SOCIAL WALKS AND TALKS LEAMINGTON SPA

CHARITY NUMBER 1202796

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees of Social Walks and Talks present their annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

Our Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the group are to provide both an educational service and a health related service to the residents and visitors to Leamington Spa. To achieve this we provide free guided walking tours concerning the history, culture and heritage of the Regency town and themed presentations about the past life and times of the town. Through the ninety minute walking tours, we are able to provide the public with the opportunity to engage in healthy exercise, as well as learning about the history of the town.
The walks and talks are designed to attract people of all ages, abilities and cultures and provide a social aspect to our activities.

Review of activities and achievements

During our third year of operation we planned and organised a programme of walks to be carried out on two set days a week. These walks were free of charge operating on a "just turn up " basis. However, we were well supported by Warwick Districts Visitor Centre who would advise visitors about the availability and themes of our walks.
In total 211 people enjoyed the history walks which lasted from May to October. We were also invited by Warwick District Council give presentations in the Pump Rooms as part of their Friday Focus events.
One of our main aims was to develop a social side to our walks and presentations and it was pleasing to note how the walking groups quickly developed friendships, helping to offset loneliness and improving their mental health. Also quite a few walkers would join the weekly walks on a regular basis.

Future plans

The group will continue its walking programme and work on developing a wider community base, offering walks and talks to established groups, both in Leamington and the wider area. We will continue to develop our website and improve our publicity material. We will also continue our partnership working with Warwick District Council.

Our finances

Our operations are mainly financed through public donations, income from private booked walks and talks and grants. We aim keep our costs to a minimum in order to continue to provide free walks.

Structure, governance and management

As a very small charity, we are are to manage with a board of five trustees. Two of the trustees act as guides and talk presenters and are supported by four volunteer guides. At our AGM in April, it was agreed that the trustees would remain in place and that there was to be no change to the Constitution. Some slight amendments to the walk dates were discussed and agreed. The treasurers report was accepted, with the major expenditure items being insurance, website support and donations to a local Arts business. This expenditure was felt to be manageable for the current year and the charity was remaining solvent.

Trustee recruitment

Fortunately we have been able to maintain our original trustees for at least the coming year. Although we would wish to recruit another trustee, this has not been successful. We are still seeking extra volunteers to act as guides. The volunteer assisting us with the walks administration will be continuing her valuable role. Unfortunately, we lost one guide earlier in the year through illness and the Chair of the group underwent a major operation that may impact on his ability to remain in post.

Trustees

Michael Pearson – Chair
Christine Pearson – Treasurer
Rosemary Pfeffer-Ward – Secretary
Mary Aldred
Barry Franklin

Signed by:-

Chair – M Pearson

Trustee – Rosemary Pfeffer-Ward

Dated 4 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Social Walks and Talks	1202796

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	280	-	-	280	899
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	280	-	-	280	899
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	280	-	-	280	899
A3 Payments					
presentation costs	161	-	-	161	195
bank charges	35	-	-	35	60
insurance	-	-	-	-	157
arts trail membership	60	-	-	60	45
website	24	-	-	24	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	280	-	-	280	457
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	194	-	-	194	357
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	194	-	-	194	357
Total payments	474	-	-	474	814
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 194	-	-	- 194	85
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	741	-	-	741	656
Cash funds this year end	547	-	-	547	741

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash in Bank	265	-	-
	Petty Cash	282	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	547	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Portable PA System	Unresticted funds	194	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
CC Pearson	Christine Pearson	31/12/2025