MEETING CENTRES ENGLAND

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Report

For the period 17th February 2025 to 31st March 2026

1. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Meeting Centres England
Legal form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Charity registration number	1212175
Principal address	The Malt House, West Street, Pembridge, Herefordshire, HR6 9DX
Reporting period	17 February 2025 to 31 March 2026

Trustees serving during the period

Howard Gordon	Chair
Shirley Evans	Treasurer
Dawn Brooker	Secretary
Nathan Stephens	Trustee
Zethu Makatini	Trustee

2. Structure, governance and management

Meeting Centres England is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its constitution, and the trustees are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and oversight of the charity.

The Board meets to oversee the charity's activities, finances, risks and organisational development. Trustees are recruited for their skills, experience and commitment to the charity's purposes. During the period, the charity developed governance policies and procedures, including arrangements for financial management, trustee appointment and fundraising.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the charity's activities.

3. Objectives and public benefit

Meeting Centres England exists to advance the wellbeing of people affected by dementia through the promotion and support of Meeting Centres. Meeting Centres provide community-based support intended to help people living with dementia and their families remain connected, participate in community life and access practical and social support.

The trustees consider that the charity's work provides public benefit by:

- supporting people living with dementia to live well in their communities;
- helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness;
- supporting unpaid family carers;
- encouraging dementia-inclusive communities; and
- promoting evidence-based approaches to dementia care and support.

4. Activities and achievements

The reporting period was a formative stage for Meeting Centres England. The charity's principal focus was establishing sound governance and building the foundations for future charitable activity.

Governance development

- Established trustee governance arrangements.
- Developed policies and procedures to support effective governance and financial management.
- Put in place arrangements designed to support compliance with Charity Commission requirements.

Building national capacity

- Promoted the Meeting Centre approach across England.
- Represented meeting centres in England at the UK Meeting Centre Network
- Worked with Meeting Centres Scotland to develop and expression of interest to the UK Lottery Fund
- Engaged with individuals and organisations interested in establishing or supporting Meeting Centres, for example the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Meeting Centre Advisory Group and the monthly Meeting Centres online meeting organized by the Association for Dementia Studies at the University of Worcester
- Developed relationships with stakeholders in dementia, health, social care and the voluntary and community sectors.

Public awareness and communications

- Worked to increase awareness of the contribution Meeting Centres can make to people living with dementia and unpaid carers.
- Engaged with professionals, community organisations and potential supporters to strengthen the charity's national visibility.

Organisational development

- Explored funding opportunities to support future charitable work.
- Developed plans for fundraising, communications and trustee recruitment.

5. Future plans

In the next reporting period, the charity intends to:

- increase the number and diversity of trustees;
- strengthen its governance arrangements and policy framework;
- seek grants and other appropriate funding to support its charitable activities;
- increase awareness of Meeting Centres England;
- support the establishment and sustainability of Meeting Centres;
- build partnerships with organisations involved in dementia care, research and community support; and
- develop resources, guidance and opportunities for collaboration between Meeting Centres.

6. Financial review

The financial review reporting period is 12 months ending on the 31st March. Since this is the first report it covers the period 17th February 2025 (when the charity was set up) to 31st March 2026

Total income	£120
Total expenditure	£35
Net movement in funds	£35
Funds at 31 January 2026	£85
Restricted funds	£ None
Unrestricted funds	£85

Principal funding sources

Donations by two of the Trustees have enabled payment of bank fees.

Reserves policy

There is a policy of three months reserves to cover operations.

Going concern

The charity currently has sufficient reserves to cover operations.

7. Risk management

The trustees have considered the principal risks facing the charity and seek to manage these through regular trustee oversight, financial controls, appropriate policies and procedures, compliance monitoring, and review of fundraising and sustainability plans.

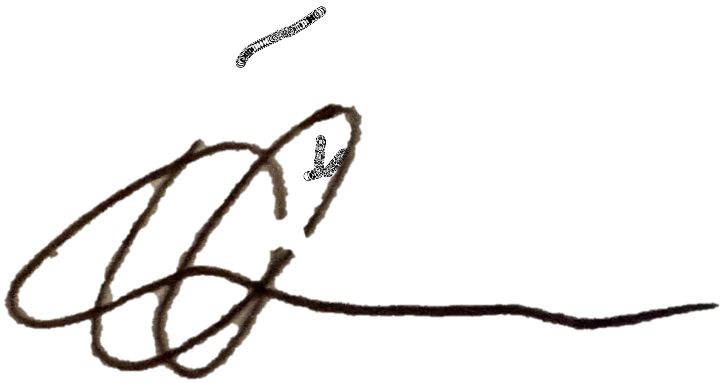
8. Trustees' responsibilities

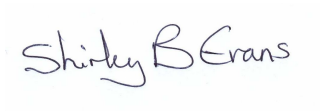
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting requirements relevant to the charity.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

9. Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on: 04 September 2026





Signed: _____

Howard Gordon

Chair of Trustees

7th September 20026

Signed: _____

Shirley Evans

Treasurer

7th September 2026

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9th September 2026