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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
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It is my responsibility to :

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section145 (5)(b)of the 2011 Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W J Turcan
Knights Farm
Hallaton Road
East Norton LE7 9XF

22nd September

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	Notes	2025	2024
Trading Activities	3	14,797	5,231
Insurance Recovery			20,042
Investment Income	4	4,887	4,047
Miscellaneous		972	970
Maintenance Contributions		79,661	74,066
Total Receipts		**100,317**	**104,356**
PAYMENTS			
Direct Charitable	5	89,705	72,854
Other Expenditure	6	21,858	24,172
Total Payments		**111,563**	**97,026**
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) In Year		-11,246	7,330
Bank Balance 1st January 2025		222,411	215,081
Bank Balances 31st December 2025		211,165	222,411

HSBC	Current	6,073
MHBS	Current	4,155
	Deposit	100,844
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Petty cash		93
		211,165

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Monetary Assets		
Market Harborough Building Society	4155	221,659
HSBC	6,073	738
MHBS Deposit Account 1	100,844	
MHBS Deposit Account 2	100,000	
Petty cash	93	14
TOTAL	211,165	222,411

Non-Monetary Assets
Other assets (non-endowed)

	2025	2024
Shares		
1,029.42 COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units	19,890	20,890
102.59 COIF Charities Investment Fund Accumulation Units	26,215	26,737
Total	46,105	47,627

Land and Property

Cottages	12, 14, 16 High Street, Hallaton
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Stenning Hall	Horn Lane, Hallaton
Play Park	Hog Lane, Hallaton
Land at North End	Hallaton
Recreation Ground with Pavilion and 2 tennis courts	East Norton Road, Hallaton
Parish Store (formerly Museum Building)	Hog Lane, Hallaton
Allotment Field	Hallaton

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For and on behalf of the Trustees

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The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice:Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) as applicable to the smaller charity and all applicable accounting standards

a) income is accounted for on a cash received basis.

b) expenditure is accounted for on a cash paid basis.

2 **Trustees' Remuneration**

No remuneration was paid to any trustee throughout the period.

3 **Income from Trading activities**

	2025	2024
Hire of hall	12,002	5,455
Fund-raising activities	2,795	
	14,797	5,455

4 **Investment income**

Dividends	584	569
Interest	4,303	3,478
	4,887	4,047

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5	Direct Charitable Expenditure	2025	2024
	Cottage maintenance & repairs	51,903	51,078
	Cleaning & maintenance	5,104	10,538
	Heat, light,water	7,505	6,339
	Insurance	11,273	2,009
	Utensils & equipment		433
	Development of new almshouse	8,409	1,054
	Activities expenses	2,387	
	Grants	0	0
	Loan repayments	0	0
	Miscellaneous	3,124	1,403
	Total Direct	89,705	72,854

6	OTHER EXPENDITURE		
	Administrative expenses	21,858	23,889
	Finance charges		283
	Total other	21,858	24,172

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to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W J Turcan
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22nd September

HALLATON AND ISABELLA STENNING TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	Notes	2025	2024
Trading Activities	3	14,797	5,231
Insurance Recovery			20,042
Investment Income	4	4,887	4,047
Miscellaneous		972	970
Maintenance Contributions		79,661	74,066
Total Receipts		**100,317**	**104,356**
PAYMENTS			
Direct Charitable	5	89,705	72,854
Other Expenditure	6	21,858	24,172
Total Payments		**111,563**	**97,026**
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) In Year		-11,246	7,330
Bank Balance 1st January 2025		222,411	215,081
Bank Balances 31st December 2025		211,165	222,411

HSBC	Current	6,073
MHBS	Current	4,155
	Deposit	100,844
	Deposit	100,000
Petty cash		93
		211,165

HALLATON AND ISABELLA STENNING TRUST
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Monetary Assets		
Market Harborough Building Society	4155	221,659
HSBC	6,073	738
MHBS Deposit Account 1	100,844	
MHBS Deposit Account 2	100,000	
Petty cash	93	14
TOTAL	211,165	222,411

Non-Monetary Assets
Other assets (non-endowed)

	2025	2024
Shares		
1,029.42 COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units	19,890	20,890
102.59 COIF Charities Investment Fund Accumulation Units	26,215	26,737
Total	46,105	47,627

Land and Property

Cottages	12, 14, 16 High Street, Hallaton
Cottages	14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 North End, Hallaton
Cottages	11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 Hog Lane, Hallaton
Cottages	13 Hunts Lane, Hallaton
Stenning Hall	Horn Lane, Hallaton
Play Park	Hog Lane, Hallaton
Land at North End	Hallaton
Recreation Ground with Pavilion and 2 tennis courts	East Norton Road, Hallaton
Parish Store (formerly Museum Building)	Hog Lane, Hallaton
Allotment Field	Hallaton

Helen James

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Mrs Helen James

For and on behalf of the Trustees

22nd September 2026

THE HALLATON AND ISABELLA STENNING TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1 **Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice:Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) as applicable to the smaller charity and all applicable accounting standards

a) income is accounted for on a cash received basis.

b) expenditure is accounted for on a cash paid basis.

2 **Trustees' Remuneration**

No remuneration was paid to any trustee throughout the period.

3 **Income from Trading activities**

	2025	2024
Hire of hall	12,002	5,455
Fund-raising activities	2,795	
	14,797	5,455

4 **Investment income**

Dividends	584	569
Interest	4,303	3,478
	4,887	4,047

THE HALLATON AND ISABELLA STENNING TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

5	Direct Charitable Expenditure	2025	2024
	Cottage maintenance & repairs	51,903	51,078
	Cleaning & maintenance	5,104	10,538
	Heat, light,water	7,505	6,339
	Insurance	11,273	2,009
	Utensils & equipment		433
	Development of new almshouse	8,409	1,054
	Activities expenses	2,387	
	Grants	0	0
	Loan repayments	0	0
	Miscellaneous	3,124	1,403
	Total Direct	89,705	72,854

6	OTHER EXPENDITURE		
	Administrative expenses	21,858	23,889
	Finance charges		283
	Total other	21,858	24,172

HIST YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

REPORT TO TRUSTEES BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER.

Introduction.

The following paragraphs on the statutory responsibilities of the Independent Examiner are broadly unchanged from my reports in previous years, but have been revised where appropriate by reference to the up-dated Guidance for Trustees published in August 2019.

The work required of an Independent Examiner is set out by the Charity Commission in "Directions and Guidance for examiners (CC32) " . In September and December 2017, this was supplemented by a recommended checklist (CC32A) including three new directions . This checklist has been further expanded in the Guidance up-date of August 2019, but no material changes have been made. Examiners must follow all directions which apply. The checklist is provided for assistance and good practice. Not all Directions and checklist items are applicable to charities the size of HIST. I am repeating below the three Directions which I believe are of particular relevance to Trustees.

The three Directions are:

- **Direction 2. Confirmation that there is no conflict of interest that prevents the examiner from carrying out an independent examination.** I can confirm that I have no such conflict of interest.
- **Direction 7. This covers reporting of related party transactions.** This Direction applies where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and the reporting requirement is not therefore applicable to the HIST accounts. I note from the minutes that the trustees are aware of the need to declare conflicts of interest and identify transactions which might be deemed to be between related parties.
- **Direction 9. This requires the examiner to check whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the charity at the end of the reporting period.** In my opinion this requirement is met by the paragraph in the Trustees Report for 2023 under the heading "Financial Review", and I am assuming that this can be repeated in substantially the same form for the year ended 31st December 2025. It states that "The Trustees were satisfied with the activities during the year and the position at the year end. They are confident that the charity can meet it's liabilities whenever they fall due".

In total there are 13 Directions which the Independent Examiner must follow where they apply. Not all the points in the checklist are applicable to the HIST accounts, and as in previous years, I have used my judgement, as provided for in CC32a, to decide which are applicable, and to determine what work is required to meet the statutory requirements of my examination. In my judgement, the work which I have carried out in previous years as reported to the Trustees is appropriate, and, other than as mentioned below, the scope of my examination has not been materially extended.

Independent Examination for year to 31st December 2025.

Governance and examination of Minutes

Governance. Regular meetings of the Trustees were held throughout the year and Minutes were meticulously kept, with full record of discussions. New Trustees were appointed during the year and meetings were well attended.

Examination of Accounting Systems and records. The Clerk, Jane Aaron, retired in January 2025, and transfer of responsibilities to her successor, Dawn Jerman appears to have been well handled. The current year accounts have been meticulously maintained and presented to me as in previous years.

- **Audit work.** Following on my examination of the accounting systems and the books and records provided to me, I have seen no need to extend the detailed audit work carried out in previous years.

Work carried out.

- Bank Reconciliations were checked for the HSBC account and the Building Society, and detailed schedules of income and expenditure were examined. Individual maintenance contribution receipts were not checked in detail from bank statements, but the system in place for collection and the detailed records are excellent. No detailed examination of invoices was carried out by me, but the regular Minutes of the Trustees show that all payments were scrutinised and approved by the Trustees.
- Minute books were inspected to identify material management issues and to confirm authority for expenditure .

Areas not covered.

- Activities based on cash receipts (eg bar sales and other cash takings at events) are not capable of being audited effectively, but they have been well recorded in schedules provided to me.
- I have not checked maintenance contributions received in detail, but the recording is of a high standard and it is clear that maintenance contributions are being effectively managed.
- I have not confirmed Investment holdings independently, but I have seen recent statements showing the balance of investments retained by the trust during the year. I have no independent confirmation of the title to properties. No value for properties is included in the accounts.
- I have not asked the Bank to certify to me independently the balances on the accounts at the year end, but I have no reason to doubt the balances shown on the Bank Statements provided to me.

Analytical Review of 2025 Accounts

Summary. The receipts and payments account shows a deficit in the year of £11,246 compared to a surplus the previous year of £7330. Cash balances at the year end were £211,165 compared to £222,411 at the end of 2024.

Receipts. Total receipts were £100,317 compared to £104,356 in 2024. Excluding the insurance recovery of £20,042 in 2024, the comparative figure for that year is £84,314, and the underlying change an improvement in 2025 of £16,003. This is accounted for principally by gains in Trading Activities of more than £9,000 and a modest increase in Maintenance contributions of £5,595 from £74,066 to £79,661 in 2025.

Payments. Total payments of £111,563 were some £14,500 higher than in 2024 (£97,026) with significantly higher insurance costs and further development costs on a planned new almshouse more than off-setting lower cleaning and maintenance.

FINANCIAL POSITION AT YEAR END

I am required by Direction 9 of the Charity Commission Guidelines to check whether the Trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the charity, it's reserves, and ability to meet outstanding commitments. Development of a new almshouse was in progress at the end of the year. I understand that the Trustees believe they have sufficient current resources and reserves to complete the development if it remains financially viable and to meet all other commitments.

CONCLUSION. I have not been made aware of any matter during the course of my examination which would prevent me from signing an unqualified report on the accounts for the year.

W J Turcan

DATE 18.09.26