

## **Ryburgh Memorial Hall and Playing Field**

### **Chairman's report 13th May 2026**

If 2024/25 was a year of achievement, 2025/26 has been a year of consolidation including completion of the works funded by the ASDA grant.

Our operating environment gets more difficult with a decline in interest for the events we put on and a fall in both the regular hall bookings and the one-off bookings. While the playing field can expect a reasonable income from the Family Fun Day and the Dog Show, income for the hall is much harder to generate.

The committee is ever vigilant over costs, but we suffered a loss of £1,700 for the year largely due to a substantial fall in rental income. We are working hard to keep on top of this. And we are constantly looking for sources of grant income to help. There are many jobs on the "wish list" that need funding.

Thanks go to the committee for all their hard work over the year. Sadly, we are losing Barley who is standing down after 10 years and it is proving difficult to attract new people who are prepared to serve. This seems to be the case for many organisations in the area.

A special mention and thanks to Simon Barnes who has made the Mound and the Children's play area his own. He has cut these on a regular basis and also helped with cutting on the playing field.

Sharon is taking over the Treasurers role for the Hall in addition to her role as treasurer of the Playing Field. It makes sense to have all the finances in one capable pair of hands.

We are also delighted that Ash is stepping up to be Secretary for the time being.

In conclusion, and to quote Bob Dylan, "times they are a changin". Social mores are unfortunately declining and the economic environment is poor. It would be wonderful to wind the clock back to the 1960s but we can't. But we will continue to adapt to modern times and do our best to maintain these two important village amenities.

Thank you.

Tim Colman  
Chairman

## **MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNTS – 31 MARCH 2026**

The accounts are for the year ended 31 March 2026. 2025/2026 saw substantially less income from the previous year which of course included the grant from Asda, but also saw less income from “one off” hires and also our regular hires too. We had income of £9,010.13. We are now received credits from the NCC recycling and this brought in £119.64 and we also had some fundraising events too. We are hoping that in the current year we will be able to apply for some grants to do some repairs and general maintenance to the hall.

We again tried to keep our outgoings for the year to a minimum, we had expenses of £16,971.68, the majority of which were expenses from the Asda grant which was received in the previous year £6,172.14. We had some electrical testing done and this resulted in a large expense to undertake the required work. Insurance and cleaning are our other large expenses. We have £6,447.72 in the bank but we need to keep a certain amount in “reserves” as per our reserves policy and for any unexpected expenses.

During the 2026/2027 year we are hoping to have a condition survey undertaken on the hall and provided that they agree with our plans for the hall, we are going to apply for grants to fund the cost of a new roof and solar panels to make our hall more energy efficient. We are also actively trying to get more clubs to use our hall, in fact we had a new class start yesterday, which we are hoping is going to be successful.

**Sharon Moore**  
Treasurer

## **PLAYING FIELD ACCOUNTS – 31 MARCH 2026**

The accounts are for the year ended 31 March 2026. 2025/2026 saw slightly less income from fundraising activities than the previous year and but we are more or less back to our normal fundraising amounts. We had income of £8,319.40 which was £172.10 less than the previous year, which was mainly down to the drop in income from the 100 club, but we still collected £948, we had a very successful fun day and dog show the remaining income was from the tractor run, bottle bank receipts and other fundraising events like indoor car boot, etc. and a one-off event for VJ day which was shared with the Memorial Hall. The 100-club collecting was down on the previous year and it is hoped that we can get this back to previous year amounts going forward.

We again tried to keep our outgoings for the year to a minimum as in the previous year, but we spent a total of £7,460.07 (£7,413.06 in 2025) which consisted of 100 prize money, insurance, we had a rather large invoice to service our own mower, we repaired our swings but this was from Tesco money received in the previous year, play area inspection with the remainder of expenses for hall hire, sundries and repairs. We had an excess of income over expenditure of £859.33 (£1,078.44 in the previous year). We have £9,217.11 in the account (£8,357.78 in the previous year). We also need to keep an amount in “reserves” as per our reserves policy and for any unexpected expenses.

We are organising more fundraising events this year, in fact we are having another Family Fun Day in June this year and a dog show in September, these are going to be our main events hopefully raising enough funds to cover the expenses for the following year, we are hoping that we can build on the success from last years events.

**Sharon Moore**  
Treasurer