

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024



HADDENHAM BEER FESTIVALS TRUST

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HADDENHAM BEER FESTIVALS TRUST

TRUST INFORMATION

Status	A Charitable Trust Registration Number 1136844
Trustees	Mr P Summerskill Chairman Mrs N. Reed Secretary Mr M. Broughton, Treasurer Mr D. Finch Mrs K. Towersey Mr R. Daniels Mr A Cumberland Ms S. Guirate-Goldsmith
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Board of Trustees Report

The trustees present their financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Annual report and Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1136844, and is constituted under a trust deed dated 9 November 2009 and subsequently amended 13 June 2010. The Trust was established to organise fund raising events and distribute surpluses to the benefit of the local communities of Haddenham and surrounding Communities. Currently eight trustees constitute the Board of Trustees. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for five years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 5 trustees.

The Trustees meet four times per year. At these meetings the trustees agree the strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

A separate larger committee plans and operates the fundraising events; some trustees are also members of this committee.

Objects

To further such purposes as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England & Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine for the public benefit of the communities of Haddenham in Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas.

How the Charity achieves its objectives

This year our largest fund raising family event, Summerfest24 was badly affected by inclement weather and attendance time was limited resulting in significantly lower funds raised compared to previous years whilst Winterfest24, our smaller event, was relatively successful but was not able to make up for the fund raising shortfall at the Summer event. This has resulted in lower funds available for grant distribution in the future.

The Charity raises funds by holding two community and family friendly festivals each year in the village of Haddenham in Bucks. These festivals are funded through donations from local businesses and sales on the day of each festival. The overheads of the Charity are kept to a minimum, which allows the majority of the surpluses from the two festivals to be distributed to good causes in the local communities.

The largest of the festivals is held in the summer and normally attracts in excess of 3,500 visitors who enjoy the varied choice of ales, lagers, wines and ciders alongside music, food and children's entertainment.

The second festival is in Winter which attracts 1000+ visitors to sample the winter ales, ciders and wines on offer as well as street food, children's entertainment and music.

Each of these festivals are organised by a voluntary committee from the village and surrounding areas who call upon a great deal of assistance from the locality themselves. The events are staffed by volunteers from the local communities. Hence our charity motto "For the Community: By the Community"

The Board of Trustees manages the Charity; many of whom are also involved in the organising of the events. The Trustees hold their meetings separately from the organising committees and the Trustees agree all festival plans and expenditure before commitment.

The surpluses from these events less the Charity overheads create the funds that are made available to distribute to the Community. This distribution takes the form of Grants that are applied for by community groups on behalf of their members. Applications are welcomed from all community groups and submitted for consideration through a standard application process accessed through the charity website. All applications are reviewed and decided upon at one of four Trustee meetings per year. The availability of these Grants is publicised throughout the communities covered by the Charity via newspapers, local publicity, the Charity's website and at the festivals themselves. The Grants are available to all communities within the Charity's catchment area of Haddenham and surrounding areas as long as they meet the criteria described in the Charity's Objects and the Charity has the resources available at that time.

Once Grants have been agreed or rejected by the Trustees, the Treasurer advises all applicants, in writing, of the outcome. The funds are reserved for twelve months within the Charity awaiting the successful applicants to claim.

The Trustees aim to ensure that all sectors of the local communities benefit from the Grants that are made. Most Grants have been of a small to medium sized nature although it is clear that as local and national governmental support for local amenities diminishes, the call on the Charity to support larger more fundamental community causes increases. Whilst wishing to support local amenities that may otherwise be lost to the communities the Trustees continue to recognise the need to help smaller local groups who support the advancement of their communities.

The year ending 31 December 2024

This is the fifteenth full year of the Charity's existence, and the Trustees are very pleased to report the following summary of activities:

Fund Raising and Expenditure (all figures in thousands)

As previously reported The Charity were able to hold two fund raising events following the Covid pandemic albeit less funds were raised than in previous years. The Charity does not employ any staff and relies completely on volunteer Trustees, Committee Members and third party Staff, helping plan, prepare and work on the day. The only payments made to individuals are the reimbursement of direct expenses paid out in carrying out their duties.

Net income from the Fund-Raising Events £35.8k in 2024 (LY £49.3), charity expenses were £4.7k (LY 2.6k) and Grants of £30.2k (LY £25.8k) were paid out for Grants agreed. Grants agreed but not paid by year end totalled £21.6k (LY £23.7k).

The above activities during the year resulted in a decrease in cash balances of £5.4k (LY £20.4k) to £67.5k (LY £72.8k). Cash in Bank is the only asset of the Charity as a cash accounting policy is employed to record the financial transactions and all acquisitions are written off in the year of purchase. Amounts owed (incl. unpaid grants) total £25.5k (LY £25.9k) leaves £42k (LY £46.9k) of funds available to cover future events reserves, grants and overheads.

Each of our festivals has a significant element of outside activity and therefore the weather is an important factor in the success of each event. The organising committee take significant steps to mitigate the effect of bad weather but even so there is a high likelihood of reduced income if the weather is not kind. This was the case for Summerfest24.

Grant Making

Each of the applications for Grants was reviewed against the criteria set out in the Charity's Objects and on an equal footing. The Trustees paid 32 individual Grants during the year. These Grants totalled £30.2k (LY £25.8k).

An analysis of the groups benefitted by Grants shows the following:

Age Group

Children	27%
Youth	16%
Adult	9%
Elderly	3%
Non-age specific Groups (i.e. all ages benefit from Grant))	45%

Type

Community Groups & Facilities	52%
Sports & Leisure	23%
Education (extra curricula)	18%
Specific Projects with other Charities	7%

Communities

Haddenham, Thame & Surrounding Villages	80%
Other Communities benefit from Grants (inc Charities)	20%

29 new Grants totalling £30.1k (LY £36.5k) were authorised in 2024 of which £8.5k are included in the £30.2K (analysed above) payments made in the year. Sufficient funds have been reserved to meet the unpaid Grants that remain outstanding (£21.6k).

The above has been achieved through the commitment of those who volunteer their time and services to ensure the festivals are run safely and effectively. Without those volunteers the Charity would not exist, the Trustees wish to thank all those people and companies who support the festivals as well as those people who attend the festivals and make them the success, they have been in previous years.

A full list of Grant recipients paid in the year is listed below:

Chinnor Village Hall
Haddenham Zero Carbon
Thame Swimming Club
Thame Youth Memorial
Haddenham Youth FC
Thame & Haddenham Choral Society
Thame Museums
Haddenham Lighthouse
Haddenham Bell Ringers
Florence Nightingale Hospice
Ickford Pre School
Haddenham St Mary's School
Haddenham Rotary Club
Haddenham Walking & Cycling
Chinnor RC U13
Haddenham Youth Theatre
Haddenham Mummers
Snakemoor
Thame Players
Haddenham Christian Aid
Haddenham Community Orchard
Lord Williams Festival Chorus
Stone Village Fete
Haddenham Community Library
Haddenham Over 60s Club
Haddenham Hats & Boots Appeal
Cuddington Baptist Burial Ground

Plans for the New Year 2025

We are pleased to report that Summerfest 25 was held on 5 July 2025 but unfortunately was again affected by inclement weather so it is unlikely that the Charity will have a large a fund for Grants in 2024/5. Winterfest 25, To be held on the 13 December is in the planning stages and we hope to hold a successful event.

Risk Management

All major third-party risks are insured, and any contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess whether they significantly impact upon the Charity's ability to fulfil its objectives. A formal Risk Analysis is undertaken in line with Health & Safety requirements before each festival by the Trustees and Organising Committee, volunteers are briefed before each festival on areas of risk and procedures to mitigate.

Related Transactions

During the year the Charity entered related party transactions with Oxlink Ltd £6,504 of this £6,378 was for original artwork and design and £126 reimbursement of costs. The company provided marketing and design services to HBFT. David Finch, a Trustee was at that time owner and director of Oxlink Ltd, he sold his investment in Oxlink Ltd and ceased to be owner/director on 4 September 2024. The services were provided at less than market value. Payments were made to On The Boundary Fence for site services at Winterfest of £600. Kirsty Towersey(Trustee) is married to the owner.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 20/10/25

And signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Broughton', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

**Martyn Broughton FCMA
Trustee and Treasurer**



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Haddenham Beer Festivals Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1136844

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

David Hynes

Date:

21/10/2025

Name:

David Hynes

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACA

Address:

Oakingham House, Frederick Place, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-24		31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payment:

	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					
Summerfest2024	- 114,929	-	-	- 114,929	- 120,305
WinterFest 2024	- 28,448	-	-	- 28,448	- 22,285
Summerfest Costs	112,399	-	-	112,399	96,849
WinterFest Costs	22,357	-	-	22,357	28,129
Funds Generated from Festivals	- 8,622	-	-	- 8,622	- 17,622
Other Income	- 4,097	-	-	- 4,097	- 5,496
Sponsorship & Donations	- 22,610	-	-	- 22,610	- 26,174
Advance Tickets Summerfest 25	- 496	-	-	- 496	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross Income for AR)	- 35,824	-	-	- 35,824	- 49,292
A3 Payments					
Charity Costs	4,651	-	-	4,651	2,585
Grants Paid	30,170	-	-	30,170	25,841
Promotional Event	6,384	-	-	6,384	400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,205	-	-	41,205	28,826
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,381	-	-	- 5,381	20,466
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,833	-	-	72,833	52,367
Cash funds this year end	67,452	-	-	67,452	72,833

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				
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	5,933	-	-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	61,510	-	-
	Lloyds Bank Receipts Account	4	-	-
	Metro Bank	5	-	-
	Total cash funds	67,452	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B5 Liabilities				
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Grants agreed but not Paid		21,663	When claimed
	Audit Fee		1,000	Complete Audit
	Deferred Income		496	Summerfest25
	Winterfest24 Accruals		2,205	Early 2025
	Summerfest24 Accruals		110	Early 2025
	Admin Accruals		108	Early 2025
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Print Name	Date of approval	
		Martyn Broughton	19/10/25	
		David Finch	19/10/25	