



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From **06 April 2022** To **05 04 2023**
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	His Place
Other names charity is known by	His Place Community Church Hastings
Registered charity number (if any)	1054331
Charity's principal address	His Place
	Church & Community venue
	Robertson Street, Hastings
Postcode	TN34 1HL

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	Rev Christopher Sears	Chairperson / Treasurer	End of term Nov 2022	
2	Margaret Sears		End of term Nov 2022	
3	Nicola Roper	Health & Safety / Secretary		
4	Caroline Wheeler	Safeguarding		
5	Cllr Trevor Webb		Resigned July 2022	
6	Nigel Sinden	Chairperson	Nov 2022 onwards	Nicola Roper
7	Christine Brewer	Treasurer	Nov 2022 onwards	Nicola Roper

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Herbert West	
Rev Chistopher Sears	
Miss Nicola Roper	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Heritage Consultant Fundraiser	Dr Katherine Prior	Brighton
Heritage Architect	John Bailey	Thomas Ford & Partners 177 Kirkdale, London, SE26 4QH

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

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and trust deed adopted 13 th July 2006
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, reconstituted company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by church members when due at annual general meeting. If for any reason new trustees required during the year due to others stepping down, then these would be elected by trustees sourcing and electing. Trustees serve for 5 years then stand down and can be re-elected if appointed. Anyone reaching 70 year of age has to be assessed re suitability and mental capacity for serving as trustee.

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.

Charity's Organisational Structure and wider network which His Place works with:

His Place has a managing trustee board with mixed skills to empower the charity and it's running. The board skills include a mix of people with backgrounds in bookkeeping, justice & Mental Health social care, county council service, events management, childcare and catering and business. His Place is a Member of the NVCO and benefits from consultancy support from Dr Katherine Prior a heritage specialist and fundraising consultant and John Bailey Heritage Architect who has been involved with the buildings risk management for approx 15 years.

Relationships with other charities / not for profit groups:

Hastings Street Pastors & Safe Space project:

Hastings Safe Space is a Police and ESCC community funded service. This project relies on volunteers caring and providing first aid and support on Saturday nights between 10pm and 4 am. This partnership commenced in July 2021 the previous funders for this service were the NHS CCG and ran from 2017 – 2020 when Covid hit and the service was forced to stop.

Snowflake Trust is a registered UK charity (No:1119743) and a company limited by guarantee (registered in England No: 5950395).

The Snowflake homeless support service shares our space from November through till end of March. Working in partnership through providing free catering facilities so they can run their hot meal delivery service. Prior to 2020 covid outbreak they had run night shelters at other churches during the winter months but from 2020 till winter 2023 they have used our premises as a base for preparing hot meal delivery service to street homeless and those in temporary accommodation. The future partnership is not confirmed for 2023 onwards as government regulations have not been confirmed. Snowflake have use of our two-community kitchen and café kitchen in return for payment of electricity used ensuring that their service is protected from unnecessary expenses. Should they revert to providing night shelters for the homeless we would not be able to continue the partnership as His Place building is not insurable for use as a night shelter although temporary.

OPUS Theatre Hastings:

Not for Profit community Theatre / classical music venue sharing the church floor for its activities and raising funds for the upkeep of the His

Place building. Polo Piatti started this partnership with us after one hire use in 2017 and ceased this project December 2022 following Covid and a major water ingress. We thank him and his team for all the support they have provided in ensuring the longevity of the building continues and people accessing music. Two members of the His Place trustees had sat on the half yearly review meetings. The contract OPUS had been reviewed annually and amendments made if required due to viability, shared space restrictions, risk and need. To not lose the income stream and musical heritage of the building His Place will continue with providing and managing the space as a venue with Mike Willis local musician and promotor and Keith Forbes our technical manager under the name Henry Ward Hall. The re branding and commencement of this will start from Autum 23.

1066 Country Crafters: -

We have worked in partnership with Alan who runs this mental health peer support for the past 8 years, providing space for his biweekly group and storage. Enabling a safe space and opportunity for his group to succeed in continuing and providing community cohesive space for people who are under the support of community mental health teams supporting in their recovery and reintegration into accessing social opportunities and building friendships and links. They have use of a large space while enjoying interaction with café regulars and sharing there crafting successes.

Trustees Consideration of Major risks and the system and procedures to manage them: -

Covid 19 Pandemic –

during covid pandemic community café remained open for the vulnerable therefore updated training and regular updates to the risk assessments were carried out because of government law changes to continually ensuring the safety of those attending. Partition screens, one-way systems, signage, sanitation, and increased housekeeping were introduced to ensure we remained open and within the legal parameters required. As we returned to fully working premises, we continued the safety measures until end of Summer 2022. As a result, at no time were we forced to close as no one caught the virus while on our premises.

Covid Financial impact –

we survived the covid period and with the support of Government grants from Hastings Borough Council we started the financial year 2022 to 2023 in a positive position as we did not lose all of our client / service groups and gradually have re - built the café and community activities back up.

Building deterioration –

Ongoing building safety risk management continues as the building is Grade A at risk on Heritage at Risk register. This risk will not reduce regarding Heritage England rating, but the physical risk will have reduced this financial year following the urgent restoration works that commenced January 2023 for the windows and masonry on the north and northeast side of the building which also has not prevented extra heating costs last winter but will aid in future years financial management and environment management.

Near Miss incident with window failure. –

The scaffolding for repair works had been due to be erected in November 2022, the week before this one of the windows on the gallery level had decayed and some of the stained glass fell out and the lead had concertinaed and was at risk of falling into the yard and potential harm risk. This incident was found within hours of occurring and our roof maintenance contractor attend same day and helped secure the safety of

passer byes, the building and supported to reduce risk of water ingress while waiting for boarding up when scaffolding completed. Near miss report recorded and filed for records.

Increase in the reviews of the charity operating system, Health, and safety.

- **Review of Health and Safety risk management regarding the decay of windows and masonry** – due to the success of obtaining National Lottery Heritage funding – a steel building inspection had been completed, a measured survey and monthly architectural reviews in conjunction with the council Heritage protection officer. This added to the governance and protection of the property and therefore the public and staff who accessed it. Reducing our liability risk.
- Finance secured for the restoration repairs to be completed confirmed enabling the saving of the building. Thanks go to Dr Katherine Prior and assistant Nicola Roper for their efforts in completing applications successfully and the support of the His Place Community and other supporters who helped by engaging with promoting our future and praising the work and therefore need of His Place and it's building.
 1. National Churches Trust
 2. National Lottery Heritage Fund
 3. East Sussex Historic Churches Trust
 4. Garfield Weston Foundation
 5. Hobson Trust
 6. Congregational Churches Trust
 7. Heart Of Hastings
- **Review and update of financial management:** The changes made in weekly banking, and lowering the level of financial risk by introducing use of card payment has been a positive change and policies re GDPR, Financial management and money movement have been updated to protect the few volunteers whose responsibility it is to undertake financial management tasks. Ongoing challenges continue with the change of address for the banking and removal of Rev Chris Sears as signature following his stroke. Therefore, because of Lloyds Banks procedure and lack of understanding we have had to manage with one signature Nicola Roper and use internet banking as our sole means of managing payments as Rev Chris signature no longer excepted by bank. Adding to the risk for Nicola Roper as the responsibility could not be shared. Treasure and other trustees supported with the purchasing and decision making and oversight of the finances. A complaint has been sent to business element of Lloyds bank following there no acceptance of board of trustee document and minutes sent in as per there policy for removing a signature who has lost capacity or is uncontactable. To prevent future situations like this there will be a minimum of 3 signatures on the account and if a signatory's health is in question trustees will meet and decide whether change of signatures required and act on this while the person has capacity and ability to engage with the bank and its procedures.

MCA Loan: -

Risk of cash flow problems identified as National Lottery Heritage Fund only pay 75% of the month's bills 20 days in arrears of claim. This could have led to challenges for His Place in meeting all commitments therefore an application for loan of 50k was made to Methodist Church Association Bank. Who loan money to charities and churches with core cost activities and the money is protected and can only be used for the project requested. His place where successful with the application and aim to pay off as soon as the Heritage work is completed.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

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

His Place overriding objective is to be an organisation to benefit the public in Hastings and outer areas through all its services and activities. This is managed by having no barriers to the locality of where the guests come from or what, ethnicity, religion, age, gender they are. Everyone can access support, guidance and engage with the different aspects of the His Place Charity.

His Place Charity objective: To be a welcoming environment to all members of the public making us a truly inclusive open community organisation where there are no barriers, and all are welcome and able to safely meet and engage in pro social activities.

Church objective: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with scriptures, providing a place of worship, bible studies, home groups and prayer support to the members of His Place and any other Christian family who call upon us or visit us. Completing outreach and evangelism to spread the gospel of the Good News.

Café objective: To provide a community café which is accessible to people from all areas of the community where they can afford to eat whether they are on benefits, homeless, retired, working and well off.

Community centre objective: to provide a place of education, social opportunities and problem solving through access to activities improving integration, skills, problem solving as well as general fun for all ages and abilities. Providing space that can be hired by other charity or community and public sector services ensuring that services required by the public are accessible.

Health and wellbeing objective: provide a place where all regardless of challenges, disabilities, age, nationality will feel included. Services to include mental health support, addiction support and life skills to aid people to a full and manageable life.

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)

Activities undertaken:**Church activities:**

Pastor Graham Compton joined us in April to support as Pastor Chris Sears had been unwell for sometime following a stroke and parkinsons diagnosis. Graham has become a full time member of the team and is now responsible for pastoral and church activities within the His Place Charity structure. Pastor Chris remains a senior pastor following his 25+ years of running His Place community church but due to his deteriorating

health active involvement is reducing.

Sunday services - His Place hosts a service on a Sunday – max no of attendees is 50 currently this is less than it had been prior to Covid when we hosted 2 services a day. The café is a church to some of the customers many of whom come requesting prayer and fellowship.

The congregation at His Place is inclusive and multi-cultural with several BAME, Eastern European, Caribbean, and Western Asian members. and aged. With a range of social situations. His Place continues to have a family feel and unity amongst all who attend. We have a large number of nurses attending the church who come from the local hospital with their families.

Income to the Church is through giving either through the collection or through regular tithes into the bank. This financial year the gifting through this way has brought in £14,239.32 Gift aid for end of March 2022 was obtained and brought in £5196.58 this was a high amount as we had not claimed for previous 3 years and end of March 2023 brought in Gift aid of £1,764.96.

We claim Listed Places of Worship VAT rebate when undertaking maintenance and other upkeep work that is eligible. We claimed the total of £3,498.40 for this financial year. Next year this will be much greater due to the heritage restoration happening.

Wednesday fellowship – Prayer and Praise evenings are attracting a regular attendance of up to 10 people. Who spend an hour and half in fellowship praying, singing for community, church activities and whatever is in their heart. The aim is to increase this to a size where the main church space is used as in pre covid years.

Church Outreach activities -

His Place continues to be a lively, integrated church with people from all denominations. The social calendar has continued and worked around restrictions. The activities held have increased friendships, been an opportunity for new people to socialise with us and find out more about His Place. The activities have included meals out, picnics, walks, quiz nights, music events and film nights in the café. Home ministry visits have continued and include visits to some members in care settings. The aim is to increase this for the coming year to include taking social and spiritual activities to the people in mental health care provision including nursing homes and supported accommodation.

Café:

Caroline Wheeler trustee oversees the day management and running of the café and community centre. Working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays weekly. Building up the successful outreach program over the past 6 years. She has been instrumental with recruitment of volunteers, increase in activities and partnerships with 3rd party organisations statutory and non statutory.

His Place café continues to be successful as a not-for-profit community café, with a staff of 14 volunteers – covering 30 hours of public open time weekly. The café is only closed Sundays now as it is open Thursdays for activities, but no food served. All food is prepared on site and homemade options available. This is a resource that the older population who attend daily use for ensuring they have a healthy hot meal each day and social inclusion. This year purchase of a commercial dishwasher, and new back door were the major purchases and decorating of water ingress areas.

Our volunteers come from various organisations and referrals – including GPs, Mental Health services, Learning disability teams. Out of all the volunteers there are only 6 who are not engaged with some type of statutory service. The volunteers with Mental Health needs are seen to grow and improve in their health and His Place is included in their treatment reviews and acknowledged as a positive relationship for these people.

The café is a safe place used by statutory and 3rd sector services to meet their clients. Our regular professional guests include social services, HomeWorks, Mental Health community team. 2 Substance misuse groups.

£17,009.31 was the café income for this year, it had been a busy year but has room for further increase re café customers and evening activities but only possible if we can attract more volunteers who have good health and have access to transport. Advertising for more volunteers has failed to produce good outcomes this past year. The volunteers we have attempted to recruit have not felt able to commit due to their restrictions of health matters. The café had to reduce to two Saturdays a month opening as a supervising volunteer was off on long term sick.

Community Centre:

The café has rooms attached and space in Church that are multi-functional and create our community centre resource which includes a community kitchen for hire and use by other services, hall, sensory room, playroom, and meeting rooms. This year we had to work through the impact of last year's water ingress, the repair works finished May 2023 and within weeks water entered again and impacting use of sensory room and storeroom. Some equipment was unsalvageable. This time the main areas and services were not heavily impacted on.

The community activities are all inclusive and disabled guests are catered for through person centred planning and if alterations are required or extra equipment is needed, we work with the person and any professional required to modify an activity or service to ensure inclusivity.

The grants we obtained in this period for community use was Benefactor grant for services aimed at Mental health craft and rehabilitation services and music activities for young people. This grant totalled £17,500.

1066 County Crafters: -

This peer support group is in its 8th year with us and we have seen many people regain their health, find employment and therefore move on from this crafting group which meets twice a week to enjoy crafting together, conversation and therefore supporting their wellbeing. To attend this group the participant must be receiving support from the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust community treatment teams. The participant self-refers or can be referred. Alan who runs it part of the His Place community team now and supports with maintenance of our building and this came about because of him partnering with us as a place to deliver his support group.

Warm Space:

We were fortunate enough last winter to receive a grant from the government warm space scheme, this was for the community aspect of His Place work and this enabled us to extend our winter opening hours, support with access to employment, managing finances, accessing third party support services, increasing social opportunities and providing a space safe for people to enjoy, keep warm and reduce their personal

expenditure at home therefore reducing their risk of hardship. One main result of this was a men's social group where the men would play board games and become very competitive. This has continued because of this program and now you will find a group of men playing drafts, chess, or other games in the café regularly. We hope to increase our winter warm offer this next winter should we be successful gaining further funding.

Refugee Buddy Project English Class:

Language Class started this year at His Place because our neighbours were running out of space in their offices next door due to the amount of people needing their service. Now they take over the hall every Tuesday and continue to support refugees in understanding the diverse culture of the town and aid in their transition to living and engaging in a new country while also learning English to aid their inclusion.

His Place Meet and Greet Community Lunch – our monthly meal had recommenced post covid but did not run the whole year as numbers dropped due to death of regulars. The numbers needed to be at a double level to make it manageable. The Christmas meal was a success as always and brought non regulars in as well.

Building Hire:

Building hires this year only brought in a £530.00. The effect that Opus not being open and the building works being undertaken had effected the income that would normally be earmarked for building works.

Opus Theatre – it's the 5th year of bringing in income to the charity all in aid of building regeneration fund, half of all profit is paid to His Place, shared use of space, they have licence for up to 750 people. There larger events include licenced bar and their smaller classical events pull in approx. 500 people. Covid pandemic has hit this income stream as the cost of putting performance on was not achievable. The cost of international concert performers and risk to them and the public in a nonstandard concert venue was to high risk.

Hastings Safe space -

In its 3rd year after closing for a year due to Covid. It is now funded by the police and East Sussex County Council with the Hastings Street Pastors as the organisation that staff the Saturday nights from 10pm till 4am and supporting the people in need with welfare support.

Snowflake night shelter - Due to pandemic the winter homeless shelter scheme had to be altered to provide hot meals to the homeless on streets and those in temp accommodation, Snowflake used the café kitchen from November till end of March 2022 providing 150 meals a night. Through the work of their volunteers.

Rough Sleepers Initiative –

This is a new hire from the Eastbourne Council who provided homeless people with mental health or addiction problems housing with support from social services, OT, therapist etc. They have started up a café hub for these individuals once a week in the hall. It is a place for them to start re-integrating and learning skills in an organised setting. Aiding opportunity for these people regardless of their physical / mental state an opportunity to be accessing service within a public space providing opportunity to fit in and meet our customers while being in their safe environment and learning new skills including how to maintain a tenancy.

Sussex hard of hearing –

This is a new monthly hire support group for people who are deaf or hard

of hearing. It's a safe environment for them to access the café and mix with our customers as well as have their own organised session where there is sometimes a special guest speaker or for them to discuss the challenges they are experiencing and helping each other through peer support.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteer engagement to provide the community and church services within His Place.

- The café only has 12 volunteers of whom 5 attend the church, this highlights the strength of His Place and the commitment the community has to it. The volunteers who we attract are those whom finding employment is a challenge, we provide person centred volunteering opportunities and welcome all who are eligible to work with us. We have ex-offenders who integrated into the team, and everyone has a risk assessment completed and safeguarding practice in place. We pride ourselves on serving all and providing opportunities regardless of someone's history. When required due to safeguarding needs, we will arrange volunteering tasks within teams to happen out of public opening hours and ensure that every volunteer feels appreciated and is respected within His Place. Social support is volunteering is the community pastoral support which includes welfare checks face to face, phone calls all happening outside of the café or church open hours a lot of which occur in evenings and weekends to ensure mental health breakdown does not occur and support to contact professionals is provided.

Volunteer hours in the year have been approximately.

- Café: 1820 hours
- Church serving drinks: 52 hrs
- Maintenance: 312 hrs
- Social Support: 104 hrs
- Administration: 1300 hrs
- Cleaning and general support: 208 hrs

Total volunteering hours provided by our overall team of 25 volunteers comes to - £3,796.00 in hours which equates to a cost saving of £5,757.44 if they were paid and receiving a minimum wage. Our aim is to eventually be able to have a paid staff and welcome volunteers to and increase all aspects of the His Place work to include outreach programs as well taking services, activities out into the community.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Saving Robertson Street URC Building:** (Our home) for the next generations. This could not have been possible without obtaining grants through National Lottery Heritage funding and match funding from 7 other charities. This has been a long challenge over 6 year of attempts and 2022 – 2023 we succeed thanks to the support of Dr Katherine Prior a heritage consultant and researcher who works within the diocese of Chichester and felt drawn to our building and community due to the work and support with the wider community. It has been a blessing that Katherine has found time to support us and we are immensely grateful.

This project would not have got off the ground without the financial support provided from Hastings Action Zone Fund as without their support the previous year, we could not have funded the surveys required or the guidance required by a Heritage Architect.
- Teamwork:** We do not have fully paid staff and rely heavily on volunteers from all areas of the community and church members. The management of the building and teamwork in ensuring high standards of hygiene remained high and health and safety continue to be observed ensuring our community can continue to access and enjoy a full range of activities, services, and opportunities at His Place. Retaining volunteers some of which have now been serving in the café for 7 years. As a result of the grants and the heritage project we have been successful in recruiting temporary volunteers in addition who worked with us for an agreed time, fitting in with the exciting team, sharing their knowledge and skills which has empowered the team we already had. We are thankful for Cllr Nigel Sinden agreeing to become our chairperson following Rev Chris's retirement and thank him for taking over from temp Chairperson Nicola Roper who covered in Chris's absence.
- Rough Sleepers initiative:** this NHS service started out as a small group activity where their service users would attend have a coffee and access OT related activities, as the year has gone on the service users are now welcomed and engage in conversation with the regular café and community users, some will stay or come in at other times into the café as they now feel part of the His Place family. This indicates to all who come that life can be hard and changeable but there is always hope and your self-esteem, control of your life choices and building your life back up is possible.
- Increased engagement from the public:** Our open day in December for the pre - Make a Joyful noise project saw over 200 people come and engage with the history of the building, and the music heritage team created a community concert in one day which included all ages, nationalities. The Ukrainian community took part and sung traditional carols, members of our mental health project took part in the performances to by singing, dancing. We welcomed the Silver Swans – an over 50's ballet class. It was a joyful day and regardless of level of accomplishment everyone who wanted to perform did and were respected and supported by the audience. The style of the production was old time music hall and because of this there are

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plans to do future community projects like this once the building is watertight and fully able to open again.

- Welcoming all nationalities and ethnicities into His Place:**
 We have always prided ourselves of opening our doors to everyone regardless of any social / economical difference and this year we have seen a big increase in the number of refugees accessing His Place. This has been because of further partnership and joint working with the Refugee buddy project and Homes for Ukrainian grant scheme through Hastings Voluntary Action. Our biggest group has been the ladies EDE party. The building was made available for the ladies to have a party and celebrate with food and other traditions without the worry of any outside intrusion. The women therefore not having to worry about keeping covered and were free to celebrate this important festival for their faith. The refugee buddy project has also used us weekly now for providing space for English lessons which again has helped with community cohesion as their participants pass through the café and engage with speaking to café customers and community members building on the feeling of acceptance and safety that were able to offer in this diverse community of Hastings and St Leonards.
- Pastor Chris Sears had recovered from his ill health and has been able to get back into the building and been able to continue supporting the congregation through guidance and Pastor Graham Compton has joined the team officially now after a few months of being a guest pastor. The church continued as did the charity through the challenges of Pastor Chris's illness as the governing and church leadership team are so strong with their faith, skills set and determination and therefore no service regardless of being community based or church suffered during this time. Large organisations can crumble when sudden changes occur but the resilience that His Place Charity has shown over all the years and the challenges that are not man made prove that we do have a past, present, and future that will see us continue to serve the community for generations to come.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

His Place has a policy ensuring that 10k across the café and church bank accounts is the level that must be maintained to ensure that in the event income ceased or situations unexpectedly arise that there would be this figure available to ensure unexpected costs could be covered or that the running costs could be covered for up to 6 months. The monthly income and expenditure are monitored and trends of change in income, giving and expenditure monitored by the chair of trustees and treasurer.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

- Church collection / tithing and general donations Income – 14,239.32 this income is used for the running costs of the building including utilities, insurance, maintenance.
- Café - £17,009.31 – this income has increased from previous years as the guests and service user footfall has increased also. Due to the living crisis we have been mindful of people's needs and restrictions of their situation and have kept our prices the same as we do not have a mortgage and we are not for profit and at this time it has been possible to provide service with out risking our own situation. The buying prices are checked regularly to ensure we can change suppliers if required to enable to manage financial standing.
- Donations - £22,470.94 - His Place continues to see visitors and others providing donations for general use of the services we provide.
- Building Fund - £78,150.72 – restricted for use towards building related maintenance and restoration
- Grants towards Make a Joyful Noise National Lottery Heritage Fund restoration and music heritage project £63,741.21
- Grants for projects – £33,996.94 – restricted funding for use within the community setting and to benefit those with mental or physical health needs as well as those facing isolation or disadvantaged through education or financial standing. The expenditure from these grants can be carried into the next financial year.

Section F

Other optional information

Asset information:

Fixed asset value: £36,000

Non fixed asset value: £49,269.35

Building value: £210,959.25

Pat testing: completed in August 2023

Fire alarm system: Wireless fire alarm system installed in 2017 has been maintained with 2 yearly inspections and maintenance.

Accidents:

2 accidents occurred this year. 1 was our attendance to a member of the public who had a fall outside on Robertson Street and came in for medical attention and due to previous history and a current broken arm was taken to Hospital for check over.

November 2022 – plastic covering one window on the southwest side of the building fell onto a volunteer's car which was parked in the yard. Following this all the plastic was removed from the windows in preparation for the commencement of the heritage restoration.

Section G

Declaration

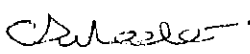
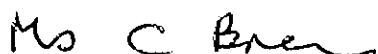
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Date

	
CAROLINE WHEELER	CHRISTINE BREWER
10.11.23	10.11.23



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2022		05/04/2023

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					
Building Fund Donaions	141,891	-	-	141,891	15,829
Cafe Sales	17,009	-	-	17,009	7,380
Church Collection	14,239	-	-	14,239	22,868
Donations/Legacies	22,471	-	-	22,471	2,000
Gift Aid	5,197	-	-	5,197	-
Homeless Vouchers	-	-	-	-	150
Insurance Claim	11,165	-	-	11,165	-
Miscellaneous	4,002	-	-	4,002	300
Room Hire	530	-	-	530	1,870
HBC Covid Buisness	-	-	-	-	12,639
Heart of Hastings	11,516	-	-	11,516	-
Grants	49,139	-	-	49,139	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	277,159	-	-	277,159	63,036
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	277,159	-	-	277,159	63,036
A3 Payments					
Administration Costs	13,450	-	-	13,450	8,749
Audio Visual supplies/Software	960	-	-	960	1,809
Chrisian outreach	10,457	-	-	10,457	477
Freelance/Contractors	12,817	-	-	12,817	-
Fundraising Costs	252	-	-	252	-
Cafe supplies	7,535	-	-	7,535	4,627
Insurance	7,633	-	-	7,633	6,477
Licences	632	-	-	632	752
Maintenance/building supply and services	113,912	-	-	113,912	29,559
Miscellaneous	2,157	-	-	2,157	2,535
Publicity/Marketing	9,300	-	-	9,300	20
Phone /Internet	1,113	-	-	1,113	1,159
Utilities	4,993	-	-	4,993	7,100
Volunteer Expenses	8,487	-	-	8,487	4,097
Waste/Clearance	1,667	-	-	1,667	1,284
QWA QWA	3,474	-	-	3,474	2,392
Catering Equipment	758	-	-	758	7,895
Equipment for grant activities	3,656	-	-	3,656	3,282
Homeless Vouchers	-	-	-	-	49
Sub total	203,254	-	-	203,254	82,263
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	203,254	-	-	203,254	82,263
Net of receipts/(payments)	73,905	-	-	73,905	- 19,227
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,227	-	-	19,227	-
Cash funds this year end	93,132	-	-	93,132	- 19,227

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	Bank + Church accounts	83,197	10,000	-
	Cash	46	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	83,243	10,000	-
		Error	Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fixed Assets	36000	-	-
	Non Fixed Assets	49269	-	-
	Building	210959	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
Mrs C Brewer	CHRISTINE BREWER	23.1.24

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR HIS PLACE YEAR
ENDED 6TH APRIL 2023.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of His Place for the year ended 6th April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

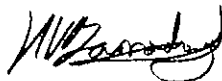
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts, which comprise the receipts and payments accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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