Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1201464

Charity Report and Accounts
For the year ending March 31st 2026

Charity Objects
(A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF HASSOCKS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

(B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

Main activities of the Charity
The main activities of the Charity are the letting of rooms at Adastra Hall, a community hall in Hassocks, West Sussex, and the operation of a Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls group at the hall.

Statement of Compliance
The Trustees of Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association CIO confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission

Chairman's Report
I am pleased to present to you my report for the financial year ending March 2026 for the Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association CIO. When we met last September, we had just completed our 2nd major construction project at the hall, the toilets work and general improvements, and this is of course reflected fully in these accounts.

So, what you see on one level is a charity that has spent an awful lot of money on improvements to the village hall. Some huge numbers appear in or 2025-26 accounts- income of £250,389 in grants and donations for example, spent on a major rebuild of our toilet area, plus redecoration of the main hall, the committee room, refurbishment of the main hall floor, etc. But our purpose is not to be construction experts, or fundraisers, our core purpose is to provide a village hall and you need to dig a little deeper in our numbers to appreciate what's been going on.

Firstly, our revenue from hall hire has increased £10,732 year on year, a 17% increase at a time when we increased no hire fees, decreased others and we were closed for July and August in our biggest room for the building work. Similarly, rental of "extras" - lights, projectors, etc has increased £1090, or 51% year on year.

In fact, we finished the financial year with every evening in our 2 main rooms filled with a commitment regular commitment. WI, Field Society, Anti-natal classes, Ballet, Jive, Art, Wings Youth theatre and Rock Choir on a Wednesday, Youth Club and Line Dancing on a Thursday, Star Cinema, Bingo, and Strictly Dance on a Friday. Piano lessons, U3a, Move it or Lose it, Dementia group, Blood donors, table tennis, history of art, birthday parties, weddings, fundraisers, training people to save lives and funerals - This is what we do, we provide a home for all of this in our village and this is what we should be proud of.

1,276 bookings. 10% more than the previous year. 6 1st birthdays, 4 2nd birthdays, 7 3rd birthdays. 8 4th birthdays right up to 3 40ths and 4 70ths. In fact, 84 birthday parties and 1 birthday quiz. We have become experts at providing a space for an event at an affordable price.

Our every day charity costs are tightly managed, but flexible and whilst our income has risen, our costs have risen too as we have continued to invest in the day-to-day requirements of our service. Staff costs have increased as we now have 3 employees, cleaning costs have increased as we clean more thoroughly and more frequently with a new contractor, gas and electricity costs have increased as we keep our building warmer and we have continued to make small improvements to our organisation.

All of this would not be possible without a strong group of volunteers including, our trustees, who continue to act with the charities' best interests at heart meeting regularly to discuss and agree our strategy and plans. Of course, our operations are managed on a day-to-day basis by our 3 staff members, Emily, Sarah and Bernard and I thank them for their continued dedication to our cause and in delivering excellent customer service to our hirers. I'd like to thank our hirers for whom we do all this and who bring their voluntary, or commercial organisations to this village to keep it a lively and vibrant place, and finally to our suppliers, both volunteers and contractors who support our operations as we call on them to help.

Whilst our major building work is now over, we will continue to take every opportunity to invest sensibly in our facility to ensure we continue to provide the village with a village hall fit for the future. However, we must also take some time now to rebuild our reserves and, as we deal with a building that is ageing, we need to ensure that we are in a good place to deal with any challenges along the way. At some points in the past 24 months we have been very much hand-to-mouth and we need to ensure that we have the reserves to maintain business as usual in any eventuality.

Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association
Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31 March 2026

ITEM		31 March 2026	31 March 2025
Receipts			
Hall Hire	£	72,662.40	61,930.00
Grants/Donation List 1	£	250,389.00	160,633.63
Table Tennis, Short Mat Bowls minus refreshments (£253.68)	£	6,276.21	7,323.45
Extras inc Lights, AV, piano	£	3,200.00	2,110.00
Other receipts (Virgin/BrGas refunds)	£	69.24	1,002.52
Interest, cashback	£	183.76	744.41
Transfer			
Total Receipts	£	**332,780.61**	**233,744.01**
Payments			
Cleaning staff inc window cleaners	£	10,613.00	8,384.50
Cleaning Materials	£	1,699.15	1,116.41
Waste	£	437.23	1,815.23
Hall staff	£	15,655.59	11,358.68
Licences	£	1,212.44	1,314.76
Insurance	£	2,660.01	2,082.67
Energy	£	4,823.99	4,522.48
BT/WiFi/Mobiles/Ionos cloud	£	869.24	695.81
Water, sewerage	£	1,761.10	1,380.85
Table Tennis tables	£	445.00	1,349.99
Maintenance (list2)	£	19,419.40	7,989.67
Hall improvements	£	7,944.07	5,040.94
Toilet Extension	£	236,887.45	1,201.80
Green Room retention paid	£	7,336.59	254,673.84
Admin inc Hplnk,sundries	£	193.87	515.39
Various Misc expenses	£	2,551.12	
Defibrilator Contribution and AV equipment	£	-	1,729.54
Total Payments	£	**314,509.25**	**305,172.56**
Profit/(loss) for the Year	£	**18,271.36**	**(71,428.55)**
Bank Balances			
Balance as at 31 March 2025	£	14,093.45	85,522.00
Balance as at 31 March 2026	£	**32,364.81**	**14,093.45**
Movement in Bank balances	£	18,271.36	(71,428.55)
Made up of			
Current a/c	£	7,029.75	9,084.68
Savings a/c	£	25,335.06	5,008.77

Independent Examiners comments
I have examined the accounts for Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association and can confirm that the Receipts and Payments listed above accurtately represents the transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.
A full audit was not required but due to the large sums of money involved with building work I have checked that all payments to the main contractor are supported by Invoices and confirm these match to the expenditure recorded.

Richard Wolff ACMA 27 August 2026

List 1
MSDC S106
Feldenkrais £100

List 2 (Major Items)
Thomas Doors
Pyrotec
HPW Electrical
JP Decorating