

# South of England Hedge Laying Society

Reg Charity N0 1046124



Promoting the craft of hedge laying, training, competitions and countryside management

## Trustees Report Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### 7.1 Reference and administrative details

#### 7.1.1 Matters that all charities must report

South of England Hedge Laying Society Registered Charity Number 1046124

Office Address (as per Charity Commission Return) Trustee Mike Parrots  
Address 7 Benfield Close, Portslade, Brighton, BN41 2DD

Trustees:

Phillip Hart – Chairman. Gary Moore, Mike Parrott, Dave Truran, Bob Hunt

#### 7.1.2 Matters that charities subject to statutory audit must also report

Within this section there are no further matters to report under the Regulations.

### 7.2 Structure, governance and management

#### 7.2.1 Matters that all charities must report

The South of England Hedge Laying Society has a constitution which provides a structure for Governance and the appointment of Trustees.

The Constitution is dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1986 at the Second Annual General Meeting. See the attached PDF Documents

#### 7.2.2 Matters that charities subject to statutory audit must also report

The South of England Hedge Laying Society has a committee which is appointed each year.

There are 6 committee meetings each year to deal with the Society's Business.

The South of England Hedge Laying Society has a standard registration with the Charities Commission.

There are no policies for the induction / training of Trustees.

### 7.3 Objectives and activities

#### 7.3.1 Matters that all charities must report

##### Aims and Objectives

- To promote the traditional craft of hedge laying, particularly to keep the local style in existence.

- To stimulate interest among young people, and others in the craft.
- To promote greater interest in competitions held at local ploughing matches.

#### **Training and Competitions**

To encourage competition in hedge laying, enabling individuals to compete in the national hedge laying event held annually.

- To hold at least a yearly competition day, and training days providing competition and demonstration facilities.
- To interest landowners, farmers and conservationists in the management of farm hedges.
- **Statement about their main activities to deliver public benefit.**
- Events Attended January 2024 to December 2025 .
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- The Society has delivered demonstrations and engagement with the public at the following events.
- 1, Southern Shears UK, Waldron Heathfield. 2, Heathfield Agricultural Show, Heathfield. 3, South of England Show, Ardingly. 4 Wests Wood Fair, East Dean, Chichester. 5, Harvesting the Old Fashioned Way, West Stoke, Chichester. 6, Laughton Ploughing Match, Laughton, Lewes. 7, Bently Wood Fair, Near Uckfield. 8, South of England Autumn Show, Ardingly. 9, Petworth Ploughing Match. Petworth.
- At the shows we have attended we have carried out public educational demonstrations on Hedge Laying. A total of 17 Days. (Some shows are 2 or 3 days)

The Society has run a Training Program for 28 Trainees.

The Society has delivered the opportunity for its members to practice their skills at Hedge Laying on the Training days, the Improvers day, the Annual Competition, The Presidents Verses Chairman Competition, The Fun Day and the Midland Day. In total the Society members laid 1,797 Yards (1,643 Metres) of Hedge.

Membership.

The Membership of the Society is approximately 200 members.

#### **7.3.2 Matters that charities subject to statutory audit must also report**

The Strategy for achieving the Society's aims is by repeating the custom and practice of the well proven activities that the Society has carried out over the last 40 years.

#### **7.4 Achievements and performance**

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At the February 2024 Annual Competition Hedge Laying Competition 58 Competitors competed.

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### 7.5 A financial review

- The Society does not have a reserves Policy

### 7.5.2 Matters that charities subject to statutory audit must also report

- The Principal source of income is through completing hedge laying. The other sources of income are Membership Subscriptions and Training Fees.
- Risks the Society is exposed too. The availability of hedges to be laid. To mitigate this we have a record of potential Hedge to lay that is generated from our interactive work with Land owners at Agricultural Shows and Wood Fairs.

### 7.6 Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others None

### 7.6.1 Matters that all charities must report

- a description of the assets which they hold in this capacity. The Society owns a show van. The Society holds a number of Hedge Laying Tools and paraphernalia to carry the Annual Competition.

### 7.7 Public benefit statement

### 7.7.1 Matters that all charities must report

All Trustees have carried out duties with regard to Public Benefit.

### 7.8 Plans for future periods

### 7.8.1 Matters that all charities must report



Plans for the future are to carry out the existing Program of Shows attended and Training Program, Improvers day, Annual Competitions and Hedge Laying Days.

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#### 7.9 Information on fundraising practices that auditable charities must disclose

All auditable charities that raise funds from the public must provide the following information in their trustees' annual report for financial years beginning on or after 1 November 2016:

- the fundraising approach taken by the charity, or by anyone acting on its behalf, and whether a professional fundraiser or commercial participator carried out any fundraising activities
- No professional fundraiser or commercial participator carried out any fundraising activities
- details of any fundraising standards or scheme for fundraising regulation that the charity has voluntarily subscribed to **None**
- details of any fundraising standards or scheme for fundraising regulation that any person acting on behalf of the charity has voluntarily subscribed to **None**
- details of any failure by the charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme for fundraising regulation that the charity or the person acting on its behalf has voluntarily subscribed to **None**
- whether the charity monitored the fundraising activities of any person acting on its behalf and, if so, how it did so **Not Applicable**
- the number of complaints received by the charity, or by a person acting on its behalf for the purposes of fundraising, about fundraising activity **None**
- what the charity has done to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviour which: **This is Not Applicable to the activities of the South of England Hedge Laying Society.**

Trustees:

Phil Hart	Signed..... <i>P.J. Hart</i> .....	Date..... 11/3/26 .....
Gary Moore	Signed..... <i>G. Moore</i> .....	Date..... 12/3/26 .....
Mike Parrott	Signed..... <i>M. Parrott</i> .....	Date..... 11/3/26 .....
Dave Truran	Signed..... <i>DT</i> .....	Date..... 11-3-26 .....
Bob Hunt	Signed..... <i>RH</i> .....	Date..... 11/3/26 .....



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South of England Hedge Laying Society

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees and Badges	2,666	-	-	2,666	2,272
Training Fees	3,213	-	-	3,213	3,458
Hedge Laying Invoices	30,543	-	-	30,543	10,435
Annual Competition	8,859	-	-	8,859	4,357
Other income	173	-	-	173	228
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,453</b>	<b>20,750</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,453</b>	<b>20,750</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Health and Safety	2,725	-	-	2,725	-
Secretary Expenses and Insurance	993	-	-	993	1,005
Newslatter Printing and Postage	1,031	-	-	1,031	1,842
Transport Costs (exc Summer Show)	1,656	-	-	1,656	1,460
Stakes and Binders (excl Annual Comp)	2,887	-	-	2,887	4,888
Annual Competition	6,531	-	-	6,531	5,779
Events Trailer and Summer Shows	17,797	-	-	17,797	2,007
Donations	3,250	-	-	3,250	1,670
Member Expenses	761	-	-	761	959
Other Costs	1,487	-	-	1,487	2,168
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,119</b>	<b>21,778</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,119</b>	<b>21,778</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>- 1,028</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>60,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,858</b>	<b>61,886</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>67,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,193</b>	<b>60,858</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Bank Account	67,193	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>67,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

## South of England Hedge Laying Society

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The South of England Hedge Laying Society For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The South of England Hedge Laying Society for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company and also its directors, for the purposes of company law, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011("the Act").

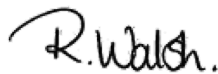
I report in respect of my examination of the trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

- \* the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
- \* the accounts do not accord with the accounting records: or
- \* 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.



19/12/25

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