HARTSHORNE CHARITIES

---------- Since 1626 ----------

Reg. Charity No. 236972

Annual Report 2025

History of Charities in Hartshorne

Over the years the landed and wealthy people of the parish left lands, property or monies, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the poor and sick of the parish. Below they are listed. The charities covered the ancient parish which included parts of Woodville and Smisby:

The Eleemosynary charity of the Rev. William Dethick, founded by will dated 24th August 1624, proved at Lichfield in 1626
John Hazards Charity in 1724
Joseph Lester Charity 1802
Rev. Francis Gisbourne Charity
John Murcott Charity 1833
Elizabeth Partridge and Thomas Hassall Charity 1844
Charles Brunt Charity 1874
Thomas Truelove Kendrick 1873

The charities were merged in 1963 and are now called the Hartshorne Charities. The income is used for help to the poor, sick, education expenses and others needing assistance, maintenance of reading rooms, village halls or libraries, and local community groups in the parish.

Hartshorne Charities Application of Income

All the individual bequests were formed into the Hartshorne Charities in 1963 and are administered by a Board of Trustees who meet quarterly to receive and deal with grant applications.

The main condition for a grant is that the person applying must reside in the Ancient Parish of Hartshorne. It is especially able to help families of children who find it difficult to provide school clothing, shoes and other items required for school. Grants can also be provided to those in full-time higher education and apprenticeships to purchase books, equipment etc. to assist them in their education. Help can be given to individuals and families in need, and to help towards transport costs for visits to hospitals etc.

Recurring grants cannot be given; normally they are a one-off payment. The Charity has arrangements with local shops to provide goods with payment made direct to the retailer.

Hartshorne Charities 2025 Grants

In 2025 Hartshorne Charities approved 18 grant applications, comprising;

- 11 off Student Further Educational Grants.
- A Student Foreign Educational Support Grant.
- Grant for Junior Cricket Coaching.
- Local School Library Books Grant.
- Grant in support for the Village Fete.
- Grant for the Goseley Community Centre Extension.
- Grant for the Local Food Bank, Winter Giving.
- Grant for the Village Green Christmas Tree & Elderly Village Resident Christmas Lunch.

Hartshorne Charities Financial Report 2025

Hartshorne Charities during 2025 has remained financially stable, operating with income it receives from a portfolio of Land, Property and Financial Investments. The charity does not seek funds through donations or handle any cash. Details of the Charity's financial position can be found in the year end accounts.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF

HARTSHORNE CHARITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

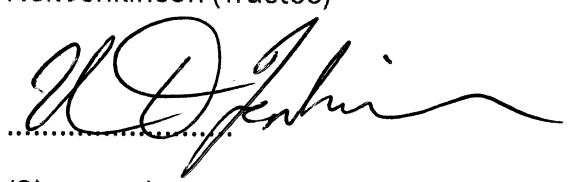
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

HARTSHORNE CHARITIES
Registered Charity No. 236972

The annexed financial statements have been prepared for and on behalf of the Trustees of Hartshorne Charities.

Neil Jenkinson (Trustee)



(Signature)

24/8/2026

(Date)

HARTSHORNE CHARITIES
Registered Charity No. 236972
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Receipts

Rents Houses/Stables/Fields	£16,815.56
Allotment Rent	£300.00
Dividends	£9,372.98
	£26,488.54

Payments

Grants – Students	£3,300.00
Grants – Foodbanks, Clothes, Assistance	£3,150.00
Schools/Village Amenities	£11,000.00
Hartshorne Charities Admin	£111.44
Land Management Fees	£3,971.18
Countryside Insurance	£2,006.92
Building Maintenance	£4,536.79
HSBC	£50.80
	£28,127.13

Excess of payments over receipts **£1,638.59**

HARTSHORNE CHARITIES
Registered Charity No. 236972
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
HSBC Current Account	£15,995.71	£15,392.43
Land Agent Retention	£8,502.54	£8,295.42
Rent Arrears	£47.87	£375.00
COIF Funds (Valuation)	280,768.71	£294,884.24
Blackrock Common Investment Fund (Valuation)	£9,101.49	£8,963.77
	£314,376.32	**£327,910.86**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hartshorne Charities

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hartshorne Charities for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of Hartshorne Charities you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Hartshorne Charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

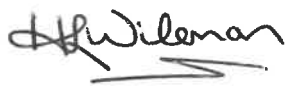
I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Hartshorne Charities as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 15/09/2026

Name: Harriet Wileman

Relevant Professional Qualification: FCA (ICAEW)

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