Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Hornchurch Passion Play
Registered charity number (if any)	1169216
Charity's principal address	St Andrew's Church
	222 High Street
	Hornchurch, Essex
	Postcode RM12 6QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Lisa Bewick	Chair		The Trustees
2	Mrs Patricia Clark	Secretary		The Trustees
3	Mr Peter Carver	Treasurer		The Trustees
4	Mr Simon Pugsley			The Trustees
5	Mr Michael Swift			The Trustees
6	Mrs Jane Swift			The Trustees

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity Trustees have the overall responsibility for governance, however a wider committee manages the charity, which consists of the Charity Trustees plus other volunteers.

The charity does not work directly with children or vulnerable adults, however has adopted a safeguarding policy for good governance.

The Trustees reviewed both their internal controls and reserves policies, with updated policies being agreed at the Trustee meeting held on 1 October 2025.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian religion in the borough of havering for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, participating in dramatic and musical performances, broadcasting, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Religious performances

- Passion Play performances every four or five years, historically in 1995, 2000, 2006, 2011, 2015, and most recently 2022 (delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic). The next play is planned for the 2026 Easter weekend.
- Annual "Voices for Christmas" and "Voices for Easter" performances re-telling the Nativity and Easter stories for the local community.

Interaction with other religious groups

- Interaction with the churches across Havering from multiple denominations including presence at the annual Good Friday March of Witness in Hornchurch Essex.
- Passion Trust annual conference – the Hornchurch Passion Play hosted the 2018 Passion Trust Conference and continue to engage with the wider Passion Play community.

Christian fellowship and fundraising events

- Social events such as quiz nights; Murder mystery events and Burns' night celebrations to share in prayer and Christian fellowship with the community.
- Regular Committee meetings to share in prayer and discuss fundraising options and community events to further the objects of the charity.

The Trustees take regular regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit to ensure that all events planned meet both the Charity's objects as well as ensure that these are for the public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2025 was another year focussed on fundraising for the 2026 performance. The Trustees received a £10,000 grant from the Norwood & Newton Settlement in late 2025 for the purposes of supporting the 2026 performance as well as other ongoing expenses such as running fundraising events and publicity. This was approved in 2022, and is on top of the £19,000 grant received from the Church of England in 2024.

Regular fundraising commenced with the annual Burns Night fundraiser in January, which was a great success raising over £1,600. The usual Voices for Christmas event was also run, spreading the Christian message in our community, whilst also raising charitable funds.

We successfully campaigned for more donors to register for regular giving. Donations from individual donors over the year amounted to £3,643 (the majority of which was from regular donors), with an additional £564 received in gift aid.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves are held to ensure the charity can deliver its primary charitable objective: staging a large-scale dramatic production approximately every five years (the next one being planned for Easter 2026). The Trustees build these reserves gradually over the interim period, transferring annual surpluses into a designated reserve account. In addition to this planned expenditure, the trustees may approve the use of reserves to support fundraising events and activities which, while generally generating a net surplus, may occasionally result in a net expense where they further the charity's objectives.

The trustees consider the current level of reserves to be appropriate for the charity's size, activities, and future plans. The reserves position is reviewed at every Trustee meeting, and the reserves policy reviewed at least triennially, or sooner if circumstances change significantly

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis - no funds are in material deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's total income for the year ended 31 December 2025 was £21,306 (2024: £27,901). Income was generated primarily from donations, grants and fundraising activities. Total expenditure for the year was £5,290 (2024: £2,815). This included the costs of delivering fundraising events, the public liability insurance policy for the 2026 Passion Play performance, and also building the potential audience for the next production.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £16,016, which has been held in our reserves to fund the upcoming performances in line with our Reserves Policy.

The Trustees have increased their budget for the 2026 production to c£41,000 of the unrestricted funds due to early indications of higher expected costs than originally planned. £9,500 is also held of the £19,000 grant received in 2024, exclusively to support the 2030 performance. There is sufficient buffer above these costs to act as an operational buffer to meet day-to-day needs of the charity, whilst also acting as a contingency for the 2026 performance if needed.

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of this report. The trustees have reviewed projected income and expenditure, taking into account known commitments, planned activities, and the reserves available. Based on this review, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P. Carver	P. Clark
Full name(s)	PETER CARVER	PATRICIA CLARK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Date	26/10/26	

Charity Name:	Charity No:
Hornchurch Passion Play	1169216

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations from regular donors	2,705	-	-	2,705	1,355
One-off donations from individuals	938	-	-	938	1,043
Gift aid reclaims	564	-	-	564	319
Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	19,000
Fundraising from events	6,693	-	-	6,693	6,047
Interest on deposit account	274	-	-	274	85
Other income	132	-	-	132	52
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	21,306	-	-	21,306	27,901
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,306	-	-	21,306	27,901
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	3,517	-	-	3,517	2,548
Production costs	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance premiums	1,256	-	-	1,256	96
Transaction costs	116	-	-	116	171
Other expenses	400	-	-	400	-
Sub total	5,290	-	-	5,290	2,815
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	5,290	-	-	5,290	2,815
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,016	-	-	16,016	25,086
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,699	-	-	42,699	17,613
Cash funds this year end	58,715	-	-	58,715	42,699

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Reserve account	-	-	-
	Current account	58,209	-	-
	Cash	506	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,715	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. Carver	PETER CARVER	26/10/26
	P. Clark	PATRICIA CLARK	26/10/26