SISSINGHURST VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period

From 01/01/2025 To 31/12/2025

Charity name: Sissinghurst Village Hall

Charity registration number: 1203326

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**Trustees manage the running of the Village Hall for the benefit of the local community.**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Sissinghurst and the neighbourhood without political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.**

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**The new village hall opened in June 2025. Demand for hiring has been growing throughout the year. We have received positive feedback from hirers who are enjoying the modern and accessible facilities. Regular activities include fitness classes (yoga, pilates, dance), social and community group events including the Scouts, Slimming World and u3a. There have also been a**

		large number of private bookings for parties. We organised a sociai event for the community at Christmas which was well attended. Fit out of the hall has been on-going with the installation of kitchen and toilet equipment, curtains and acoustic panels.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The AGM on 19th June was the first function held in the new hall, with hiring out beginning on 25th June. Demand for hiring has been buoyant and £9,100 was raised from hiring fees in the 6 months to 31st December. Expenses included general items needed to fit out the hall ready for opening. That, together with the fact we operate a receipts and payments account (so insurance etc is a full year charge) mean we ended the year on a small loss of £167. We have unrestricted funds of £21,475 to carry forward to 2026. The restricted Hall Build Fund brought forward of £24,300 was fully utilised in the year, the majority of which (£22,200) being to Fernham Homes to cover the improvements to the original spec of the building. We received £1,500 in specific donations in the year and, at the year end the Restricted Fund balance was £836.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The policy is to hold £12,000 in unrestricted reserves - enough to meet unforeseen emergency expenditure while a regular pattern of hiring income is established.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£12,000**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**N/A**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**N/A**

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Trust deed**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Trustees are elected**

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	**Sissinghurst Village Hall**
Other name the charity uses	**N/A**
Registered charity number	**1203326**
Charity's principal address	**Sissinghurst Village Hall** **St George's Meadow** **Sissinghurst, Kent** **TN17 2EW**

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	Catherine Thompson	Chair	Appointed July 25	
2	Jan Ashley		Appointed May 23	
3	John Smith		Appointed April 23	
4	Andrew Fairweather		Appointed June 25	
5	Andrew Stiff		Appointed June 25	
6	Helena Copsey		Appointed June 25	
7	Michael Davis		Appointed June 25	

8	Clare Cooper		Appointed June 25	
9	Stuart Hunt		Appointed June 25	
10	Lorraine Fairweather		Resigned June 25	
11	Chrstopher Page		Resigned June 25	
12	Melanie Mayers		Appointed June 25 (resigned March 26)	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) K Thp

Full name(s) CATHERINE THOMPSON

Position CHAIR

Date 12/5/26

Sissinghurst Village Hall

Charity no: 1203326

Receipts and Payments accounts

For the period from 1st January 2025 **To** 31st December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Hiring charges - in year hiring	8,701	0	8,701	0
Hiring charges - 2026 hiiring	440	0	440	0
Returnable deposits held at year end	300	0	300	0
Regular Donations	170	0	170	0
One off donations/tfr from St G	457	1,500	1,957	0
Tennis club/In-post	526	0	526	0
Fundraising	951	0	951	0
Interest	310	0	310	0
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	11,854	1,500	13,354	0
A2 Asset and investment sales				
	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	11,854	1,500	13,354	0
A3 Payments				
Water	119	0	119	0
Electricity (June-Nov)	610	0	610	0
Insurance	1,602	0	1,602	0
Annual maint. costs	1,094	0	1,094	0
Day-to-day maint.costs	308	0	308	0
Cleaner & sanitary bins	2,767	0	2,767	0
Internet	154	0	154	0
Licences/Hallmaster	857	0	857	0
Fundraising costs	814	0	814	0
Gardening	340	0	340	0
Sundry	785	0	785	0
New hall opening costs:			0	
General items (door handles/mirrors etc)	1,073	0	1,073	
Fire Safety	1,499	0	1,499	0
Sub total	12,022	0	12,022	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases				
Fernham Homes - higher spec items	0	22,197	22,197	0
Signage	0	1,230	1,230	0
Acoustic panels/curtains	0	1,226	1,226	0
Fridge	0	346	346	0
Sub total	0	24,999	24,999	0
Total payments	12,022	24,999	37,021	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-167	-23,499	-23,667	0
A5 Transfers between funds			0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,642	24,335	45,977	45,977
Cash funds this year end	21,475	836	22,311	

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

Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds	Last year
B1 Cash funds				
Bank current account	818	0	818	5,940
Bank savings account	8,449	836	9,285	40,037
95 day notice account	12,062	0	12,062	0
cash float	145	0	145	0
	21,475	836	22,311	45,977

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Land and building of Sissinghurst Village Hall	Restricted	600,000
SMEG cooker	Restricted	750
B5 Liabilities		
Damage deposits held at the year end	Unrestricted	300

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

The hall and land ownership and title was transferred back to Sissinghurst Village Hall (from Fernham Homes) on 27th May 2025.

Bookings for the hall started on 25th June 2025. For insurance purposes - the hall has been valued at £600,000.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT

In 2023 the committee took professional advice on the best structure for a village hall charity and began the process of changing from a simple charity ' St Georges Institute' (Charity no: 280355) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 'Sissinghurst Village Hall' (Charity no: 1203326). In October 2024 the majority of funds were transferred to Sissinghurst Village Hall. On 19th August 2025 the merger of the 2 charities took place and St Georges Institute was removed from the central Register of Charities.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

Signed on behalf of the management committee:

Chairman .....

Print name: CATHERINE THOMPSON

Date: 12/5/26

EXAMINERS REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Village Hall Charity for the year to 31st December 2025 together with the charity's accounting records and report that proper accounting records have been kept and the accounts are in agreement with those records.

Signed.....

Print name: ROBIN BECK

Date: 13/03/2026