THE HARTING COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2026

CHARITY NUMBER: 296532

Trustee: Harting Parish Council

Harting Community Hall
Pease Croft
South Harting
Petersfield
Hampshire
GU31 5LB

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Statement of Financial Activities **for the year ended 31 March 2026**

	2025-26 £		2024-25 £
Total income resources	84,195.09	note 1	34,507.03
Total expenditure	75,122.28	note 2	27,020.67
Surplus/(deficit) income over expenditure for year	**9,072.81**		**7,486.36**

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Balance Sheet **for the year ended 31 March 2026**

The financial position and summary of funds at the year end were:	2025-26		2024-25	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Nat West	14,079.21		7,779.52	
Nat West Reserve	24,117.30		8,938.11	
Film night float	202.50		202.50	
Pre-payment	90.00		90.00	
Debtors	169.75		2,837.20	
Stock - wine, ice cream	-		-	
		38,658.76		19,847.33
Less current liabilities				
Hire paid in advance	-		-	
Creditors	194.93		456.31	
Harting Parish Council - solar loan	10,000.00			
		10,194.93		456.31
Net Assets	£	28,463.83		19,391.02
Represented by:				
Income and Expenditure Account				
prior year balance		19,391.02		11,904.66
current year		9,072.81		7,486.36
	£	28,463.83		19,391.02

Note: *Harting Parish Council grant held by them for use when required*

bal b/f	*3,063.58*
awarded this year	*2,720.00*
Spent (bollards)	*(561.56)*
bal c/f	*5,222.02*

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1. Analysis of Income **for the year ended 31 March 2026**

	2025-26		2024-25	
Income	£	£	£	£
Government grants				
Parish Council grant	33,091.30			
Others				
		33,091.30		-
Voluntary receipts				
Donations	10,213.00		45.00	
Legacies	-		-	
		10,213.00		45.00
Charitable activities				
Regular hire	5,013.75		6,070.00	
Pre-school & toddlers	11,450.00		11,378.00	
Private hire	401.00		514.00	
Occasional hire	1,290.00		1,578.00	
		18,154.75		19,540.00
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising	2,704.00		2,754.00	
Film nights	7,584.18		10,819.03	
		10,288.18		13,573.03
Investments				
Interest received		184.74		116.42
Other receipts				
Other grants	10,000.00		1,000.00	
Electricity	191.37		232.58	
Gift aid recovered	2,071.75		-	
Insurance claim	-		-	
		12,263.12		1,232.58
Total income resources		84,195.09		34,507.03

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2. Analysis of Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2025-26		2024-25	
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Trading				
Caretaker	8,918.04		8,372.04	
Maintenance	4,464.89		2,737.94	
Consumables	649.20		590.78	
Oil	1,487.51		1,468.77	
Electricity	1,052.92		1,243.90	
Water	801.57		541.24	
Phone & Wi-fi	622.62		641.46	
Rates	532.93		222.05	
Waste	1,095.20		1,046.40	
		19,624.88		16,864.58
Activities for generating funds				
Drink licence	180.00		180.00	
Film nights	3,383.63		4,736.15	
Fundraising	309.08		705.28	
		3,872.71		5,621.43
Major repairs				
Solar & car park bollards		49,906.87		3,793.50
Other expenses				
Admin expenses	1,717.82		591.57	
Misc	-		149.59	
		1,717.82		741.16
Total expenditure		75,122.28		27,020.67

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Objectives and Activities
For the purposes of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Harting without distinction of political religious or other options including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Area of benefit
Parish of Harting

Additional information
The Charity is not a grant making charity or involved in social investment. The Charity is run by a Community Hall Committee (CHC) which is made up of volunteers and the Harting Parish Council acting as the Sole Managing Trustee is also made up of volunteers. The Charity has one employee who is the Hall's caretaker.

Achievements and Performance
There has been a substantial increase in our income and expenditure in the last year which reflects the realisation of the first part our Solar Panel project with the critical support of Harting CAN. This has seen an additional 63 solar panels being installed on the roof in addition to the existing 10 panels, together with a battery storage unit and the installation of two EV charging points in our carpark. This was made possible by a grant and loan from the Harting Parish Council; 'Sponsor a Panel' donations by individual members of the Harting community, usually with eligible for additional gift aid; donations from both The Harting Society and Harting Festivities and a grant from The Rural England Prosperity Fund. The second part of the project to replace the existing oil boiler with a new system will take place later in 2026, utilising the balance of the funds available, currently held in our Reserve Account. The full economic benefits of this new system are already being felt and should increasingly make a positive impact in the current financial year.
Our regular activities and hirings have been flat, although our Film Night activities have been lower, largely reflecting a last-minute cancellation and lower attendances on some showings due to adverse weather. Notwithstanding this they remain an important community activity and source of income and a full programme is planned for the year ahead. We have continued to spend money on refurbishments and necessary maintenance to maintain the hall as an attractive venue for the community. Overall, there was an increase in our surplus which results from the inflow of funds for the Solar Panel Project which have not all yet been spent on the project.
Although this is a positive picture, the future holds many challenges with continued inflationary pressures and retaining our regular users and attracting new users and activities, as well as maintaining and refurbishing a building that is beginning to show its age and in places wear out.

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Reserves Policy
The Charity's current policy is to hold all its funds in cash at the NatWest Bank.

At the year end the Charity had £5,938 in a separate NatWest deposit account from its day-to-day banking account. This reserve is held primarily to ensure continuity in the event of an unexpected significant adverse variation of income or to cover emergency expenditures. In the normal course of events the Reserve would be expected to be in the range of £5,000 to £10,000 and would be funded from any monies in the NatWest current account considered to be surplus to those required to meet budgeted expenditure or from any donations. However, monies may be added to the reserve if it is decided to build up a specific pot to pay future planned expenditure. The Reserve account is monitored at each meeting of the CHC and this policy annually or as required.

Structure, Governance and Management
The Charity is governed by a Lease and Trust Deed dated 10th November 1986 as amended on 9th December 2022.

The Charity has a Sole Managing Trustee (SMT) which is undertaken by The Harting Parish Council (HPC). The membership, therefore, of the SMT is that of the HPC. The SMT appoints a Community Hall Committee to provide the day to day management of the Charity and the hall.

The lease which the Charity has on the Community Hall building is held on the Charity's behalf by the Official Custodian for Charities. The freehold of the building is owned by The Harting Parish Council.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	The Harting Community Trust
Charity number:	296532
Charity's principal address:	Harting Community Hall, Pease Croft South Harting Petersfield GU31 5LB
Sole Managing Trustee's principal address:	Clerk to Harting Parish Council, The Old Post Office South Harting Petersfield GU31 5PU

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' annual accounts and report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: ..... Position: Chair – Sole Trustee

Full name: Andrew Michael Shaxson Date: 16/7/2026

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 Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed: FBdeBeer Date: 12 June 2026

Name: FRANCIS DE BEER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: FLINT COTTAGE,
EAST HARTING
PETERSFIELD GU31 5LT.

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.