

Chair's Report 2024–2025

HiVitality Charity

Dear Members and Supporters,

It is my pleasure to present the Chair's Report for HiVitality for the period 2024–2025. This has been a year of renewal, stability, and reconnection, as we continue to strengthen the charity's foundations and deliver our mission to support people living with HIV across the UK.

Governance and Structure

Following a period of transition, HiVitality now benefits from a stable and committed Board of Trustees:

- **Christopher McFarlane Baxter** – Chair– Secretary
- **Kevin Bazeley** – Treasurer
- **Emma Aciro** - Secretary
- **Nick Maxwell** – Trustee
- **Angela MacLagan** - Trustee

Together, we have focused on rebuilding strong governance, reviewing key policies, and ensuring the charity operates with integrity, accountability, and transparency. Updated policies covering trustee conduct, safeguarding, and volunteer responsibilities have been introduced, ensuring HiVitality continues to operate in full alignment with Charity Commission guidance and best practice.

Retreats and Member Engagement

Our member retreats remain at the heart of HiVitality's work — providing safe, inclusive, and supportive spaces where members can rest, reflect, and reconnect. Over the past year, we successfully delivered and planned a full programme of retreats, including our regular venue at Shallowford House and an additional event in Scotland.

Retreats 2024–2025:

- **7–9 June 2024 – Summer Retreat (Shallowford House):** A weekend focused on rebuilding connections and strengthening our community.
- **2–4 August 2024 – Perth Retreat (Scotland):** Our first Scottish retreat in several years, giving members in the north an opportunity to gather locally.
- **19–22 September 2024 – Autumn Retreat (Shallowford House):** A longer weekend combining workshops, mindfulness, and shared experiences.
- **6–8 December 2024 – Winter Wellness Weekend (Shallowford House):** A reflective event centred on wellbeing during the festive period.
- **14–16 March 2025 – Spring Retreat (Shallowford House):** Planned as a celebration of renewal and growth to conclude the year's programme.

These retreats have been deeply valued by members and have continued to demonstrate the importance of community connection and peer support. Our thanks go to the facilitators, volunteers, and attendees who make these weekends possible through their dedication and care.

Finance and Donations

HiVitality remains in a healthy and sustainable financial position. Through careful financial management and the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to maintain our core activities and plan confidently for the future.

During the 2024–2025 financial year, we received significant and much-appreciated contributions, including:

- A **£10,000 donation from one of our members**, whose generosity will directly support future retreats and member activities.
- A **£5,000 transfer of funds following the closure of Positive Southwest (Positive SW)**, which we are honoured to continue using to benefit the community both charities have long supported.

These contributions, alongside regular donations and member support, have provided a vital boost to our sustainability and allowed us to focus on expanding our programme of events.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025, our priorities are to:

- Continue offering inclusive, high-quality retreats for our members.
- Strengthen outreach and engagement across the UK.
- Build a wider network of volunteers and facilitators.
- Continue improving governance, safeguarding, and transparency.

HiVitality's strength lies in its people — our members, volunteers, trustees, and supporters. Together, we have rebuilt momentum and renewed our shared sense of purpose.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, or resources this year. Your support ensures that HiVitality continues to thrive as a safe, welcoming, and empowering space for all those living with HIV.

Warm regards,
Marc Searle
Chair, HiVitality

Income Statements

For the years 2019/2020 to 2024/2025



	Current Yr 2024/2025 £	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £	2019/2020 £
Income						
Grants	12,756	35,420	16,328	10,800	500	10,725
Retreat Donations	6,014	6,450	7,175	6,211	300	
Donations	14,548	2,288	6,768	9,155	81	8,531
Karadoo	-	305	942	425	197	183
Amazon Smile	-	67	99	84	49	30
Interest Received	86	367	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	570	1,307	549	30	145
Total income	33,403	45,466	32,619	27,224	1,157	19,614
Expenditure						
Accommodation	(33,555)	(29,713)	(30,769)	(19,935)	-	(13,848)
Facilitators & Therapists Expenses	(368)	(982)	(2,333)	(2,288)	-	(1,476)
Members' Travel	(2,164)	(3,042)	(4,123)	(2,733)	-	(1,411)
Trustee costs	(313)	(2,030)	(209)	-	(60)	(40)
website	(297)	(840)	-	(132)	(72)	(144)
Admin	(109)	-	(64)	(136)	(55)	
Phone	(0)	(24)	(60)	(55)	(69)	
Subscriptions	(284)	(364)	-	-	-	(304)
Fund Raising Materials	(223)	-	(180)	-	(35)	
Professional Fees	-	(120)	-	-	-	(64)
Sundry	(3)	(36)	(452)	(291)	-	(169)
Total Expenses	(37,315)	(37,151)	(38,190)	(25,570)	(291)	(17,456)
Surplus / (Deficit)	(3,912)	8,315	(5,571)	1,654	865	2,158

Balance Sheet

2024/2025



	Note	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
Cash at bank	2	21,005	28,136	14,938	28,547	23,241	13,575
Prepayments		3,800	3,375	3,125	3,375	500	0
Total Assets		24,805	31,511	18,063	31,922	23,741	13,575
Deferred Income	3	(4,272)	(4,750)	(7,540)	(15,828)	(9,300)	-
Creditors		(5,607)	(7,923)	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities		(9,878)	(12,673)	(7,540)	(15,828)	(9,300)	-
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		14,927	18,838	10,523	16,094	14,441	13,575
Reserves							
Yr End Balance Prior Year		18,838	10,523	16,094	14,441	13,575	11,418
General fund surplus for the year		(3,912)	8,315	-5,571	1,654	865	2,158
Closing Balance		14,927	18,838	10,523	16,094	14,441	13,575
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Cashflow Forecast

for next 12



	03/2025	04/2025	05/2025	06/2025	07/2025	08/2025	09/2025	10/2025	11/2025	12/2025	01/2026	02/2026	03/2026
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash In													
Grants													
Retreat Donations		1,100				1,100			1,100			1,100	
Membership Donations		200	200	200	700	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Karadoo													
Amazon Smile													
Interest Received													
Other Income													
Total Cash In	-	1,300	200	200	700	1,300	200	200	1,300	200	200	1,300	200
Cash Out													
Accommodation		(5,663)		(6,000)				(6,000)			(6,000)		
Facilitators & Therapists Expenses		(200)		(500)				(500)			(500)		
Members' Travel													
Trustee costs													
website		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Admin			(100)										
Phone													
Subscriptions			(100)										
Fund Raising Materials													
Professional Fees													
Sundry													
Total Cash Out	-	(5,868)	(205)	(6,505)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(6,505)	(5)	(5)	(6,505)	(5)	(5)
Net Cash Movement	-	(4,568)	(5)	(6,305)	695	1,295	195	(6,305)	1,295	195	(6,305)	1,295	195
Cash Balance	21,005	16,437	16,432	10,127	10,822	12,117	12,312	6,007	7,302	7,497	1,192	2,487	2,682

Row Labels	Sum of Total Income	Sum of Total Expenditure	Sum of Net cost
Shallowford Dec 24	£1,565.00	(£6,479.88)	(£4,914.88)
Shallowford Dec 25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford Jun 24	£6,055.00	(£6,631.68)	(£576.68)
Shallowford Mar 24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford Mar 25	£610.00	(£6,163.00)	(£5,553.00)
Shallowford May 25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford Sep 24	£2,594.00	(£10,309.59)	(£7,715.59)
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Shallowford Mar 26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford May 26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford Aug 26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shallowford Dec 26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Membership	£1,814.76	£0.00	£1,814.76
Nightingale Sep 25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Scotland Aug 24	£7,945.63	(£6,521.72)	£1,423.91
PositiveStepsNW	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grand Total	£33,403.47	(£37,315.03)	(£3,911.56)

Row Labels	Sum of Prepayment	
(blank)	£	-
Shallowford Mar 24	£	-
Shallowford Jun 24	£	-
Shallowford Sep 24	£	-
Shallowford Dec 24	£	-
Shallowford Mar 25	£	-
Shallowford May 25	£	500.00
Shallowford Dec 25	£	500.00
Shallowford Mar 26	£	500.00
Shallowford May 26	£	500.00
Shallowford Aug 26	£	500.00
Shallowford Dec 26	£	500.00
Membership	£	-
Nightingale Sep 25	£	800.00
Scotland Aug 24	£	-
PositiveStepsNW	£	-
Total	£	3,800.00

Row Labels	Sum of Deferred Income
(blank)	0.00
Shallowford Mar 24	0.00
Shallowford Jun 24	0.00
Shallowford Sep 24	0.00
Shallowford Dec 24	0.00
Shallowford Mar 25	0.00
Shallowford May 25	0.00
Shallowford Dec 25	0.00
Shallowford Mar 26	0.00
Shallowford May 26	0.00
Shallowford Aug 26	0.00
Shallowford Dec 26	0.00
Membership	0.00
Nightingale Sep 25	0.00
Scotland Aug 24	0.00
PositiveStepsNW	(4,271.83)
Grand Total	(4,271.83)

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of HiVitality

Registered Charity 1160307

On the Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an Independent Examiner is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act)
- Follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

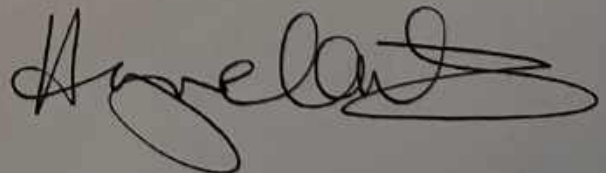
Basis for Independent Examiner's statement

I carried out the examination of the accounts with General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners, including a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparing them with those records, including a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the said accounts and seeking explanation from the trustees on such matters. Those procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and in consequence I do not declare an audit opinion on the said accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Regarding my examination, nothing has come to my attention which:

1. Gives reasonable cause to believe that there in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Hywel Anthony 13th October 2025
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