

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1163175

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST OSBORNE AND ENGLISH HERITAGE IN THE PROMOTION, PRESERVATION AND THE USE OF OSBORNE (ITS GRADE 1 LISTED HOUSE AND GRADE 2 LISTED PARK AND GARDENS); AND TO ENCOURAGE THE EDUCATION OF, AND ENJOYMENT BY, THE PUBLIC CONCERNING OSBORNE, ITS HERITAGE, HISTORY, BUILDINGS, CONTENTS, GARDENS AND GROUNDS.

Activities: Acting in support of Osborne House and English Heritage in the promotion, preservation and use of Osborne (its Grade 1 Listed House and Grade 2 Listed Park and Gardens); and encouraging the education of, and enjoyment by the public concerning Osborne, its heritage, history, buildings, contents, gardens and grounds.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Isle Of Wight

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£32,100	£18,672	-	-
2024-09-30	£27,470	£4,001	-	-
2023-09-30	£24,386	£7,148	-	-
2022-09-30	£17,646	£15,469	-	-
2021-09-30	£3,305	£10,227	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Jeanette Critoph		2025-11-26
Carolyn Rosemary McCormack		2023-02-23
David Wisden		2025-11-26
Helen Mary Catherine McComb		2022-02-24
Mary Jean Cheal		2026-01-05
Maureen Moorman		2022-02-24

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163175

Accounts

Chairman's Annual Report 2025

Since our last AGM, Friends of Osborne has gone from strength to strength. Friends of Osborne has had a very successful year with membership reaching its limit of 1200, which meant we had to introduce a waiting list. Events have been popular and, in many instances, oversubscribed.

We now have a strong committee with fifteen members. They have helped organise new events such as the visit to Farringford House and Buckingham Palace. We also kept old favourites such as the Spring and Autumn walks, led by Toby; and Hidden Osborne led by Christopher Warleigh-Lack. The talks in the Education Rooms continue to be well attended, as do the craft sessions. Members also enjoyed the Quiz and the Walled Garden drinks party. Also, I am glad to welcome back Carols in the Courtyard this December.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work in having made this year such a successful one. Also, all the English Heritage staff who have supported and enabled our events to take place.

Osborne, like all EH properties, went through a large restructuring this year. We said goodbye to David Bailey, who was always very supportive of Friends of Osborne and welcomed Victoria Stone as the new manager. She is passionate about the value of Friends' organisations and has already brought new benefits for our members. We are now able to gain access to the House on a Monday as well as a Friday and we can enjoy a 10% discount all year at the shop and on food and drinks in all the catering outlets.

The library, which is an amalgamation of all the books from the Friends of Osborne Library and Osborne House, is now up and running. Any members who would like to volunteer to help in the library can find the information on our website. It has very limited opening hours at the moment, while a volunteer rota is getting established and as Osborne House is moving into winter opening. However, it is open this Friday 28th November from 10am to midday.

Osborne have put in various requests this year. Unfortunately, we have still not been able to commit to a large project, but we hope that we will be able to give Osborne a sizeable donation towards one of their requests in the next financial year. We have a very healthy bank balance and our treasurer will be able to tell you more about projects we may be able to support.

One of our commitments was to support an Education Award. The task was to paint a self-portrait, inspired by a portrait of Emma Gaggiotti (Mrs. Richards). This was sent out to all local schools and the response was amazing. Over 10 schools entered, sending in over 200 entries. Friends of Osborne commissioned and paid for a beautiful trophy, made from beech from the Osborne Estate. We also are giving the winning school £250.

In compliance with the Charity Commission the Trustees have formulated the following policy documents: Internal Financial Controls, Serious Incident Reporting, Internal Risk Management and Safeguarding. These policy documents can be found in the Members' Section of the Friends of Osborne Website.

I have been Chairman for almost four years, and I am now stepping down. I will still be on the committee and take an active part in helping to organise and run events. It is

time for someone else from the committee to step forward into this role and bring new ideas.

Year to date

2024 – 2025	Deposit a/c	Current a/c	Total Bank Bal	Subscriptions	Bank Interest	Gift Aid	Donation to Friends of Osborne	Event Receipts Less Refunds	Bank Charges	postage	Computer/Software/Systems	Accountant	General Expenses	Donations to Osborne	Event Expenses
b/f	£85,651.47	£761.10	£86,412.57												
October	£85,784.58	£303.63	£86,088.21	£980.00	£133.11			£217.00	£-8.60	£-27.20		£-60.00	£-320.70	£-1,172.20	£-65.77
November	£80,423.13	£222.33	£80,645.46	£340.00	£138.55		£15.00	£-9.50	£-6.20	£-31.35	£-144.00		£-68.50	£-5,670.00	£-6.75
December	£80,551.53	£1,143.27	£81,694.80	£1,000.00	£128.40				£-6.20	£-17.00			£-55.86		
January	£81,878.47	£345.49	£82,223.96	£950.00	£126.94			£190.00	£-6.20	£-13.60	£-717.98				
February	£82,006.39	£1,571.69	£83,578.08	£495.00	£127.92		£10.00	£755.00	£-6.60	£-27.20					
March	£88,117.11	£486.15	£88,603.26	£8,040.00	£110.72		£10.00	£530.00	£-7.80					£-3,127.74	£-530.00
April	£90,342.63	£722.85	£91,065.48	£2,530.00	£125.52			£341.00	£-27.80	£-72.24	£-359.00		£-19.99		£-55.27
May	£90,469.82	£640.11	£91,109.93	£815.00	£127.19			£1,117.00	£-8.60		£-59.40		£-47.00	£-1,545.00	£-354.74
June	£96,394.99	£480.13	£96,875.12	£3,605.00	£125.17			£2,474.00	£-7.00	£-27.84			£-315.14		£-89.00
July	£99,120.34	£673.59	£99,793.93	£1,762.00	£125.35			£1,620.00	£-12.60	£-27.84			£-33.98		£-514.12
August	£97,005.07	£662.20	£97,667.27	£5.00	£134.73		£25.00	£489.00	£-2.40				£-21.99		£-2,756.00
September	£99,225.26	£615.87	£99,841.13	£2,040.00	£120.19		£5.00	£226.00	£-0.80		£-44.78			£-120.00	£-51.75
				£22,562.00	£1,523.79	£0.00	£65.00	£7,949.50	£-100.80	£-244.27	£-1,325.16	£-60.00	£-883.16	£-11,634.94	£-4,423.40

Receipts and Payments - 1 October 2024 to 30th September 2025

<u>Opening Bank Balances</u>		
01-Oct-24	Deposit A/c	£85,651.47
01-Oct-24	Current A/c	£761.10
		<u>£86,412.57</u>
<u>Closing Bank Balances</u>		
	Deposit A/c	£99,225.26
	Current A/c	£615.87
		<u>£99,841.13</u>
<u>Profit/Loss</u>		
	Closing Balances	£99,841.13
	Less Opening Balances	£86,412.57
		<u>£13,428.56</u>

<u>Receipts</u>	
Subscriptions	£22,562.00
Gift Aid	£0.00
Bank Interest	£1,523.79
Events	£7,949.50
Donations	£65.00
	<u>£32,100.29</u>
<u>Profit/Loss</u>	
Receipts	£32,100.29
Payments	£-18,671.73
	<u>£13,428.56</u>

<u>Payments</u>	
Bank Charges	£-100.80
Postage	£-244.27
Computer/Software/Systems	£-1,325.16
Accountant	£-60.00
General Expenses	£-883.16
Donations to Osborne	£-11,634.94
Event Expenses	£-4,423.40
	<u>£-18,671.73</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Friends of Osborne

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 September 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163175

Set out on pages

1-2

(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 30 September 2025.

**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:

S Powder

Date:

19/10/2025

Name:

Selina Powder

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

FMAAT


Address:

Allegrì & Co

16c Sandown Road, Lake, Isle of Wight PO36 9JP

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.

Report to the trustees members of	Friends of Calstone
On accounts for the year ended	30 September 2022
Set out on pages	1-2
Responsible and date of report	
Independent examiner's statement	
Signature	
Name	David Butler
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	FRSA
Address	Albyn & Co 100 Sandown Road, Lark Hall, Northampton NN4 6BP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Osborne

1163175

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-24	To	Period end date 30-Sep-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Subscriptions	22,562	-	-	22,562	17,990
Contribution from Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,122
Fundraising activities	7,949	-	-	7,949	5,007
Donations	65	-	-	65	-
Bank Interest	1,524	-	-	1,524	1,351
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,100	-	-	32,100	27,470
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,100	-	-	32,100	27,470
A3 Payments					
Donations and gifts	11,635	-	-	11,635	-
Costs of fundraising activities	4,423	-	-	4,423	2,535
Committee and membership expenses	163	-	-	163	82
Printing, postage and stationery	331	-	-	331	302
Computer and software	248	-	-	248	283
Accountancy fees	60	-	-	60	60
Legal fees	67	-	-	67	55
Bank and card machine charges	372	-	-	372	398
Insurance	296	-	-	296	286
Sub total	17,595	-	-	17,595	4,001
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Laptop computers	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
Total payments	18,672	-	-	18,672	4,001
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,428	-	-	13,428	23,469
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	86,413	-	-	86,413	62,944
Cash funds this year end	99,841	-	-	99,841	86,413

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	Current account	616	-	-
	Deposit account	99,225	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	99,841	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Lap top computers	Unrestricted	1,077	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Mr A Johnson
Treasurer
Friends of Osborne
114 York Avenue
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PO32 6QH

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Dear Adrian,

Thank you for supplying us with the information needed to prepare the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2025. Please find enclosed form CC16a for the Charities Commission. If you are entirely happy it is in order, please forward to the members as required. If an electronic format would be more useful, please do let me know.

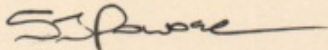
We have prepared the enclosed from the documentation kindly supplied to us and explanations given. The standard of bookkeeping was excellent again.

Please may I bother you for photographic ID from each of your Trustees. I am happy for this to be a scan and email if easier than presenting to us within the office for certification. We are in the process of auditing our files for anti-money laundering compliance and this was noted as outstanding.

I hope the above makes sense, any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, I enclose a note of my firm's fee account for your kind attention in due course which I have capped at £50 net to support the charity.

Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely,



Selina Powder

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163175

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Charity name: Friends of Osborne

Charity registration number: 1163175

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Friends of Osborne are to support and assist Osborne and English Heritage in the promotion, preservation and the use of Osborne (its Grade 1 Listed House and Grade 2 Listed Park and Gardens); and to encourage the education of, and enjoyment by, the public concerning Osborne, its heritage, history, buildings, contents, gardens and grounds.
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	In conjunction with the management and staff at Osborne House, the Friends of Osborne organised numerous fundraising events. These events included talks of local interest, social events and tours of the house and grounds
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Whether it is planning fundraising events or approving funding for projects, the trustees and committee members have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance 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	All applications from English Heritage to fund projects at Osborne House must be submitted to the trustees. The projects must satisfy the conditions stated in the Constitution, and the conditions regarding public benefit issued by the Charity Commission
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily, and receive no remuneration or benefits of any kind.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Para 1.20	<p>The Friends of Osborne are reliant on English Heritage procuring agreed items or services and invoicing Friends of Osborne for payment.</p> <p>In the review period, the Friends of Osborne agreed to fund a number of projects which included:-</p> <p>Redecoration of the education centre</p> <p>Large planters for the walled garden</p>

whole.		<p>Period correct costumes for tour guides</p> <p>Purchase of a defibrillator</p> <p>Funding of an education award and trophy for local schools</p> <p>Unfortunately, large scale organisational changes within English Heritage meant that none of the projects came to fruition within the review period.</p> <p>Some of the projects will move to the following financial year</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	All fundraising events which have occurred in the review period have generated profit
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	The financial position of Friends of Osborne remains strong. The total amount of funds held by the charity has increased by £23469 over the review period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds are held to cover 12 months of operational costs in the event of loss of income, and to meet unforeseen expenditure that may occur. The amount of reserves held will be reviewed and by the trustees annually
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	The sources of income are membership subscriptions, income from fundraising events, gift aid, bank interest and donations
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 which was last reviewed and approved at AGM in November 2024
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Friends of Osborne is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are reappointed in rotation, as recommended by the Charity Commission Details are specified in the Constitution

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		Not applicable

	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Osborne
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1163175
Charity's principal address	Friends of Osborne Osborne House Osborne House Estates East Cowes Isle of Wight PO32 6JX

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	Alison Rogers	Chair		
2	Helen McComb	Secretary		
3	Adrian Johnson	Treasurer		
4	Maureen Moorman	Membership Secretary		
5	Carolyn McCormack			
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20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>Allison J. Rogers</i>	<i>A. Johnson</i>
	Full name(s)	ALLISON ROGERS	ADRIAN JOHNSON
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
	Date	3/7/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Osborne

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-23	To	Period end date 30-Sep-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Subscriptions	17,990	-	-	17,990	16,118
Contribution from Gift Aid	3,122	-	-	3,122	2,771
Fundraising activities	5,007	-	-	5,007	4,863
Sales	-	-	-	-	67
Bank interest	1,351	-	-	1,351	967
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,470	-	-	27,470	24,386
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,470	-	-	27,470	24,386
A3 Payments					
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	4,195
Costs of fundraising activities	2,535	-	-	2,535	839
Committee and membership expenses	82	-	-	82	70
Printing, postage and stationery	362	-	-	362	175
Computer and software	283	-	-	283	1,044
Accountancy fees	60	-	-	60	55
Legal fees	55	-	-	55	60
Bank and card machine charges	396	-	-	396	414
Insurance	286	-	-	286	295
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,001	-	-	4,001	7,148
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,001	-	-	4,001	7,148
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,469	-	-	23,469	17,238
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,944	-	-	62,944	45,706
Cash funds this year end	86,413	-	-	86,413	62,944

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	Current account	781	-	-
	Deposit account	85,652	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	86,413	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Johnson</i>	A. Johnson	2/12/24
<i>M.E. McORMAN</i>	M.E. McORMAN	2/12/24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Friends of Osborne

**On accounts for the year
ended** 30 September 2024 **Charity no
(if any)** 1163175

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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 DD / MM / YYYY.

**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").

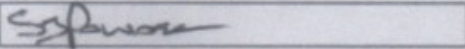
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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:  **Date:** 16/10/2024

Name: Selina Powder

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

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
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**Osborne House Estates
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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1163175

Registered Address

Friends of Osborne

Osborne House Estate

East Cowes. PO32 6JX

Trustees:

Allison Rogers	-Chairman
Adrian Johnson	- Deputy Chairman
Philip E. Palmer	- Treasurer
Helen McComb	- Secretary
Maureen Moorman	- Membership Secretary
Carolyn McCormack	- Trustee

The constitution requires that these trustees will resign after 3 periods of 3 years. It is a requirement that there be a minimum of five trustees but there is no upper limit to their number.

All matters of strategic importance and all application of funds are subject to approval by the trustees alone.

Chairman's Report

Since our last AGM in February, we have really been able to see life getting back to normal after the restrictions and difficulties of the last few years. It has been lovely to see school groups visiting Osborne again as part of their residential trips to the Island and to see coach parties returning.

We have now moved our AGM from February to November. This is because September is the end of the financial year for us and having our meeting in November will bring everything into line with the end of the financial year.

As a Charity our object has always been 'to support and assist Osborne and English Heritage in the promotion, preservation and use of Osborne.'

As our treasurer will tell you, we have a very healthy bank balance which we are eager to give to Osborne House for a variety of projects. This, however, takes time; as quotes need to come in and decisions need to be made between trustees, committee and Osborne staff as to where our funds can be best used. As I have mentioned in my newsletter, we are looking at the possibility of funding the restoration of the Summer House near the Walled Garden and the portico to the Walled Garden. The portico is the only remaining part of the original Osborne House which Albert and Victoria bought in 1845.

We have already agreed to pay for thirty-two chairs to be placed around the House which will enhance the visitor experience and we have agreed to fund a school award and trophy.

The money we are able to give to Osborne comes from your membership fees and money raised from our events. Friends of Osborne have been able to put on a full program of events this year for our ever-increasing number of members to enjoy.

We have tried to introduce some new events this year, some more successful than others. Our regular favourites are always well supported, especially those which take members to parts of the estate that are not open to the general public, such as the 360-degree Tour of the rooftop. Members have enjoyed The Beach Party, The Quiz, visits to Whippingham Church and The Roman Villa at Brading. We have organised a flower arranging workshop, walks with Toby and talks with a variety of speakers, which have been very popular. Several members have fed comments back to us about how much they have enjoyed the events they have attended and how warmly they have been welcomed. We must be doing something right! None of this would be possible without the very hard work of the trustees, committee and EH staff.

The Friends of Osborne library books have now been amalgamated with the books held at Osborne. This library is for the use of members, EH staff and volunteers, students and

researchers. Members can borrow two books by contacting Therron Welstead and a catalogue of books can be accessed on the 'Members Section' of our website.

The trustees have also been making amendments to our Constitution. The work on the changes to the Constitution has taken place over a period of time and regular updates have been shared and discussed with the committee at our monthly meetings. They are small changes that make certain clauses clearer and which you as members will have the chance to vote on at the AGM.. We have also set out some rules which will guarantee the charity is run effectively and with the best interests of all members being taken into account.

Membership Report

The new systems introduced last year are bedded in and working well. All members now have plastic membership cards which are re-validated annually upon renewal of membership. This represents a considerable saving in administration time and costs.

During the year, at the request of English Heritage, we now 'meet and greet' members and their guests attending our events at the green gate outside of POQ thus removing the need for them to queue up with EH visitors for access. For events during normal opening hours, members are given FoO lanyards which are handed back at the end of the event. This is proving to work well and eases the pressures on the EH reception staff.

Membership numbers continue to grow. As at 30 September 2023 we have 962 paid up members. This compares with 765 at the same time last year which represents an increase of 26%. The breakdown of membership types is 222 Individual, 665 Joint, 52 Child, 3 Student and 20 Honorary/Concessionary members. There is a healthy turnover in the membership with 323 new members and 126 lapsed.

There are no plans to increase the membership fees this year, our fees remaining very attractive to all members however they choose to use their FoO membership and its benefits.

Grants and Donations

Household Costumes £4,195

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – TREASURER’S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st October 2022 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT

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FRIENDS OF OSBORNE

Registered Charity 1163175

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Current assets			
Bank and cash in hand	62,944	45,706	43,529
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Members' funds			
Receipts and Payments Account Balance brought forward	45,706	43529	50,451
Surplus of Payments / Receipts for the year	17,238	2,177	-6,922
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	62,944	45,706	43,529
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	2023	2022	2021
RECEIPTS			
Subscriptions	16,118	12,877	3,300
Contribution from Gift Aid	2,771	2,138	0
Donations and bequests	0	5	0
Library income	0	0	0
Fundraising activities	4863	2,561	0
Dinner	0	0	0
Trafalgar Day lunch	0	0	0
Sales	67	48	0
Bank interest	567	17	5
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	24,386	17,646	3,305
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PAYMENTS			
Donations & Gifts	4,195	12,097	9,200
Costs of Fundraising activities	839	164	31
Dinner	0	0	0
Redundant Goods	0	261	0
Repairs and renewals	0	0	144
Committee expenses	51	29	108
Membership expenses	19	0	313
Printing	9	0	0
Postage and carriage	166	302	0
Office stationery	0	0	60
Computer and software	1044	736	0
Accountancy fees	55	50	50
Legal fees	60	56	55
Bank charges	168	138	0
Card Machine Costs	246	1,340	0
Insurance	296	296	266
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	7,148	15,469	10,227
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PROFIT / LOSS FOR THE YEAR	17,238	2,177	-6,922
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Chairman's Annual Report for AGM on February 23rd, 2023

We held our first event in May, after relaunching Friends of Osborne, after its demise during Covid. It was wonderful to be welcomed by David Bailey and his staff and to see Friends of Osborne once again enjoying a cooperative working relationship with Osborne House. Laura Bosworth has been particularly supportive, organising venues in which to hold our talks prior to the Education Rooms being completed and helping us arrange events. Also, thanks must go to Toby, the Head Gardener, who gave a talk on the walled garden and shared his knowledge of the Osborne Estate as he led us to the beach for our Trafalgar Day Celebration.

We managed to bring back many of your favourite events, including the Quiz, the Beach Party, 360-degree Tour from the rooftop of Osborne and Carols in the Courtyard. In 2023 we will organise these again and hopefully introduce some new events. Our talks were very successful, and we had a variety of interesting speakers. These talks and events are not only a good way to raise funds but also an opportunity for members to meet. The four talks alone brought in just over £500.

We have been able to give Osborne money to pay for a defibrillator, two wheelchairs, repairs to fencing near the Ring Walk. Also, for wiring and the installation of electricity into the new Education Rooms and for the costumes which will be used when the guided tours get under way. We are also planning to contribute towards installing Wi-Fi to the newly refurbished rooms and to pay for lighting around the courtyard area which will make visits to the Education Rooms in the dark much safer. These donations have been warmly received and will add to the enjoyment of Osborne by both members of Friends and visitors to Osborne. We are looking at other possible projects such as the restoration of the Goose Boy fountain but the quote for this will be quite time consuming due to the consultation of many people who need to be involved, including the curatorial team and estate.

Therron Welstead of EH has worked hard to amalgamate all the books from the Friends of Osborne library with the library in the House. Members are welcome to visit the library to do research or borrow books but will need to contact Therron or Chairman to arrange a suitable time. We enjoyed free access to the House over the summer holidays and the last week of December and hopefully there will be more dates for free access this year. Osborne also offered us a generous discount in the shop during several days in December and this will be repeated this year at various times of the year. Members can also benefit from a concessionary flat rate Green Fee to play golf at Osborne Golf Club.

As mentioned in my January Newsletter the trustees have been busy looking at the constitution and making changes to make it more relevant. We planned to present the amendments to the members at the AGM, but we have realised it is too large a job to rush

through quickly. We will therefore continue to work on it and have the proposed changes presented in the future.

We are always looking for members to join the committee. New blood brings new ideas and will help Friends of Osborne to thrive. I am sure we will have another very successful year and look forward to meeting many more of you at our forthcoming events.

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Membership Report

Having extended all existing memberships until 31 March 2022, due to the restrictions imposed by Covid, we were presented with the ideal opportunity to review our membership computerised systems. Rather than a flat file spreadsheet, as of February 2022 membership details are now maintained in a custom-made relational database. As members have subsequently renewed their subscriptions, we have replaced their old paper cards with new plastic ones which do not need replacing each year. This represents a considerable saving of administration time and postage. Since the new cards do not show an expiry date, their validity can be checked on the reception desk at Osborne using an online database. Photo ID is also required. Joining dates are now restricted to 1st January 1st April 1st July and 1st September and email reminders are sent to individuals when subscriptions are due for renewal. We have email addresses for 95.4% of our membership and those without emails receive postal notifications.

As of the 30th of September 2022, we have 765 paid up members, 145 Individuals, 568 Joint, 44 Children and 8 Students. This year our fees remained at the pre 2019 level of £20 for individuals, £33 for joint membership, £4 for children and £8 for students. As from 1st April 2023 we envisage a modest increase to £35 for joint membership, £5 for children, £10 for students with the £20 fee for individuals remaining the same.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Defibrillator	£813.99
Two wheelchairs	£690.00
Fencing	£10,593.00
TOTAL	£12,096.99

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE
Registered Charity 1163175

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022	2021	2020
RECEIPTS			
Subscriptions	12,877	3,300	10,356
Contribution from Gift Aid	2,138	0	4,535
Donations and bequests	5	0	12
Library income	0	0	240
Fundraising activities	2,561	0	3,744
Dinner	0	0	126
Trafalgar Day lunch	0	0	204
Sales	48	0	118
Bank interest	17	5	55
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	17,646	3,305	19,390
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PAYMENTS			
Donations & Gifts	12,097	9,200	0
Costs of Fundraising activities	164	31	1,326
Dinner	0	0	48
Redundant Goods	261	0	657
Repairs and renewals	0	144	58
Committee expenses	29	108	627
Membership expenses	0	313	449
Printing	0	0	0
Postage and carriage	302	0	110
Office stationery	0	60	4
Computer and software	736	0	435
Accountancy fees	50	50	50
Legal fees	56	55	0
Bank charges	138	0	0
Card Machine Costs	1,340	0	0
Insurance	296	266	296
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	15,469	10,227	4,060
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PROFIT / LOSS FOR THE YEAR	2,177	-6,922	15,330
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Current assets			
Bank and cash in hand	45,706	43,529	50,451
	=====	=====	=====
Members' funds			
Receipts and Payments Account Balance brought forward	43,529	50,451	35,121
Surplus of Payments / Receipts for the year	2,177	-6,922	15,330
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	45,706	43,529	50,451
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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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Charity No. 1163175

Dear Members,

Please find attached papers for the AGM.

I hope as many as possible will be able to attend the AGM on February 24th, 2022, at 6.00 pm in the Terrace Restaurant at Osborne House. Mr David Bailey, Head of Historic Properties, will give an update of how things are proceeding in the house.

Papers

Notice of the meeting and announcing agenda

Minutes of the AGM of 17th January 2020

Annual report and accounts

Attendance / Proxy voting form.

Or alternatively use the link to connect to an online attendance form:

<https://friendsofosborne.org/agm-attendance-form/>.

Or alternatively use the link to connect to an online proxy voting form:

<https://friendsofosborne.org/agm-proxy-voting-form-2022/>.

The Trustees look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Mr. Philip Palmer

Treasurer and Acting Chairman

For members who do not have an email address please return the slip for attendance, and/or the proxy vote (provided in the paperwork) to the Secretary at Friends of Osborne, c.o. Osborne House.

Additionally, should you now have an email address, we can add this to our membership database.

Unfortunately, no refreshments can be offered due to the ongoing kitchen refurbishment at Osborne.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organization will be held at the Terrace Restaurant, Osborne House, East Cowes, PO32 6JX on Wednesday, 24th February 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Minutes of AGM on 17th January 2020 matters arising.
2. To receive and consider the Trustees' Annual report and Financial Statements for the period from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021.
3. To Re-elect as a Trustee on rotation.
Mr. Philip Palmer - Treasurer
4. To elect 3 new trustees.
5. To receive and respond to any questions raised by members.

Note – After adjournment of the formal meeting, Mr. David Bailey, Head of Historic Properties, will give a presentation of future projects and plans at Osborne House.

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**FRIENDS OF OSBORNE
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1163175**

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FRIENDS OF OSBORNE; Registered Charity 1163175

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members in addition to its charity trustees. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice in preparation of the report and these statements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are to support and assist Osborne and English Heritage in the promotion, preservation, and the use of Osborne House.

Main Activities

The charity promotes the benefits of membership of the Friends of Osborne (the Friends), which is open to all. Membership is achieved by completing an application and by the payment of an annual membership fee.

A database of members is maintained such that newsletters and invitations may be sent out to members.

Paid-up members, at present, only gain access to the grounds at Osborne, limited to 150 places per month available on a pre booking system. However, this will be pending an imminent meeting with David Bailey when we hope to reinstate unlimited access to the grounds.

Members are invited throughout the year to fund-raising events held at Osborne and elsewhere. These mostly will have a theme or focus relevant to Osborne and its history. Others may be of a social nature.

The charity's financial objectives are wholly to provide donations to the curators at Osborne to permit or promote restoration and preservation works or relevant acquisitions.

Volunteers and Voluntary Donations

The trustees have provided their services on a voluntary basis and are grateful to the many other members who work in support of the Friends on a voluntary basis.

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE; Registered Charity 1163175

INCORPORATION AND ESTABLISHMENT

The Friends received its charitable status from the Charity Commission on the 18th August 2015

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is administered in accordance with its written constitution, adopted by the trustees at their first meeting of 4th September 2015. A review of the constitution will be taking place in 2022.

Trustees

The trustees are listed in this report. The constitution requires that these trustees will resign after a period of 3 years but may stand for re-election. It is a requirement that there be a minimum of five trustees but there is no upper limit to their number.

All matters of strategic importance and all application of funds are subject to approval by the trustees alone.

Induction and Training of New Trustees and Risk Management

Any and all new trustees receive a copy of the charity's constitution plus any minutes of recent members' or trustee meetings. Those appointed generally already have a high level of understanding of the Friends and its objectives and usually have previous experience relevant to serving as a charity trustee.

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBER ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

Membership

The trustees are pleased to report that, by 6th January 2022, the Friends had 1055 members.

Member Activities and Fundraising

The fund-raising results from the main member events held throughout the year are reported within the financial statements.

Member Resources

The Friends have a website (www.friendsofosborne.org) to promote the charity and provide information to its members. It is intended that this site will be further developed during 2022.

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE; Registered Charity 1163175

COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION

The Trustees and Committee Members apply prudence in the administration of the Friends' affairs using voluntary efforts wherever possible.

The trustees are hopeful that more members will be willing to provide email addresses for future communications such that postage, printing and stationery costs may be reduced in the future.

Gift Aid

The Friends of Osborne Charity is registered for Gift Aid. This means, where a member (who is a UK income or capital gains tax payer) can claim money for every £1 given to the charity in either subscriptions or donations.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The trustees are pleased to report that, during the period, the charity granted the curators at Osborne the sum of £9,200 specifically for the repair and restoration of the weathervane on the Clock House tower. In addition, the charity paid £10,593 for the repair and restoration of fencing around the grounds, which will be shown in next year's accounts.

The charity is holding funds at year-end intended to finance further conservation works at Osborne and the trustees are in discussions with the Osborne House curators in order to determine the 2022 application of those funds.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Resignations since last AGM:

Rob Flower	- Chairman
Marja Tolley	- Honorary Secretary
Roger Crew	- Vice Chairman
Joy Walker	- Membership Secretary

Current Trustees:

Philip E. Palmer	- Treasurer and acting Chairman
Helen McComb	- Secretary and acting Trustee
Maureen Moorman	- Membership Secretary and acting Trustee
Allison Rogers	- Trustee
Ade Johnson	- Acting Trustee

Preparer of Financial Statements

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Approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Philip Palmer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Minutes of AGM Meeting 17th January 2020

Held in the Terrace Restaurant, Osborne House at 11:00

Trustees present: Roger Crew Deputy Chairman
Marja Tolley Secretary
Allison Rogers Librarian

Apologies: Rob Flower Chairman
Phillip Palmer Treasurer

There were 50 members present and three members of English Heritage.

Apologies were received and one Proxy Vote was recorded.

Roger opened the meeting and welcomed all those present, including the Mayor of East Cowes. Roger explained that in the absence of Rob Flower, he would be chairing the meeting. He added that Philip Palmer, Treasurer, had apologized for his absence due to convalescence after a recent hip operation. Roger continued with a general apology for the 'typo errors' contained within the AGM paperwork which had not been fully proof-read, which would not happen in the future.

Roger then raised a salient point for all members urging us all to review and purchase FO merchandise.

Next, warm thanks were offered to the caterers providing refreshments before and after the meeting.

Roger then moved onto the formal business of the meeting, outlined in the agenda, inviting those present to raise any relevant questions as we move on to each item of business.

1. ***Minutes***. The minutes were discussed and matters arising included a certain dissatisfaction from the floor about errors in the Trustees' Annual Report such as incorrect dates, etc. and the clear lack of proof-reading in the paperwork. Therefore, an action point was recommended that; ***proof-reading and amending all paperwork must be implemented.*** *Additionally, to save on costs and paper use, both sides of A4 paper should be used.* Roger emphasized that we have a minuting secretary who will ensure accuracy of minute-taking and that criticism of our professionalism would be taken seriously.
The Minutes were accepted by the floor provided that corrections take place in due course.

2. **To receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement** for the period from 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019. **The Trustees' Annual Report was passed** by a show of hands with two who voted against it. In the absence of Philip Palmer, Roger read out a Treasurer's Report that Philip had prepared for the meeting (enclosed with these minutes, Appendix 1). Several queries emanated from Philip's report. Therefore, it was suggested that the Honorary Secretary, Marja Tolley, should be ready to contact Philip with any urgent questions at the close of this meeting. Nonetheless, various concerns arose from the actual Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2019: due to these unanswerable issues on a show of hands the **Financial Statement was not approved by the floor.**

3. **Proposed amendments to the constitution.** (Please refer to Appendix 2)

- Paragraph 11 (3) (b) add the word 'present' before the comma in the first line. **Carried – 3 against.**
- Add paragraph 11 (3) (f) 'all motions or nominations for the Trustees prior to the notice of general meeting being published'. **Carried**
- Paragraph 12 (3) (a) amend the number 5 to read 3. **Motion Failed.**
- Paragraph 13 (2) in the first line after 'Treasurer' add 'and Secretary', change 'holder' to 'holders'. **Carried – 5 against.**
- Paragraph 13 (3) (a) 'Osborne' to read 'English Heritage'. **Carried – 6 against.**
- Paragraph 15 (1) (b) after '6 months' add 'or '3 consecutive meetings.' **Motion Failed.**
- Paragraph 16, Line 2, delete the word (four). Line 3, after the word 'terms', add of '3 years' and delete the word (fifth). In the final line, change the word 3 to read 1. **Carried – 8 against.**
- Paragraph 19 (3) (a) change the word '3' in the second line to read '2'. **Motion Failed.**

4. **To re-elect as a Trustee on rotation.**

Marja Tolley took over the chair ahead of the vote.

Mr. Roger Crew was re-elected unanimously.

5. Roger returned to the chair and asked for **Questions from the floor**.
- Why was the AGM's date moved? Answer – to be closer to the accounts being closed at the end of September.
 - Could the AGM be outside the 'working day'? Answer – it would be difficult to use the Terrace Restaurant in the evening. The Secretary is to liaise with English Heritage to check on the feasibility of timings other than the present arrangement.
 - Why were last year's minutes so brief? Answer – the minutes were delayed in writing due to Trustee resignations, which were not foreseeable. Nonetheless, there is now a new minuting secretary in place.

The meeting was formally closed by Roger at 12.00 noon.

Mr. David Bailey, (new English Heritage title: *Head of Historic Properties, IOW & Hampshire, plus part of Dorset*), gave a presentation on the current plans in place at Osborne House, for which he was duly thanked.

FRIENDS OF OSBORNE
Registered Charity 1163175

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	2,020	2,019
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	10,356	15,325
Contribution from Gift Aid	4,536	2,611
Donations and bequests	12	100
Library income	240	675
Fundraising activities	3,744	6,488
Dinner	126	6,920
Trafalgar Day lunch	204	294
Sales	118	0
Bank interest	55	40
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	19,390	32,453
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PAYMENTS		
Donations to Osborne/English Heritage	0	0
Costs of Fundraising activities	1,326	2,125
Dinner	48	5,227
Goods purchased for resale	657	0
Repairs and renewals	58	172
Committee expenses	626	1,543
Membership expenses	449	0
Printing	0	0
Postage and carriage	110	997
Office stationery	4	6
Computer and software	435	0
Accountancy fees	50	50
Legal fees	0	60
Bank charges	0	0
Insurance	296	296
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	4,060	10,476
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SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD	15,330	21,977
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FRIENDS OF OSBORNE
Registered Charity 1163175

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

2,020

2,019

Current assets

Bank and cash in hand

50,451

35,121

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Members' funds

Receipts and Payments acco Balance brought forward

35,121

13,144

Surplus of receipts over payments for the year

15,330

21,977

Balance carried forward

50,451

35,121

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

This is in accordance with acceptable accounting practice for charities of this size as set out in guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2,021	2,020
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	3,300	10,356
Contribution from Gift Aid	0	4,535
Donations and bequests	0	12
Library income	0	240
Fundraising activities	0	3,744
Dinner	0	126
Trafalgar Day lunch	0	204
Sales	0	118
Bank interest	5	55
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	3,305	19,390
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PAYMENTS		
Donations & Gifts	9,200	0
Costs of Fundraising activities	31	1,326
Dinner	0	48
Goods purchased for resale	0	657
Repairs and renewals	144	58
Committee expenses	108	627
Membership expenses	313	449
Printing	0	0
Postage and carriage	0	110
Office stationery	60	4
Computer and software	0	435
Accountancy fees	50	50
Legal fees	55	0
Bank charges	0	0
Insurance	266	296
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	10,227	4,060
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SURPLUS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD	-6,922	15,330
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Registered Charity 1163175

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

2,021

2,020

Current assets

Bank and cash in hand

43,529

50,451

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Members' funds

Receipts and Payments acco Balance brought forward

50,451

35,121

Surplus of payments over receipts for the year

-6,922

15,330

Balance carried forward

43,529

50,451

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Charity No. 1163175

AGM ATTENDANCE / PROXY VOTING FORM

Attendance Form

Member Details

Name Membership No.....

I / we are able / unable to attend the AGM at the Terrace Restaurant on Wednesday 24th February 2022.

Number attending

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Proxy Voting Form

Member Details

Name Membership No.....

A voting member may appoint, the Chairman of the meeting or another member being entitled to vote, to act as their proxy at the AGM on Wednesday 24th February 2022.

Chairman of the meeting: YES NO

or

Other Member: YES NO

Proxy Member Details

Name Membership No.....

Signed..... Date.....

Please return this form to: The Secretary, Friends of Osborne, c/o Osborne House, East Cowes. PO32 6JX, by 10th February.