

THE A S NEILL SUMMERHILL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1089804

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-12-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Trust are to advance the education of the public in the educational philosophy, ideas, life and writings of Alexander Sutherland Neill (1883-1973) (A.S. Neill) and Zoë Neill Readhead, especially in the aims of educating children to be happy, sincere, balanced and sociable.

Activities: To provide bursaries to families of children so that they can attend Summerhill School. To promote the work & writings of A S Neill.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£63,955	£18,045	-	-
2024-08-31	£10,708	£16,835	-	-
2023-08-31	£18,308	£34,199	-	-
2022-08-31	£28,691	£37,156	-	-
2021-08-31	£36,751	£17,682	-	-
2020-08-31	£23,769	£15,923	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY LINWOOD READHEAD		
Grant Vernon		2023-12-03
Henry Linwood Readhead		2018-03-13
Montserrat Mejia Ortiz		2025-11-10
NATHALIE GENSAC		
STEPHEN SOUTHGATE		2013-05-16
ZOE SUTHERLAND READHEAD		

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THE A S NEILL SUMMERHILL TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1089804

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ending 31 August 2025

Objectives and Public Benefit

The objects of The A S Neill Summerhill Trust are to advance public education in the educational philosophy, ideas, life and writings of Alexander Sutherland Neill and Zoë Neill Readhead, with particular emphasis on supporting educational approaches that encourage children to become happy, sincere, balanced and sociable individuals.

The Trust exists to preserve and promote the educational legacy associated with A.S. Neill and the wider Summerhill tradition, while supporting practical educational access through bursaries and related initiatives. In doing so, the Trust seeks to provide meaningful public benefit through educational support, archival preservation, and the dissemination of ideas that continue to contribute to educational debate in the UK and internationally.

During the year, trustees had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when reviewing activities, expenditure and future planning.

Activities and Achievements

Educational Support and Bursaries

The Trust continued its long-standing commitment to widening access to education through direct bursary support. Supporting children and families who may otherwise find access difficult remains a central practical expression of the Trust's charitable purpose.

During the reporting period, bursaries totalling **£16,500** were awarded. These funds directly assisted educational participation and access.

Additional educational support included:

- **£525.28** for educational extras and lessons
- **£400** towards Class 2 educational accommodation connected with an educational Italy trip

These expenditures directly furthered the Trust's charitable objectives by reducing barriers to educational opportunity and supporting enriching learning experiences.

Archive Preservation and Educational Heritage

The Trust continued to support the preservation of archive materials connected with A.S. Neill, Summerhill School, and the wider educational legacy associated with democratic and child-centred learning.

Archive-related expenditure totalled **£83.80** for preservation materials and associated archive expenses.

Although modest in financial scale during this reporting period, trustees recognise the long-term significance of preserving educational records, documents and materials that may support future research, scholarship and public understanding.

The Trust considers this archive work an important public benefit activity, ensuring historically significant educational material remains available to researchers, educators and interested members of the public.

Outreach and Public Awareness

The Trust undertook limited but purposeful promotional activity designed to raise awareness of its charitable mission and encourage wider public engagement with its educational aims.

This included:

- **£240** spent on social media promotion

Trustees considered this expenditure proportionate and aligned with the Trust's public benefit objectives, helping to maintain awareness of its educational and charitable work.

Financial Review

Income

Total income for the year amounted to **£63,955.52**.

Income sources included:

Source	Amount
General donations	£5,805.07
Archive/research donations	£1,100.00
Royalties / contracts	£5,746.36
Bequest (Mr Forrest)	£50,000.00
Zoë Barefoot sales	£734.46
Auction proceeds	£254.60
PayPal income	£315.03

The most significant contribution was a legacy bequest of **£50,000**, which substantially strengthened the Trust's financial position and will help support future charitable activities.

Trustees remain grateful for all donor support, whether through individual giving, legacy support, royalties or other fundraising activity.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was **£18,044.86**.

The majority of expenditure was directly applied to charitable purposes, particularly bursary support, demonstrating the Trust's continued focus on practical educational benefit.

Trustees monitor expenditure carefully to ensure charitable resources are used efficiently and in accordance with the Trust's objectives.

Surplus and Reserves

The Trust recorded a net surplus of **£45,910.66**, increasing reserves from **£28,353.10** at the beginning of the year to **£74,263.76** at year end.

Trustees consider this reserve level prudent and appropriate, particularly given the variable nature of charitable income and the importance of maintaining financial resilience.

Reserves may support:

- future bursary commitments
- archive preservation work
- educational initiatives
- charitable outreach
- continuity of operations during periods of reduced income

Governance

The Trust continues to operate under its governing Declaration of Trust.

Trustees met during the year to oversee:

- charitable activities
- expenditure approvals
- financial management
- bursary awards
- compliance obligations
- strategic planning

No trustee received remuneration for acting as a trustee.

Where appropriate, trustees may be reimbursed for legitimate out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out trustee duties.

Trustees remain committed to good governance, transparency and responsible stewardship of charitable resources.

Risk Management

Trustees regularly consider the principal risks affecting the Trust and the measures required to manage them.

Financial Risk

The Trust remains partially reliant on donations and irregular larger gifts such as legacies.

Mitigation includes:

- maintaining prudent reserves
- reviewing expenditure carefully
- monitoring income patterns

Governance Risk

Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining effective governance and regulatory compliance.

Mitigation includes:

- regular trustee oversight
- independent financial examination
- documented decision-making

Reputational Risk

Trustees recognise that charitable credibility depends upon activities remaining clearly aligned with charitable purposes.

Mitigation includes:

- scrutiny of expenditure decisions
- oversight of outreach activity
- maintaining clear public benefit focus

Safeguarding

The Trust supports the charitable and educational objectives associated with Summerhill School through bursaries, archive preservation and related educational initiatives. However, the Trust does not directly

provide services to children, does not operate educational provision, and does not interact operationally with pupils.

Responsibility for safeguarding, child protection procedures, DBS compliance, welfare monitoring and direct duty of care in relation to children rests entirely with Summerhill School as the regulated educational provider.

Trustees nevertheless remain mindful of safeguarding principles as part of good governance. No safeguarding incidents relating to the Trust's own activities were reported during the reporting period.

Overseas Activity

The Trust did not undertake direct charitable operations outside the United Kingdom during the reporting period.

Any incidental international educational relevance associated with supported activities did not amount to formal overseas charitable delivery.

Trustee Benefits and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received payment for acting in their role as trustee.

No material related party transactions requiring additional disclosure were identified during the reporting period.

Independent Examination

The accounts were independently examined by **Martin Fuller, CRASL Accounting Services**.

The independent examiner confirmed that no material matters came to attention during the examination and that the Trust ended the year with reserves of **£74,263.76**.

Plans for 2025–26

Trustees intend to continue developing the Trust's charitable work in line with its objectives.

Planned priorities include:

- continuation of bursary support
- further archive preservation activity
- strengthening public awareness of the Trust's mission
- supporting educational and research initiatives consistent with the Trust's purposes
- maintaining prudent financial stewardship

Trustees remain committed to preserving and advancing the educational legacy of A.S. Neill in ways that provide meaningful and lasting public benefit.

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

INCOME

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Bequest - Mr Forrest	£50,000.00
Zoë Barefoot Sales	£734.46
Mander – Auction	£254.60
Paypal	£315.03
TOTAL INCOME:	£63,955.52

EXPENDITURE

Bursaries Paid	£16,500.00
Extras/Lessons	£525.28
Archive	£83.80
Social Media Promotion	£240.00
Class 2 Italy Accommodation	£400.00
Paypal return cheque	£157.51
General Expenses	£138.27
TOTAL EXPENSES:	£18,044.86

BALANCES

Opening balance 01.09.2024	£28,353.10
Income	£63,955.52
Expenditure	£18,044.86
Closing Balance 31.08.2025	£74,263.76

Accounts prepared from bank records

Lynn Kersey

Date: 09.09.2025

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above. I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements 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 and 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

For the year ending 31st August 2025 I agree to the trust ended with a surplus of £45,910.66, leaving a reserves balance of 74263.76 as of 31st August 2025.



Martin Fuller

Signed on 1st April 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2021
Period end date

Period start date To August 2022

Charity name: A S Neill Summerhill Trust

Charity registration number: 1089804

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in the educational philosophy, ideas, life and writings of Alexander Sutherland Neill (1883-1973), especially in the aims of educating children to be happy, sincere, balanced and sociable.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To offer bursaries to poorer families of children already attending Summerhill School. To promote all aspects of the school and A S Neill through the websites, books articles and the media. To regularly facilitate the translation and publication of any of the books of A S Neill's and of Zoë Neill Readhead into other languages; to raise funds for the Trust through these translations. To specifically promote and work towards the school's Centenary year in 2021 (delayed to 2022). To fund students' occasional extra-curricular activities in the school (metalwork/music etc)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	During the year under review (2021-2022), all the Trustees have been informed of, and had regard to, the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year 2021-2022 Summerhill School - like most of education across the UK - saw the beginning of a less acute phase of the pandemic. Although some restrictions remained in place, particularly with regard to international travel, many of the restrictions on daily life which coloured the 2020/21 academic year had been lifted by autumn 2021. Groups could gather indoors, shops and hospitality venues were open, and fully vaccinated contacts of positive COVID cases were no longer required by law to self-isolate. There were some setbacks with Covid in school but the school community fully respected any students or staff who chose to continue wearing masks. The loosening of restrictions in society as a whole corresponded with a gradual return to most of the pre-pandemic norms at Summerhill.</p> <p>For both the school and the Trust, the year was dominated by preparations for Summerhill's Centenary celebrations such as the highly successful Reunion (July 2022) and the Festival of the Child (August 2022) all of which had been delayed from 2021 to 2022 due to the pandemic. The Trust contributed small funds to help with promotion of the five-day Festival of the Child, which had 1,000 people from 40 countries benefitting.</p> <p>The Trustees spent much time and money during the year on the awarding of bursaries of children already attending the school; a number of families had been hard hit by the economic effects of the pandemic.</p>

		<p>As part of the Centenary celebrations, November 2021 saw the Trust bank-roll and publish a new book about Summerhill titled 'Barefoot in November. Parenting the Summerhill way' written by the Principal, Zoë Neill Readhead. The Trust paid all production costs on the understanding these would be recouped from significant sales and overseas royalties (five countries to date) and this happened by August 2022 by a generous, positive margin. Further contracts covering five new overseas translations of some of Neill's books were also secured by the Trust during the year under review, bringing in significant funds. All these books help parents, schools, education authorities and the world of academia with a wider understanding of what is possible from the educational experience in Summerhill.</p> <p>Throughout the year under review the Trust continued extensive preparations for the special art exhibition at the Institute of Education/University College London due to be held in September 2022. Again, the Trust agreed to pay the (non-recoverable) costs. Ten former Summerhillians from the 1930s-1990s, who went on to have successful careers in the arts agreed to loan various artworks for the proposed exhibition and to donate one item each for a later art auction to raise funds for bursaries from the Trust. The Trustees worked extensively with the Institute of Education/UCL on this project during the year under review.</p> <p>A number of Trustees continued to help with the emerging A S Neill Archive and Research Centre based at the school, which is committed to professionally collecting and archiving thousands of items that tell the story of Summerhill from 1921 onwards. There were various public displays of archives during the year. The Trustees agreed a new Trust logo for the first time.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising		N/A

activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This was undertaken at all three of the Trust's meetings during the year under review – Nov 3, 2021, Mar 9, 2022 and Aug 2, 2022.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We make spending decisions to ensure a healthy bank balance at all times.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	It is a "Declaration of Trust constituting the A S Neill Summerhill Trust", dated April 2001.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	As a registered Charitable Trust, governed by the Trustees. It is not a registered Company.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	When a Trustee leaves (as happened in August 2022), the remaining Trustees discuss potential candidates and discuss whether to replace them, and vote on the appointment of the new Trustee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The A S Neill Summerhill Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1089804
Charity's principal address	c/o Zoë Neill Readhead, Trustee, Hill Farm, Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4TD.

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	Mark Vaughan OBE	Secretary		
2	Steve Fawdry	Treasurer		
3	Henry Readhead	Chair		
4	Zoë Readhead			
5	Tony Readhead			
6	Stephen Southgate			
7	Nathalie Gensac			
8	Martha Neighbours			
9	Mark Griffiths	Resigned Aug 2022		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
The Trustees are not directors, corporate or otherwise. N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Mark Vaughan</i>	Steve Fawdry
Full name(s)	Mark Vaughan	Steve Fawdry
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	June 13, 2023	June 14, 2023

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2022

INCOME	£'s	EXPENDITURE	£'s
Donations	14,217.54	Expenses UCL/loE	3,425.42
Royalties/contract	8,222.91	Paypal for Festival	74.03*
Paypal for Festival	74.03*	Art/Craft Budget	310.24
Zoë Barefoot Sales	6,052.50	Bursaries Paid	23,889.34
Gift Aid Claim	30.15	Extras/Lessons	1,424.60
Postage	94.20**	Zoe's Barefoot	7,722.00
		Indept Exam. Accts	216.00
		Postage repaid	94.12**
TOTAL INCOME:	£28,691.33	TOTAL EXPENSES:	£37,155.75

BALANCES

Opening balance 01.09.2021	£58,835.69
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Expenditure	£37,155.75
Closing Balance 31.08.2022	£50,371.27

Accounts prepared from bank records

Lynn Kersey

Date: 09.09.2022

Notes to accounts:

* Paypal monies to Trust are for Festival & been transferred

**Trust owes £0.08 postage to Summerhill account

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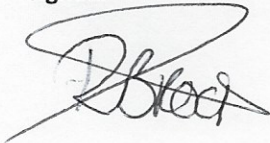
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

For the year ending 31st August 2022 I agree to the trust ended with a deficit of £8,464.42, leaving the reserves balance at £50,371.27 as of 31st August 2022.

CRASL

Accounting Services

Signed:-



Miss Rebecca Brock – Independent Examiner

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This report was signed on 12th June 2023

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Gidt Aid Claim	30.15	Extras / Lessons	1,424.60
Postage	94.20	Zoe Barefoot Expenses	7,722.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>28,691.33</u>	Indep Exam Report	216.00
		Postage Repaid	94.12
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>37,155.75</u>

Surplus / -Deficit for year - 8,464.42

ASSETS

Bank Account 50,371.27

NET ASSETS

50,371.27

RESERVES

Opening Balance	01/09/2021	£58,835.69
Deficit for Year		- 8,464.42
Closing Balance	31/08/2022	<u>£50,371.27</u>

NOTES

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Sept 2020
Period end date

Period start date To Aug 2021

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Charity registration number: 1089804

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	During the year under review (2020-2021), all the Trustees have been informed of, and had regard to, the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year under review (2020-2021) the running the school and the work of the Trust was strongly affected by the first year of the coronavirus pandemic. Nevertheless, the trustees continued comprehensive discussions and preparations for the planned 2021 school centenary events, which, as the year progressed, it became clear would be postponed until 2022. The discussions included a new book about the Summerhill experience written by Zoë Neill Readhead, Principal for the past 36 years and titled "Barefoot in November. Parenting the Summerhill way"; the Trust agreed to publish the book and to bankroll the printing and production costs (£6,500) in anticipation of future sales and overseas translations, which it was estimated would more than reimburse the initial outlay and soon lead to further income for future bursaries.</p> <p>Another project which the Trustees agreed to commit future funds to (£10,000) was a major centenary art exhibition (open to the public) to celebrate the work of 10 alumni artists/writers and other creative careers to be held at the Institute of Education at University College London in 2022; this project launched a new long-term educational collaboration between Summerhill and the IoE.</p> <p>The school's five-year Reunion and the Festival of Childhood (both now arranged to be held in the summer of 2022) were also discussed extensively and supportively during 2020-2021.</p> <p>One effect of the pandemic was an increase in the number of requests to the Trust for bursaries from families with children already in the school during 2020-2021; see accounts for the number of bursaries awarded. The Trust's bursaries have secured the continuing education at</p>

		<p>school of a number of children whose families informed us that their dire financial circumstances during the pandemic would otherwise have meant withdrawal from Summerhill. At the end of the year under review (2020-2021) the six Bursary Trustees discussed the protocol for awarding bursaries, and it was unanimously agreed that the current protocol remains fully appropriate for its purpose.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This was undertaken during a meeting of the trustees held in November 2021.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We make spending decisions which ensure a healthy bank balance.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	It is a "Declaration of Trust constituting the A S Neill Summerhill Trust", dated April 2001.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	As a registered Charitable Trust, governed by the Trustees. It is not a registered Company.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	When a Trustee leaves, the remaining Trustees discuss potential candidates and discuss whether to replace them, and vote on the appointment of the new Trustee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The A S Neill Summerhill Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1089804
Charity's principal address	c/o Zoë Neill Readhead, Trustee, Hill Farm, Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4TD.

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	Mark Vaughan OBE	Secretary		
2	Steve Fawdry	Treasurer		
3	Zoe Readhead			
4	Tony Readhead			
5	Mark Griffiths			
6	Stephen Southgate			
7	Nathalie Gensac			
8	Martha Neighbors			
9	Henry Readhead			
10	Neill Readhead		Sept 2020 – Nov 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
The Trustees are not directors, corporate or otherwise.		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Mark Vaughan</i>	Steve Fawdry
Full name(s)	Mark Vaughan	Steve Fawdry
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	May 19, 2022.	

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

Registered charity number 1089804

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2021

INCOME	£'s	EXPENDITURE	£'s
Donations	30,546.00	Trustee Expenses	102.40
Royalties	3,852.05	Paypal for Festival	2,353.38**
Paypal for Festival	2,353.38**	Bursaries Paid	14,083.00
Gift Aid Claim	0.00***	Extras/Lessons	1,017.40
		Zoe's new book	125.87
TOTAL INCOME:	£36,751.43	TOTAL EXPENSES:	£17,682.05

BALANCES

Opening balance 01.09.2020	£39,766.31
Income	£36,751.43
Expenditure	£17,682.05
Closing Balance 31.08.2020	£58,835.69

Accounts prepared from bank records

Lynn Kersey
Date: 03.09.2021

Checked by
Steve Fawdry (Treasurer)
20 July 2022

Notes to accounts:

** 14.4.21 & 1.6.21 –PayPal monies to Trust are for Festival & been transferred 13.7.21 (following Trust meeting).

*** Gift Aid Claim of £30.15 made 16.4.21 = £0.00 as £48.90 owed to HMRC, Net figure of £18.75 owed to HMRC.

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Accounting Services

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above. I have completed my examination; and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

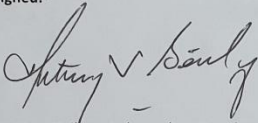
the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give and 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

The A S Neill Summerhill Trust

Signed:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Bailey', written in a cursive style.

Mr Tony Bailey – Independent Examiner

CRASL
Carlton Park House
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This report was signed on 27th April 2022