



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	July	2023	To	30	June	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Summerheath Hall

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 305237

Charity's principal address
 Summerheath Road
 Hailsham
 East Sussex
Postcode BN27 3DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Douglas James Morgan	Chair		Hailsham Theatres
2	Norman John Harris			Hailsham Harriers
3	Valerie Joy Elsbury			Summerfields Nursery
4	Janet Prudence Cross			
5	Adam Field			
6	Dale Stephen Richards		17 January 2024 →	Instructions not required
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Official Custodian for Charities	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Conveyance dated 2 September 1959 of Summerheath Hall as amended by Order dated 2 August 2007
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	One representative requested from each regular hirer One representative requested from Hailsham Town Council The committee also co-opts additional members to fill vacancies

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In October 2020, the trustees received a request from Mrs VJ Elsbury who is both a Hall trustee and owner of Summerfields Nursery, which is a major hirer of Summerheath Hall, to allow a longstanding member of her staff (Mrs Sarah Field) to join us as a trustee.

In view of Mrs Field's employment as well as her being married to another trustee (Mr Adam Field) there was concern about potential conflicts of interest, so an in depth discussion took place at the next trustee meeting on 24 February 2021. Mrs Elsbury and Mr & Mrs Field were requested to withdraw from the meeting at this point so that the disinterested trustees could consider the proposal.

Mrs Field has an additional relationship with Summerheath Hall as she undertakes relief cleaning duties at the Hall. This is a paid position and in the year covered by this Report she was paid £105.

We did consider employing an external commercial cleaner, but found that we would have a more cost effective result by not adopting this option, as well as achieving an end result that would satisfy our hirers.

It was considered that Mrs Field should not be appointed as a trustee due to the originally identified conflicts of interest, but she could join us as an observer. This means that she may not vote or otherwise take part in decision making and may only participate in discussions if requested to do so by the Chair of the meeting.

It is clearly understood that when a conflict of interest is identified those individuals affected will leave the meeting until a decision has been made on that matter. Any withdrawal of trustees must still leave the meeting quorate to allow valid decisions to be made.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Hall is held on trust for the purposes of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Hailsham and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and in particular the Commission's publications PB1/2/3 dated September 2013.

The Hall is used by local residents for various types of activity. For example, regular hirers include a Theatre group and a long established Dance School for children and young adults. We also house a thriving pre-school group, Summerfields Nursery. Spare capacity is normally used by taking bookings for one off events such as children's birthday parties.

To ensure that we can keep our occupancy rates as high as possible, we charge an hourly rate for the use of the Hall and allow hires for as little as two hours. We are aware that other local venues charge a flat rate for a full morning/afternoon/evening hire, which means that our hirers can pay a lower charge for their use of the Hall, though we remain conscious of the need to cover our current costs as well as planning for the future.

We review our hiring rates periodically to ensure that we can cover our regular outgoings, plus build up a Reserve for future major works.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Committee is always aware that potential hirers have a wide range of other venues available to them in the local area. Our objective is to maximise our occupancy and to achieve this we review our charges regularly to ensure that these are kept as low as possible whilst covering our costs. We estimate that our large hall had a 60% occupancy rate, whilst that for the small hall was 90%.

We have no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:



- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section E

Optional information

Section F

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

	Chairman John Harris	Signature(s)
	Treasurer John Harris	Full name(s)
CHAIR	Treasurer	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)
16/04/09		Date

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

For the last sixteen years we have had a formal reserves policy under which we initially put aside £1,000 to cover unforeseen expenditure such as structural repairs to our main building which is now over seventy years old, as well as a hedge against reductions in income. This was augmented by transfers from income of a minimum of £150 per month and is subject to periodic reviews. Our current reserve is £15,800 and the Trustees will continue to balance the need to plan for the future, as well as meeting the needs of the present.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have no funds in deficit.

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In 2014 the Hall trustees embarked on a multiphase programme of renovations. This is intended to upgrade our facilities to provide a modern environment for all our users. This will be funded from our own resources wherever possible supplemented by grants. The Management Committee has always avoided repayable funding as repayment is based on letting income and as we have seen in recent years this can disappear without notice.

Section F

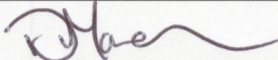
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Norman John Harris.	
Full name(s)	NORMAN JOHN HARRIS.	DUNCAN JAMES MORAN.
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE.	CHAIR
Date	16/04/25.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Summerheath Hall

No (if any)
305237

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jul-23		30-Jun-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Letting	31,196	-	-	31,196	27,676
Interest on deposits	54	-	-	54	27
Grant Received	-	-	-	-	-
Compensation payments	-	-	-	-	-
CJRS payments	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,250	-	-	31,250	27,703
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,250	-	-	31,250	27,703
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	11,079	-	-	11,079	10,588
Insurance	1,890	-	-	1,890	1,814
Energy	7,270	-	-	7,270	4,288
Rates and Waste Removal	4,541	-	-	4,541	5,432
Printing, postage and telephones	435	-	-	435	460
Licences and Subscriptions	703	-	-	703	604
Improvements and Maintenance	5,387	-	-	5,387	18,917
Accounting Expenses	390	-	-	390	390
Bank charges	61	-	-	61	71
Sub total	31,756	-	-	31,756	42,564
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,756	-	-	31,756	42,564
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 506	-	-	- 506	- 14,861
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,571	-	-	29,571	44,432
Cash funds this year end	29,065	-	-	29,065	29,571

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Bank plc	27,947	-	-
	COIF Charities Deposit Fund	1,093	-	-
	Petty Cash	25	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,065	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

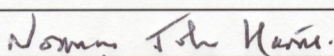
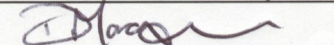
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Summerheath Hall, Hailsham	Functional asset	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NORMAN JOHN HARRIS	9/04/25
	DOUGLAS JAMES MACROW	16/04/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Summerheath Hall		
	On accounts for the year ended	30 June 2024	Charity no (if any) 305237
Set out on pages	One and Two----- ----- <small>P(remember to include the pag</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	21/03/2025
Name:	Samuel Chown		

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

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Address:

Watson Associates
30-34 North Street
Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 1DW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

