THE ARTS SOCIETY EAST GRINSTEAD

CIO - Charity Number 1205679

The Arts Society East Grinstead

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

Registered Charity No. 1205679

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INTRODUCTION

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of The Arts Society East Grinstead ("TASEG") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

All the Committee Members were Trustees at 1 January 2025. There were changes in the roles of the trustees agreed at the Annual General Meeting of 9 September 2025.

GENERAL REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name: The Arts Society East Grinstead

Registered Charity No: 1205679

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Board of Trustees

	Before 9 September 2025	After 9 September 2025
Chair	Ray White	Ray White
Secretary	Anne White	Anne White
Treasurer	Mike Hope	Mike Hope
Membership Secretary	Anthony Beevor	Anthony Beevor
SID Organiser	Jenny Williams	Jenny Williams
Outings Organiser	Marianne Greenwood	Marianne Greenwood
Programme Secretary	Choo Wright	Lis Woolley
Young Arts Organiser	Alice Griffith	Alice Griffith

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's governing document is the Rules and Constitution adopted by the members of TASEG on 13 February 2024. The constitution was revised by Annual General Meeting on 9 September 2025. The changes allowed for the use of electronic communication means with members in committee decision making, and also formalised the liability of members and trustees in the event of the CIO being wound up. This was agreed by a show of hands, clearly exceeding two thirds of those attending.

The Charity is governed and managed by a Board of Trustees who receive no payment for their service as trustees. The Trustees are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Each year all the Trustees resign, but they are eligible for re-election.

The Arts Society East Grinstead is an affiliate member of The Arts Society (The Arts Society is the operating name of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies [NADFAS]).

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Arts Society East Grinstead are

(a) the promotion and advancement of the education of the public in the cultivation, appreciation and study of the arts.

(b) the conservation and preservation of the artistic heritage of the United Kingdom and other countries for the benefit of the public.

(c) the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, in particular, but without limitation, the decorative and fine arts.

(d) without prejudice to the generality of the above, the promotion and advancement of the education of young people in the cultivation, appreciation and study of the arts.

There are four principal activities that the Charity undertakes in relation to these objects: holding lectures on relevant artistic topics; arranging study days to examine particular artistic matters; arranging visits to sites related to the Arts; and making charitable donations to artistic projects especially geared towards young people.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE.

The Charity had 332 members on 31 December 2024 which was a slight reduction from the end of the previous year. Inevitably not all members renew but there is a steady stream of new members coming along.

A particular highlight of the year was the celebration of our 40th anniversary, with a lecture by Lucy Worsley on “Clever Queen Caroline - An Intimate Story from the Georgian Age”

The trustees agreed to continue with hybrid lectures so that most of the lectures are relayed to members by Zoom. Typically about 200 members attend lectures in person at the venue in Chequer Mead theatre and a further 40 watch on Zoom.

A full programme of visits and outings was arranged. During the year members enjoyed outings to Westminster Abbey for a guided tour with musical accompaniment, to Angels Costumes to learn about costume hire in the TV and film industry, and to the Royal Albert Hall for a performance of Handel’s “Messiah”. One tour was arranged, to study the Art and Culture of Berlin and Potsdam. There was also one study day, where Peter Medhurst introduced us to “The Genius of Handel”

The Charity believes that the Arts plays a crucial part in all aspects of a young person’s development and has a programme to encourage a younger generation to enjoy and participate in a wide range of artistic activities. The Charity does this by supporting initiatives that provide relevant opportunities. During the year, the Charity made donations to The Meads Primary School (Entry fee for ArtBytes National School Art Programme), Sackville School (CEW Mural Project), Imberhorne School, (Entry fee for ArtBytes National School Art Programme), Blackwell Primary School (Transport to ‘Big Sing’ community music workshop event) and to St Swithun’s Church Festival of Arts.

The Charity continues to contribute to West Dean College (Chichester) by awarding a TASEG prize to an outstanding student.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The 2025 Annual Accounts are set out on page 6. The income from subscriptions and visitors less the costs associated with the monthly lectures shows a surplus of £1814. Tours, Outings, Special interest Days and the 40th anniversary lecture made a profit, which was used in part to support the Young Arts programme. The overall surplus for the year was £4,825

The total income for the year was £44,456 and the total expenditure was £39,631.

As at 31 December 2025 there were no fixed assets and no creditors

RESERVES

The Trustees' policy is to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover the operating costs for the provision of lectures for one year. At the year end the reserves were higher than this, at £35,265. The Trustees plan to reduce the reserves to the target level over the next few years.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees give careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. They consider that the activities outlined in this report meet the public benefit requirement for charities.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 01 August 2026.

Ray White

Chair

The Arts Society East Grinstead (Charity No 1205679): Income and Expenditure in the Year :

To 31st December 2024		Source and use of funds		*To 31st December 2025*
£			£	
		Income		
18,553		Subscritions and visitors	18,422	
1,109		Gift Aid	873	
		Interest	171	
118		Sundries income and adjustments	2	
	19,780	sub-total		19,468
		Less Costs		
-4,734		Lecturer fees & expenses	-4,440	
-5,070		Hire of meeting rooms	-5,293	
-2,054		Refreshments at meetings	-2,015	
-692		Printing, stationary and postage	-260	
-426		Equipment purchases / Maintenance / IT costs	-499	
-94		Other expenses	-177	
-5,819		The Arts Society (Subscription) Net of Gift Aid	-4,971	
	-18,889	sub total		-17,655
	891	***Monthly Lectures***		1,814
		Outings		
6,653		Income	8,897	
-5,769		Less Costs	-8,058	
	884	sub total		839
		Holidays		
3,367		Income	2,518	
-1,965		Less Costs	-1,065	
	1,402	sub total		1,453
		Special Interest Days (SIDS)		
2,888		Income	1,780	
-3,501		Less Costs	-1,641	
	-613	sub total		139
		40th Anniversary celebrations		
		income	11,522	
		less costs	-10,222	
		sub total		1,300
		Young Arts		
640		Income (incl.c'fwd)	271	
-2,150		Less Costs (incl.c'fwd)	-990	
	-1,510	sub total		-719
	1,054	***Surplus/(Deficit) for the year***		4,825

£		Reconciliation	£
48,064		Closing bank balance at year end	53,823
-16,050	*Adjustments*	Subscriptions c/fwd	-16,610
-789		Outings receipts and payments in advance	0
-564		SID receipts less payments in advance	-1,506
-271		Young Arts (2025 Raffle c/fwd)	-483
50		Petty Cash held at year end	41
£30,440		**Net Branch assets**	£35,265

Notes

Approved on behalf of the Committee:

Chair: WFR WHITE Date: 27/7/26 Treasurer: M. HOPE Date: 26/7/26

I have checked the accounts of The Arts Society East Grinstead and found them to be correct in accordance with the documents presented to me.

Independent examiner: [S Chandler] Date 19/07/2026