OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

Registered charity, number 1161078

Trustee Report and Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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OASIS Community Project - East Hastings
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Full name	OASIS Community Project - East Hastings
Legal structure	Charitable Incorporate Organisation. Registered with the charity commission on 26 March 2015.
Registered charity number	1161078
Principal address	Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Malvern Way, Hastings, TN34 3PY
Trustees	Maureen Gardiner Lou Woodcock Lyn Beeney Lisa Bartholomew Alan Turner
Bankers	Barclays Bank, Hastings branch
Independent Examiner:	Laura Dawson, employee of Hastings Voluntary Action Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN
Governance and management	The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted January 2015. The methods adotped for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.

Aims and objectives

- The advancement for the public benefit of education.
- The advancement of health and the preservation and protection of public health generally.
- The relief of persons who are in need, hardship or distress and the prevention and relief of poverty.
- To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure tome occupation of individuals who have need of such facitilies by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- Such other charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

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We started our first full year of running Broomgrove Community Hub, following all the building work that had taken place and our groups all returned.

Oasis continued to deliver the weekly summer retreat for our elders in the community with an activity in the morning followed by a two course lunch. The sessions are designed so there is something different to occupy participants and the company and friendships they make go towards people not feeling isolated or lonely – there is always someone to talk to and obtain advice or guidance. Residents can take any left over food home with them to make a meal for the next day.

Oasis also organises the Social supermarket once a week at the hub where families living in the area can choose and buy 10 items for £3. Making their own choices means families are really benefitting and know their family can make real use of the products they have purchased. Paying for items also takes away the stigma of accepting charity and provides independence to buy your own weekly supplies. The project also provides warm drinks and brings in agencies such as citizens advice and organisations that help residents reduce the cost of utility bills. Some residents also stay and help in the kitchen when we have a community chef visit and they provide a meal for the participants to eat together for a real sense of community.

The community hub provides a venue to host a variety of different activities such as yoga, Pilates, Children's after school club, Zumba, dog training, youth group, junior Mauy Thia, health information sessions, Twirlers group and birthday parties on weekends for local families to book.

Our Chairperson Mo, says " Oasis has always been a great mix of people, we put on lots of different events and activities. Our warm lounge project is a blessing to have somewhere warm to go in winter, we keep warm, join in with table games, take part in some exercise or just have a chat with friends. We all enjoy the two course lunch to warm us up. In the summer months, we go out for a good walk in the park, or enjoy a pub lunch out together, its great going out with friends.

Everyone that attends, gets a lot out of it, it's like being with an extended family.

In the summer we organise outings for families that are affordable and achievable and transport is included. It's fantastic to see the outings so popular and see all the happy smiling children and parents"

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In the summer months, Oasis organises day trips with free transport to help families go out for the day at reduced cost to venues with animals, rides, walks, picnics, steam train journeys, boat rides and castles. In the winter months, we organise a trip to the panto, to see Christmas lights, to a Dickens theme weekend in Rochester, a children's Christmas party and an older residents Christmas lunch out.

One of our Trustees adds " I joined Oasis because I felt I needed to meet more people after a bereavement. I am a Broomgrove resident and I enjoy going to the warm lounge project for the activities and the lunches, and I also use the social supermarket that Oasis run. It has been great to make new friends"

Reading on the noticeboard all the activities that go on in the building and seeing that we put real effort into making sure everything is good for residents hiring the hall, one of the dads said some kind words that made us feel really proud and pleased that our efforts were noticed " you can see you care and your one of the good guys in my book, all your doing for the community. I think it's great all the time you put in to ensuring people have somewhere to come at all ages. well done".

We don't look for praise, buts it very welcome to hear that someone using the building notices the dedication of staff and volunteers put into running activities and fundraising for even more for the future.

One of our long standing Trustees reports *"Oasis at Broomgrove is a friendly relaxed community centre, there are weekly Warm Lounges where we get the chance to try different hobbies, spend the morning with friends and enjoy a home cooked lunch together. At other times we try different crafts, rag rug making, making a poppy display, cooking, card making, mosaics.*

We are also kept informed and up to date by the variety of speakers who come to talk to us such as Age UK. Energise Sussex. and various health persons.

I came to Oasis knowing nobody and was immediately made very welcome and the members are now my very good friends".

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Since taking over the day to day running of the building, we have tried to add more of a community feel by paying to have rooms painted, put up floral or seasonal displays at Easter, summer and Christmas around the hub, increased our interaction with local residents, attended more sessions that other providers run, so we can gather feedback from their attendees and we have increased our presence on social media so a wider community can see the work we are delivering from their own lounges.

There have been challenges with running Oasis and running a community hub, like the freezer stopping working and a water heating breaking the same week, but working together Oasis Staff, trustees and volunteers have overcome any difficulties

The charity's policy on reserves
The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Trustee

Trustee

Print name

Print name

Date: 7/10/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages 2 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of committee & examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the supporting documentation presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section130 of the Charities Act
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

   have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L Dawson

Laura Dawson
Finance Manager
Hastings Voluntary Action
Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Dated: 15/10/26.

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Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period

01 April 2024 to **31 March 2025**

	Current Year				Previous Year
	Community Hub Account	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	
Receipts					
Grants		24,342	-	24,342	24,366
Sundry Income	3,400	967	3,906	8,273	-
Lettings for Hub	21,371	-	-	21,371	220
Membership		-	19	19	1,057
Donations		-	-	-	991
Trips & activities		-	3,079	3,079	6,277
Fundraising		-	2,824	2,824	1,827
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,771	25,309	9,828	59,907	34,739
Expenditure					
Activities		7,382	4,118	11,499	21,385
Salaries & oncosts	2,098	12,841	232	15,170	14,657
Insurance	2,381	-	596	2,977	710
Transport & Parking		286	382	668	447
HVA Services		66	198	264	198
Office costs	1,550	530	354	2,434	4,476
Travel, committee expenses, AGM		-	78	78	-
Independent examination		120	-	120	110
Equipment		608	28	636	-
Hub Costs	12,943	3,951	33	16,927	29
Utility/Service		143	1,207	1,350	
Services		2,827	403	3,230	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,971	28,752	7,629	55,353	42,012
Net surplus/(deficit)	5,799	(3,443)	2,198	4,554	(7,272)
Fund balances b/f 1/4/24	191	11,331	2,060	13,582	20,855
Fund balances c/f 31/3/25	5,990	7,888	4,258	18,136	13,582

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at
31 March 2025

			Community Hub Account	Restricted Income	Unrestricted Income	Total	Previous year Total
Current assets							
Current Account	@	31/03/25		7,888	3,621	11,509	13,042
Cash in hand	@	31/03/25			637	637	349
Hub Current Account	@	31/03/24	5,835			5,835	170
Hub Petty Cash	@	31/03/24	155			155	21
Receipts awaiting banking						-	-
			5,990	7,888	4,258	18,136	13,582
Current liabilities							
Uncashed cheques				-	-	-	-
			5,990	7,888	4,258	18,136	13,582

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The trustess have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 7/10/2026 and signed on their behalf by

Trustee

Trustee

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Breakdown of restricted funding at 31 March 2025

Notes

1	**Lottery - Reaching Communities**	£	£	
	Grant b/f	20		
	Grant received	-		
	Expenditure (items)			20
	Balance c/f			-
2	**Warm Lounge**	**£**	**£**	
	Grant b/f	-		
	Grant received	325		
	Expenditure (items)			325
	Balance c/f			-
3	**Southern Housing - Green Projects**	£	£	
	Grant b/f	1,500		
	Grant received			
	Expenditure (items)			616
	Balance c/f			**884**
4	**Orbit**	**£**	**£**	
	Grant b/f	637		
	Grant received	-		
	Expenditure (items)			113
	Balance c/f			**524**
5	**Isabel Blackman 2024**	**£**	**£**	
	Grant b/f	-		
	Grant received	2,000		
	Expenditure (items)			2,000
	Balance c/f			-
6	**Sussex Community Foundation - Mens**	£	£	
	Grant b/f	972		
	Grant received			
	Expenditure (items)			972
	Balance c/f			-

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		£	£
7	**Social Supermarket**		
	Grant b/f	-	
	Grant received	10,642	
	Expenditure (items)		7,715
	Balance c/f		**2,927**
8	**Tash Exps**	£	£
	Grant b/f	-	
	Grant received	500	
	Expenditure (items)		105
	Balance c/f		**395**
9	**Magdalen & Lasher Oct 2024**	£	£
	Grant b/f	-	
	Grant received	750	
	Expenditure (items)		750
	Balance c/f		-
10	**HVA - Big Local Underspend**	£	£
	Grant b/f	-	
	Grant received	6,483	
	Expenditure (items)		5,295
	Balance c/f		**1,188**
11	**Chalk Cliffe Trust**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	-	
	Grant received	4,479	
	Expenditure (items)		4,479
	Balance c/f		-
13	**Big Local - March 23**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	549	
	Grant received		
	Expenditure (items)		549
	Balance c/f		-
14	**Isabel Blackman Outings 2023**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	91	
	Grant received	-	
	Expenditure (items)		91
	Balance c/f		-
15	**Magdalen & Lasher 2023**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	587	
	Grant received	-	
	Expenditure (items)		587
	Balance c/f		-

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		£	£
16	**Food Partnership - Bag Scheme**		
	Grant b/f	2,367	
	Grant received		
	Expenditure (items)		500
	Balance c/f		**1,867**
17	**Big Local - Dec 23**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	324	
	Grant received	-	
	Expenditure (items)		324
	Balance c/f		-
18	**Southern Housing for Pop up Café**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	1,500	
	Grant received	-	
	Expenditure (items)		1,396
	Balance c/f		**104**
19	**Lottery - Cost of Living**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	1,285	
	Grant received	130	
	Expenditure (items)		1,415
	Balance c/f		-
20	**Mag & Lash March 24**	**£**	**£**
	Grant b/f	1,500	
	Grant received		
	Expenditure (items)		1,500
	Balance c/f		-
	Total Restricted Funding Held		**7,887**

OASIS Community Project - East Hastings
Notes

1 Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debt as they become due.

2 Premises & staff

The premises are provided by Broomgrove Residents Association.
The organisation has one paid staff member.

3 Trustees' remuneration

During the accounting period trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits.

4 Previous period comparison

The previous period's figures have been included for comparison.

6 Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.