qigong and majorettes.

Our ad hoc/one-off bookings have been: - Band practice groups (4), utilities information sessions (Yorkshire water, Connexin), management conferences (HMP), Velcourt (Humberside Farms), village charity fund raising events (race night, craft fayre), willow weaving, children's birthday parties, adult parties, weddings, interactive murder mystery nights, first aid course and election days.

We have had 3 large party bookings (weddings, birthday and engagement), which is predominantly as a result of word of mouth from other events. All these events directly contribute to the hall via the bar sales. We have had 9 children's birthday parties.

Building works in January meant that the main hall was out of commission for 41 days in Jan and into Feb. During the extension build in the Autumn we lost only one child's party.

This year PC arranged for the Police to come and do bike stamping, so we allowed them to base themselves at the hall. We have also allowed the use of the hall car park by a local lady selling plants and flowers for a nominal fee.

This year we asked for a copy of DBS certificates and Public Liability insurance from those parties that involve children or might be considered high risk, such as Karate, Majorettes and Dance stars. All these hirers have sent me those details during May/June.

The trend for bookings had been consistent over the previous 3 years, but 2025 has seen a significant increase. The total number of bookings over recent years are broken down thus, with the caveat that this years figures are not yet entire because it is only October:

Year	Total number of bookings
2023	595
2024	597
2025	649

I attribute this increase directly to the new bookings this year from the two weekly sewing groups and the majorettes.

In conclusion bookings are in a healthy state with the hall in use most days in some form, with the bookings covering a gamut of activities from commercial use to mental well-being

NEWBALD LIVE REPORT

In the year covered by this report, Newbald Live has staged over a dozen live music, comedy, theatre and spoken word events, featuring performers from all parts of the UK as well as Canada and the USA. These have been well supported and our audience universally appreciate the quality and comfort of the hall’s facilities. The internal refurbishment at the beginning of 2025, with the installation of a backdrop curtain has massively improved the live experience and we very much look forward to the completion of the bar extension and additional storage which will make setting up for events much easier.

All Newbald Live events and bookings are available at www.newbald.live



WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION

After the difficulties in accessing and administering the previous website, the committee decided to cut losses and move to a new website and support. The new site has been created and is supported by a local firm who are based in Swanland and administration completed by Fiona and John. Our provider, Tim, set up the new site within a week, migrated all the data, added new sections as requested by John and Fiona and charged a minimal fee for doing so. We have an annual support contract and Tim is very responsive to messages and quick to act. All the associated hall documents from Terms and Conditions to Hallmark certificates are saved on this website and can be updated easily as required. Our new site cost us £400 and hosting and ongoing support is £200 per year.

DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT

In the first couple of years we were pleased by the attendances for courses under the banner of Digital Inclusion run to encourage users of smartphones and tablets to explore use of features with greater confidence. However the follow up courses relating to use of MS Office software like Word, or craft projects like making cards did not enjoy the same interest. Despite constant liaison with the Adult Learning department of ERYC over the past 12 months by Kerry Harper, no new courses have been forthcoming. Therefore, Kerry has advised that she will step down from this project and will assist the Trustees on Credit Control instead.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Happily yet again there have been no safeguarding issues connected to the Village Hall this year.

W.I. NEWBALD REPORT

The Newbald WI has made full use of the Village Hall facilities this year. We have held our monthly meetings in a warm and cosy environment due to the new heating system. We held our Macmillan Coffee morning last year and raised around £1000. We hope to better that this year! We have made full use of the kitchen facilities and this will be greatly improved this coming year due to the new bar extension as the bar fridges and glasses etc. will have been relocated. The hall is a wonderful asset to the village and we intend to make full use of it in the coming years.

NEWBALD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in Newbald Village Hall Community Room

Townside Road, North Newbald, YO43 4SL

7.00 PM Tuesday OCTOBER 21st 2025