



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 28th February 2024

Charity name: THE BRONTE SPIRIT

Charity registration number: 1159930

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve for the benefit of local communities and of the nation at large the Old School Room Haworth and its contents.
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	<p>The Old School Room Haworth is available to hire to any one or organisation wishing to host an event which is legal and unlikely to cause offence.</p> <p>The Old School Room has been well used at the weekends and a growing number during the week. Many people are booking for the following year. We now have a policy of only taking bookings two years in advance.</p> <p>2023 was a most significant year for us, we finally managed to have the main roof of the 1832 Old School Room restored/repared, we have been working towards this since 2012. The local conservation officer is pleased with the result saying it is a fine example of stone slate roofing, very tidy coursing and consistent thickness. The interior is improved by the insulation and the revealing of the beams. Our thanks go to the Keighley Towns Fund, the Pilgrim Trust and the Burnard Sunley Foundation for their grants.</p> <p>The Trustees have worked hard to see this through showing amazing patience through the many disappointments in grant finding.</p>

		We continue have the Bronte Society as a tenant in the top rooms with their own access.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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>Now we have the main roof restored/repared this Grade II heritage building is available to groups and individuals for hire for many decades to come.</p> <p>This assists people and particularly groups to plan their future use of the space not worrying when it will be closed for repair.</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	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Satisfactory
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve held for unexpected repairs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Appointment by existing Trustees

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	THE BRONTE SPIRIT
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1159930
Charity's principal address	THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM CHURCH STREET HAWORTH KEIGHLEY BD22 8DR

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	AVERIL KENYON	CHAIRMAN		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
2	JOHN SARGENT	TRUSTEE		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
3	JOHN COLLINSON	TRUSTEE		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
4	DAVID MAHON	TRUSTEE		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
5	ANGELA REDMOND	TRUSTEE		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
6	PETER WILSON	TRUSTEE		THE BRONTE SPIRIT
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A Kenyon	
Full name(s)	Averil Kenyon	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	08.08.2024	

BRONTE SPIRIT. THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM. HAWORTH

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 28 February	2024	2023
Receipts		
Rent from separated section	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rent	7,555.00	16,555.00
Donations	20.21	250.93
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Small Grants	0.00	569.00
Grants for roof project	133,800.00	16,500.00
Miscellaneous	139.50	76.73
The Bronte Society Gas / electric	1,092.78	1,230.43
Total Receipts	147,607.49	40,182.09
Payments		
Utilities	3,689.40	4,939.01
Caretaking	3,026.57	2,794.64
Insurance	2,233.39	2,039.18
Electric work. Re cooker, water heater, lights		1,202.49
Repairs and improvements	1,523.92	709.87
back porch pointing & guttering		1,272.04
New dishwasher		1,150.80
Roof Project	142,282.06	7,100.08
Loan repayment	2,000.00	1,500.00
transfer to Skipton Building Society deposit fund	10,000.00	
Deposit and bond refunds	730.00	
Miscellaneous	1,257.66	76.73
Total Payments	166,743.00	22,784.84
Ecess receipts less payments	-19,135.51	17,397.25
Balance at beginning of period	27,628.84	10,231.59
Balance at 28 FEBRUARY (Current Account)	8,493.33	27,628.84
Deposit with Virgin Deposit Account	10.00	10.00
Deposit account with Skipton Building Society	10,000.00	
	18,503.33	27,638.84

Notes.

£2,000 paid off the loan from a trustee

Outstanding unsecured loan now stands at £3500

COST of roof repair REMAINING £512.55 (Calls) £2862.47 + vat £572.49 (Pinnacle) TOTAL 3947.51 (2.5% retention)
To be paid July 2024

The rent from the Bronte Society of £5,000 was paid in early March 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE BRONTE SPIRIT

On accounts for the year
ended

28 FEBRUARY 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1159930

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

30/5/2024

Name:

Raymond Peter Edwards

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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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