

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	January	2024		31st	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Folkestone Art Society

Other names charity is known by FAS

Registered charity number (if any) 1161336

Charity's principal address 2 Douglas Avenue

Hythe

Kent

Postcode

CT21 5JT

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 Rob Lansman	Treasurer		
2 Dave Jackson	Chair		
3 Nikki Griffith	Membership Secretary		
4 David Upton	Publicity		
5 Diane Wilson	Secretary		
6 Matthew Horrox	Web and Social Media		

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 20 th April 2015
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods	(1) Election by Members of the CIO at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and (2) co-option by existing trustees subject to ratification at the following AGM.

Additional governance issues

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Folkestone Art Society (FAS) became a registered charity on 20th April 2015.

The FAS is managed by its elected officers who also serve as the Society's trustees.

The trustees meet regularly to manage the business of the Society, to make decisions, approve expenditure and to manage risks. The trustees report to the members of the CIO through its annual general meeting. Members are also provided with regular updates and information through the Society's website and through regular electronic communication.

The trustees have access to Charity Commission guidance on their role and responsibilities and all trustees are provided with the Charity Commission publication "The Essential Trustee – What You Need to Know" and given an induction session.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Society are:

(1) the fostering, promotion and increase amongst the general public of the knowledge and appreciation of art by, in particular, the provision of:

(a) education (of all types and at all levels) in the fields of the visual, creative and applied arts;

(b) public exhibitions of art including but not limited to painting, sculpture and ceramic arts;

(c) studios, galleries and other places where art may be practised, created or exhibited; and

(2) for the public benefit to promote and encourage high standards in the visual, creative and applied arts including, but not limited to:

(a) among young people under the age of 21 in full time education within, but not limited to, Folkestone and the surrounding district, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including but not limited to the award of grants, prizes, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances.

(b) among individuals, institutions and other organisations within, but not limited to, Folkestone and the surrounding district through the sharing of knowledge and expertise, technical and consultancy advice and support and such other forms of assistance as the charity trustees think fit including opportunities to create, exhibit and sell art.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have had regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit. The main activities undertaken in 2022 for the public benefit and in furtherance of the Society's charitable objects **include:**

- Mounting two art exhibitions of work by local artist that were free to enter for the general public.
- Running free demonstrations/workshops and subsidised 'master-classes' related to the visual arts, which were open to the public.
- Organising the annual "Folkestone Art Society Gloria Gordon Award for Young People's Sketch Books" for young artists studying for a recognised qualification in art at schools and colleges within Folkestone and the surrounding district.

Working with other arts based organisations and individual artists within Folkestone and the surrounding district, promoting and encouraging involvement in the visual arts.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Society runs as a cooperative voluntary venture with volunteers serving on the committee as trustees, organising and stewarding art exhibitions, editing and producing the annual 'Art Review' and other publications, organising art demonstrations and workshops and liaising with schools and colleges to organise the annual FAS Gloria Gordon Award.

The Society has no paid staff.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2024 the Society:

- New members were welcomed to the committee.
- Two art exhibitions were organised which were open to the public with free entry.
- The Gloria Gordon award continued with an increased number of entrants.
- Masterclasses were held throughout the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to underwrite its exhibitions and to fund new initiatives for the public benefit that further the charitable objectives of the Society.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Society's principal sources of funding are member subscriptions, donations, artists submission fees for exhibitions and commission on art sales.

These sources of funding support the delivery of art exhibitions which are free to enter for the public, free demonstrations and workshops for the public benefit, the publication of the annual Art Review with local artists work and the cash awards made to the winners of the "Folkestone Art Society Gloria Gordon Award for Young Artists Sketch Books" in the GCSE and 'A' Level categories.

The primary expenditure of the Society is on the hire of accommodation for art exhibitions, storage facilities, room-hire and expenses for workshops and demonstrations and on art related publications.

Expenditure for the Folkestone Art Society Gloria Gordon Award, including the cash awards made to winners, is fully covered by donations given for the specific purpose of encouraging young artists through the award scheme.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	DW	
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Full name(s)	Diane Lynn Wilson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
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Date	8th February 2025
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Folkestone Art Society				Final Accounts 2024			
					2024		2023
	Income		Expenses		Results		Results
Membership Subscriptions	3,150				3,250		2,760
Masterclasses, workshops	1,795		1,982	(1)	-187		165
Spring exhibition	2,737		2,303		434		252
Autumn exhibition	7,231		6,894		337		627
Gloria Gordon Award	1,200		651		549		16
PayPal charges			181		-183		-186
Secretariat + misc.			173		-173		-339
Website and marketing			108		-108		
Insurance			96		-96		-505
Equipment bought/stock			728		-728		-3,002
Storage			662		-662		-756
debit paid			13		-13		40
credit next yr			100		-100		
Interest	20				20		
Donations +Gift aid	1,000				1,000		330
“Adopt a Panel”	200		60		140		1,600
Totals	£17,332.20		£13,949.97		£3,479.93		£1,001.02
	Lloyds Treasurer acc.	Lloyds Savings acc.	in Cashbox	PayPal balance	Total of funds		
Opening balances 01/01/2024	£12,716.82	-	£107.77	£403.19	£13,227.78		
Closing balances 31/12/2024	£12,210.95	£3,769.69	£305.07	£422.00	£16,707.71		
Net result over 2024					£3,479.93		

(1) these expenses include the Hall hire for 2023 but not the hire for the last quarter of 2024. With that in mind the Masterclass results over 2024 are £203 positive.

The Treasurer,

Rob Lansman

date :

I certify that I have checked the
figures and the method used to produce
them and find correct.

Jane Muir
7 Whitehall Way, Sellinge Kent TN25 6ET

date: