

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD  
FROM 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021 TO  
30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 FOR  
FRIENDS OF OSBORNE**

**Osborne House Estates  
East Cowes  
PO32 6JX**

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The Friends received its charitable status from the Charity Commission on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The charity is administered in accordance with its written constitution, adopted by the trustees at their first meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and updated on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **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 Annual Report for AGM on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 forth coming 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**

<b>Defibrillator</b>	<b>£813.99</b>
<b>Two wheelchairs</b>	<b>£690.00</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	<b>£10,593.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,096.99</b>

**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
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
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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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
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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<b>PROFIT / LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>	2,177	-6,922	15,330
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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