



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## 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	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Other		<b>N/A</b>

## 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	<b>N/A</b>
Performance of fundraising		<b>N/A</b>

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

## 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	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### 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	<b>N/A</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
Other		<b>N/A</b>

## 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. <b>N/A</b>		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

## 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
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information


N/A
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

# **The A S Neill Summerhill Trust**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2022**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£'s</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£'s</b>
Donations	14,217.54	Expenses UCL/IoE	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**
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>£28,691.33</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>£37,155.75</b>

### **BALANCES**

Opening balance 01.09.2021	£58,835.69
Income	£28,691.33
Expenditure	£37,155.75
<b>Closing Balance 31.08.2022</b>	<b>£50,371.27</b>

### **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

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.





Accounting Services

Signed:-

Miss Rebecca Brock – Independent Examiner

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This report was signed on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>28,691.33</u></b>	Indep Exam Report	216.00
		Postage Repaid	94.12
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>37,155.75</u></b>

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><b>£50,371.27</b></u>

### NOTES

- 1) Paypal monies to Trust are for Festival and have been transferred in same period
- 2) Trust owes £0.08 postage to Summerhill account