

LITTLE EASTON MEMORIAL HALL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2025

Our hiring level has improved this year with 13 regular groups and 31 individual bookings. Events included the VE day beacon lighting and a talk by an ITV weatherman. However, we would like to see more residents using or hiring the hall. We continue to advertise the availability of the Hall for functions and group events by letting people know what is available for them through local channels such as the Parish Magazine and the village Facebook page.

There were no reported accidents or incidents at the Hall and the Trustees have carried out Building Risk Assessments on the Kitchen Area, the Main Hall and Bar area and the Storeroom.

The improvements carried out this year were the installation of sound absorbing panels to improve the Hall acoustics, a baby changing facility, new hot air hand dryers and redecorating the toilets and outside of the storeroom. We also repaired the wall on the entrance ramp and installed the new defibrillator. Next year the committee are planning to replace the three double external doors and repair the surface of the carpark, levelling and filling in the potholes.

The Hall finances are healthy and this year our letting income was £11,511 (3% down on 23/24 which was boosted by Polling Station fees). The running costs of the Hall were £8,417 which included the redecoration of the toilets and storeroom and repairs to the boiler. We had an operating account surplus of £4,398.07. We spent £6,611.51 on improvement work including the acoustic panels. This gave us an overall surplus of income over expenditure for the year of £1484.47. The year end balances show that we had £21,029.54 in our Business Premium Account and £7,098.12 in our current account. We managed to obtain a grant of £1,000 from the Fowler, Smith and Jones Trust to cover part of the cost of the acoustic panels.

The Countess of Warwick show took place again this year and we participated with a tombola stall which made £635 profit. Thanks to Jenny and Ken for organising and Jayne and Dominic Paul for helping them.

Day to day management of the hall continues to be in the hands of the committee of trustees, elected at the Annual General Meeting. For 2025 the AGM was held on 18th February when the following were elected:

Chair:	Jeanette Green
Secretary:	Jessica Rush
Bookings Officer:	Jeanette Green
Treasurer:	Stuart Gilbert
Committee:	Adrian Hoodless, Ruth Blackwell, Suzanne Fox (safe guarding officer), Maureen Hide

Art Group representative trustee: Vera Greenaway

No representative trustees were nominated by the Little Easton Bowls Club (1) or the Little Easton Parish Council (2).

The Hall is licensed to serve alcohol on any day of the week from noon till 11.30 pm. The committee is very grateful to Ian Sussams of The Stag for continuing as our Designated Premises Supervisor under the terms of the licence.

On behalf of the Trustees
Jenny Green – Chair
17th February 2026