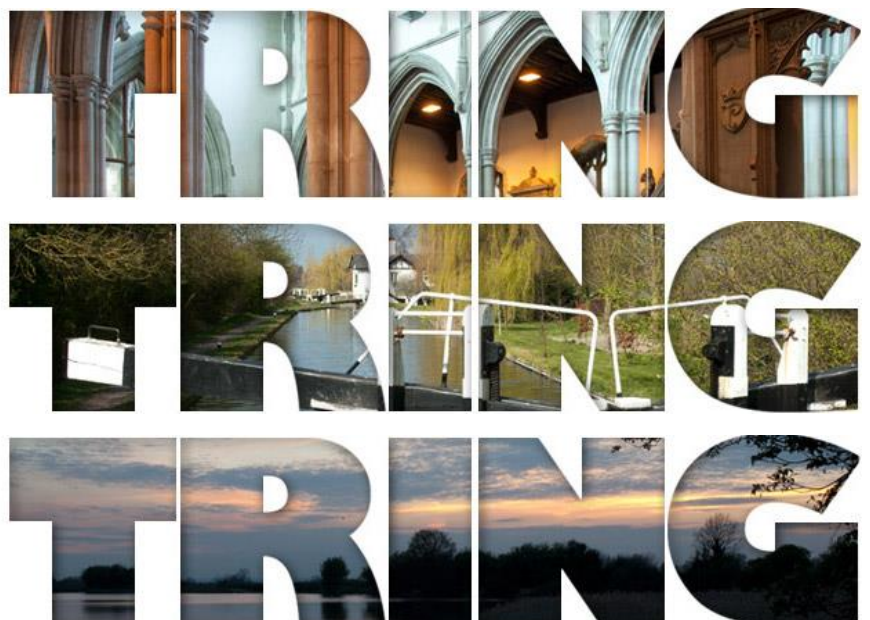




# Tring Together Ltd

Annual Report of Trustees and End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st March 2023



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# Achievements and Performance

As Tring Together celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the charity continued to grow again after the Covid pandemic, raring to go, celebrating the vision of “Enjoy Life in Tring!”

All of this was only possible because of the passion and creativity of the Tring Together team and our huge number of volunteers, friends and helpers. Thank you to them all.



# Our Big Community Events



The **Spring Fayre 2022** fortnight of activities were all back face-to-face, with lots of activities to encourage people to move outside and enjoy Tring in Spring. Moving into the Autumn we were a partner in **Tring's Own Apple Fayre**, helping with marketing and logistics behind the scenes.

The **Summer Carnival 2022** took place in July, featuring four marquee musical events plus Carnival day on the Saturday. The Carnival street parade featured hundreds of performers and parade-followers who then enjoyed a wonderful sunny day on Pound Meadow.

The **Christmas Festival 2022** saw three musical performance stages, live reindeer and lights in the Memorial Garden, stalls in the High Street and Victoria Hall. A wonderful time was had by all; visitors, performers and volunteers alike.

**Dinosaurs came to Tring** in the February half term. In partnership with Tring Town Council and the Local History Museum we put on a free event for families in the Memorial Garden. Over 2,000 people came to visit during the day.

**Enjoy Life in Tring!** Tring Together facilitated the town celebration of **Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee**.





**Tring Music Partnership** was created in June 2021 to get community music back on its feet following the pandemic.

Music benefits everyone's mental health and wellbeing and we want everyone in our community to have the opportunity to take part in music.

*We deliver our own events and workshops and work in partnership with schools and existing music groups to support and connect everything musical in Tring.*

Here is just some of what we achieved in the past year

- Ran **free youth musical theatre workshops** for over 60 young people
- Ran **free youth jazz and musical theatre instrumental workshops**
- Ran **two large networking events** to link all primary school music teachers together and support local music groups / musicians
- Ran the three stages at the **Tring Christmas Festival** so that school choirs and local musicians and dance groups could perform
- Provided **music** for the Jubilee town celebrations
- Created a **Ukrainian / English** music group
- Provided **early years music sessions** for Tring Tots community playgroup
- Supported the FOTCH charity with **musical performances** on their community Family Day
- Provided a **band** at the Town Coronation event
- Ran a successful **gala night** with young people from our workshops and local bands performing
- Provided **bands** for Town Carnival and Music in the Marquee night





**Community Group Action.** Group Action is our networking group for any local community group, charity, association, or sports club. This growing group creates a network to help all community groups liaise better making Tring an effective and working community.

The quarterly community update and the community calendar are building in strength with plenty of activities locally advertised.

**Tring Together at the Nora Grace Hall.** Our ninth year at the Nora Grace Hall was one of consolidation post-Covid. We were very thankful for the government grants for Covid recovery which kept the hall solvent.

**Tring Cinema** reopened in September 2022 and is much appreciated by their sell-out audiences. The team that run the cinema know their audience and they know what makes a successful film evening.





# Members and Supporters



**Tring Together BusinessMart.** We have over 550 up-to-date BusinessMart contacts on our database. During 2022 we produced a monthly Business Bulletin to show that “Tring is open for business” which was much appreciated by retailers and businesses off the High St. However, our USP is the Tring Together team who keep the promise to make the monthly BusinessMart meetings welcoming and friendly. We also ran 6 NetWalks, which were very popular and introduced us to a lot of local business-dogs. We aim to encourage people to get to know each other, trust each other and then work together.

**Friends of Tring Together.** We have a scheme that allows supporters to donate a small annual amount (from £10) to Tring Together. In the long term we hope this scheme will enable us to continue to offer our big annual events at no or low cost to residents. We were humbled when ALL members renewed for 2022 and we also found some new FRIENDS during the year.

**Donations, Grants and Fundraising.** Our fundraising event of the year was our inaugural golf day, a magnificent triumph organised by one of our Trustees. Another Trustee ran a wine tasting and the Tring Together team ran a BIG quiz at Tring Carnival.

We received a grant from Tring Town Council towards running costs and a grant from Dacorum Borough Council for Tring Music Partnership.

**Marketing.** Our website is [www.tringtogether.org.uk](http://www.tringtogether.org.uk). We have a Twitter account (1893 followers compared to 1822 last year), a Facebook page (2800 followers compared to 2250 last year) and an Instagram page (2201 followers compared to 1903 last year). The @VisitTring twitter account, which we run for the town, has 913 followers. .

# Charitable Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of Tring Together are:

*“For the public benefit to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities, and the effective use of resources for charitable purposes by not-for-profit organisations and voluntary organisations working in Tring and the surrounding area by giving advice and assistance to enable them to meet their purposes.”*

And in 2022/23 the following activities were identified as supporting our objects.

- Running the Christmas Festival to provide local charities with the opportunity to raise money and awareness.
- Membership of BusinessMart allows charities access to local businesses to raise awareness and increase support.
- Charities are included in BusinessMart and Group Action meetings to raise awareness for their causes.
- Group Action networking meetings facilitate charities meeting each other to learn and share good ideas.
- The Nora Grace Hall is a community hall, available for hire to community groups at a very reasonable price. We have some legacy supported groups that pay no or very little rent.
- We provide opportunities for people to volunteer and therefore help their local community.
- We pull together groups to work in partnership to get involved in community projects; e.g. the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations were 6 months in the planning.
- We communicate wider opportunities for community groups (and local businesses) to benefit from large events, e.g. Dacorum Business Regeneration, Community Action Dacorum opportunities.
- We assist Community Groups (and businesses) to make links and contacts in the town by being a “go to” place for information.





# Future Plans

Our plan for 2023/24 is to grow sustainably by adding a new part-time person into the Ops Team. We are very aware of the cost-of-living crisis, and we aim to make as many events as possible free for the community. We will continue to re-establish groups post-Covid, recognising that face-to-face group meetings have changed forever. We aim to grow our supporter groups; BusinessMart, Group Action and the Friends of Tring Together. With more friends, offering more support, we can do more for the town.

Tring Together are tremendously grateful to their supporters and friends; from individual volunteers who give their **time** to carry out specific jobs, to businesses who provide **sponsorship** for events such as the Christmas Festival, and to our Trustees and others who provide **advice** and wisdom as we set out, yet again, to do lots of new things to help people "Enjoy Life in Tring!"

On behalf of the Trustees:



Sidney Prescott

Date 19/7/23

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ending 31/3/23

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	PRIOR YEAR FUNDS
Incoming Resources				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£91,192	£14,552	£105,744	£93,711
Resources Used				
Cost of generating funds	£6,579	£1,800	£8,379	£1,518
Charitable activities	£76,731	£20,528	£97,259	£67,515
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	£83,310	£22,328	£105,638	£69,033
<u>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</u>	<u>£7,882</u>	<u>-£7,776</u>	<u>£106</u>	<u>£24,678</u>
Transfers	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other movement of funds	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>£25,529</b>	<b>£17,367</b>	<b>£42,896</b>	<b>£18,218</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>£33,411</b>	<b>£9,591</b>	<b>£43,002</b>	<b>£42,896</b>
Represented by:-				
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	£33,411		£33,411	£25,529
<i>Restricted funds</i>		£9,591	£9,591	£17,367
<b><u>BALANCE SHEET</u></b>				
			<b>THIS YEAR</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Nat West Current Account			£10	£10
Nat West Business Reserve Account			£42,992	£42,886
Accounts receivable			£0	£0
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable			£0	£0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>£43,002</b>	<b>£42,896</b>



# Notes to the accounts – Accounting Policies

**Reserves.** The Trustees put aside 3 months expenditure in reserves as a prudent amount to allow for human resource costs and utility bills for the Nora Grace Hall in the event of the closure of the charity. There are no current concerns that the charity is not a going concern.

**Basis of accounting.** The financial statements have been prepared under the cash basis.

**Fund accounting.** Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific restricted purposes.

**Assets.** Tring Together own no fixed assets.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered as a charity with the E&W charity commission. It is also a company limited by guarantee. The charity's constitution (memorandum and articles of association) was adopted on 3/7/13 and it joined the charity commission register on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the Operations Team, led by a part-time CEO who is a sole trader (i.e. not an employee of the charity). New members are appointed to fill vacancies by the trustees. Induction of new trustees to the charity is carried out by the Chair and the CEO

## Reference and Administration Details

Tring Together's registered office is Tring Together Ltd, Nora Grace Hall, Faversham Close, Tring, HP23 5BA

The trustees are:

Toby Murray-appointed 25/4/2013  
Stephen Hearn-appointed 25/4/2013  
Sidney Prescott -appointed 25/4/2013  
Hazel Kay-appointed 1/6/2015  
Darrell Osborne-appointed 1/9/2016  
Henry Grace-appointed 23/4/2019 (Chair)  
Pippa Brush Chappell-appointed 19/7/2023

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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees**

Tring Together

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1152858

**Set out on pages**

10 of the Tring Together Annual Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Name:**

John Whiteman