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THE SHIRLEY INSTITUTE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

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CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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CHARITY INFORMATION AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

TRUSTEES:	Mrs M Lewis (President) Mrs A Turner (Chair Person) Mr G Greenwood (Vice Chair Person) Mrs S Bird Mrs D Byrne Mrs E Chalmers Mrs M Jenkins Mrs G Stidworthy Miss L Jones Mr M Turner Mr G Stidworthy Mrs C Sears Mrs S Edwards Mrs S Gardener
GENERAL MANAGER:	Mrs G Peake
ADDRESS:	24 Church Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 2AX
REGISTERED NUMBER:	508592
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Raven Accounting (West Midlands) Limited 9-11 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 3LU
BANKERS:	National Westminster Plc 231/235 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026
OBJECTIVES, ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

The Institute was formed on 23 August 1901 and its tenets incorporated in a deed which established a charitable trust on 21 September 1902.

Initially the Institute provided a venue for high class entertainment, social, cultural and educational activities for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood of Shirley at a nominal cost. Nowadays the Institute provides a venue and generates its income through hiring out the halls to the many clubs and societies which operate in the area. The income generated is used to upkeep the halls and to improve the facilities provided by the Institute. The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when approving hirers and in their plans to improve facilities.

An amendment to the indenture of 1902 by a further deed dated 23 June 1999 enabled all of the charitable user groups to nominate potential Trustees to serve on the Council of Management. The Trustees are either appointed, re-appointed, elected or re-elected, to run from the Annual General Meetings held in June or July.

The Council meets on a regular basis to discuss the running of the Institute. The Council has appointed a General Manager to assist them with the everyday running of the Institute. This person has also taken on the role of Treasurer. The Trustees as at 30 April 2026 are as shown on page 1.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CHAIRMANS-REPORT ENDING 30TH APRIL 2026

Once again, it's time to list a summary of the activities at Shirley Institute for the current year.
In May 2025 we sold the last of "The history of Shirley Institute" books. I think they have been well received.
June saw the first Coffee morning held in the Warwick Room by Grace Church one of our user groups. It proved very successful with lots of delicious cake, the money went to Parkinson's Research.
The remaining minutes from 2015 - 2024 were collected from Mills Book Binders, and returned look ing very smart, bound to match those in storage.
Gutterpro once again cleaned the gutters at the same price as the previous year.
In August, David Lukeman tree surgeons, checked all the trees between the school and the Institute and made sure all were safe, trimming where necessary.
During August, the Grimsley Room floor was sanded and re-varnished.
Our gardeners, Hughes Garden Supplies, raised their prices, for the first time in 3 years to £50 per week. The borders were looking untidy, so they put down new membrane and gravel in October.
Grace Church held quiz evenings in October and April and also another coffee morning in November.
The Art Exhibitions held in October 2025 and April 2026 were very successful as usual. The Mayor of Solihull attended the exhibition in October. Our President, Mavis Lewis, usually chooses her favourite painting for the Richard Lewis Trophy, at the autumn show, but she was indisposed, and asked myself to do so. I was very honoured to take her place.
In October, Elizabeth Chalmers, one of our Trustees moved to Pembrokeshire. Liz had been with us since 2014 and the Trustees presented her with a glass topped occasional table, so she can sit with her cuppa and think of us. .
We also had a change of evening caretaker when Paul Harborne was replaced by his wife Allison. In December the Crafts & Coffee group were asked to participate in the St James Christmas Tree Festival. The theme was a Christmas song or carol. Their title, "While shepherds was hed their socks by night" gave them second prize only 2 votes behind the winner from 'Young Wives'.

It was necessary to increase the rent for the rooms in January this year, due to the loss of the charitable 5% VAT rate on bills from British Gas with it increasing to 20%. We are still trying to dispute this with British Gas. Apparently HMRC are tightening up on the relief rate.
Over Christmas there was a problem with the main roof leaking, so major repairs were undertaken by React Roofing in January, who provided a 10-year guarantee.
Sitch-in-the-Ditch quilters group presented 18 quilts to Acorns children's charity and Crafts & Coffee gave 21 knitted blankets to Reynolds Cross Special School.
Plans are already in place to celebrate The lnstitute's 125th birthday this coming August. After a lot of deliberation, it was decided to have afternoon tea at The Limes Country Lodge in Earlswood for the Trustees etc and each user group will receive 10 commemorative pens after the AGM in July.
The Christadelphian Church, next door, replaced the fence between us and it is looking very smart.
In April the Arden ladies toilets had a mini refurb with new vanity units and sinks.

As always, I wish to thank Gina Peake for looking after the Institute for us, with the help of her husband Nigel, Paul and Allison Harborne and Paul Ashwin our maintenance man.
Also, thanks to the support of the Trustees, without who we would not be able to exist. Their time at the meetings is much appreciated.

Mrs Ann Turner Chair Person.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026
APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEES

APPOINTMENTS

None.

RESIGNATIONS

None.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SHIRLEY INSTITUTE

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 April 2026 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

Our 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 those 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 our examination, no material matters have 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.

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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	Notes	2026 £.	2025 £.
Income			
Charges for Hall Hire		82,165.	78,455.
Investment Income		3,713.	3,549.
Heritage Event and Art Exhibition		--.	214.
History of the Institute Book Sales		--.	66.
Sundry Income		--.	...
Total Income		£85,878.	£82,284.
Direct Expenditure			
Provision of Hall			
Gas		4,262.	3,888.
Electricity		2,452.	1,423.
General and Water Rates		2,604.	1,397.
Insurance		3,082.	2,825.
Employees' Remuneration	4	36,341.	33,258.
Cleaning Materials and Sundry Upkeep		1,893.	1,440.
Repairs and Maintenance	5	14,729.	20,553.
Depreciation		3,302.	3,410.
		68,665.	68,194.
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration of the Charity	6	2,430.	1,939.
Add Opening Stock of Books		--.	73.
Less Closing Stock of Books		--.	--.
Total Expenditure		£71,095.	£70,206.
Net Profit for the Year		£ 14,783.	£12,078.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	Notes	2026 £.	2025 £.
Fixed Assets	2	114,443.	117,745.
Current Assets			
Debtors		4,983.	6,069.
Prepayments		2,963.	2,834.
Bank Current Account		7,628.	11,641.
Investment Accounts		131,320.	107,607.
Cash in Hand		73.	116.
Stock of Books		--.	--.
		146,967.	128,267.
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(2,822)	(2,207)
Net Current Assets		144,145.	126,060.
Net Assets		£258,588.	243,805.
Unrestricted Fund			
Fund Balance brought forward		243,805.	231,727.
Net Profit for the Year (Page 6)		14,783.	12,078.
Fund Balance carried forward	3	£258,588.	£243,805.

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Mrs A Turner
Chair Person of the Trustees

Date:

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1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Income Recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Building	2% on straight line
Drive and Car Park	5% or 20% on straight line
Furniture	10% on reducing balance
Computer and Equipment	15% on reducing balance

2. Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Building £.	New and Existing Drive and Car Park £.	Furniture £.	Computer and Equipment £.	Total £.
Cost					
At 30 April 2025	127,804	21,394.	15,003.	7,626.	171,827.
At 30 April 2026	£127,804.	£21,394.	£15,003.	£7,626.	£171,827.
Depreciation					
At 30 April 2025	16,689.	21,393.	10,695.	5,305.	54,082.
Provision for Year	2,523.	-.	431.	348.	3,302.
At 30 April 2026	£19,212.	£21,393.	£11,126.	£5,653.	£57,384.
Net Book Value					
At 30 April 2026	£108,592.	£1.	£3,877.	£1,973.	£114,443.
At 30 April 2025	£111,115.	£1.	£4,308.	£2,321.	£117,745.

All the above assets are owned by the Charity.

3. Funds

At 30 April 2025 and 2026, all the funds of the Charity are unrestricted and can be used for all general purposes.

4. Employees' Remuneration

	2026 £.	2025 £.
Salaries	35,468.	32,410.
National Insurance Contributions	-.	-.
Pension Contributions	873.	848.
	£36,341.	£33,258.

Employees' remuneration relates to Mrs G Peake, the Charity's General Manager. Mr P Harborne served as part-time caretaker until his retirement in October 2025, after which Mrs A Harborne took over the role.

5. Repairs and Maintenance

	2026 £.	2025 £.
General Maintenance and Upkeep	8,679.	8,663.
React – roofing (2025 Cladding)	6,050.	11,890.
	£14,729.	£20,553.

6. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2026 £.	2025 £.
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,541.	1,140.
Administration Costs	95.	78.
Telephone and Internet	794.	721.
Bank Fees	--.	--.
	£2,430.	£1,939.

7. Trustees' Remuneration

The Chair Person Mrs A Turner and her husband Mr M Turner who is also a Trustee receive relatively insignificant amounts of remuneration from the Charity. These payments are for occasionally assisting the General Manager and for minor maintenance work. No other Trustees nor any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.