

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Opening Bank Balances			Receipts		Payments	
01-Oct-24	Deposit A/c	£85,651.47	Subscriptions	£22,562.00	Bank Charges	-£100.80
01-Oct-24	Current A/c	£761.10	Gift Aid	£0.00	Postage	-£244.27
		£86,412.57	Bank Interest	£1,523.79	Computer/Software/Systems	-£1,325.16
			Events	£7,949.50	Accountant	-£60.00
			Donations	£65.00	General Expenses	-£883.16
				£32,100.29	Donations to Osborne	-£11,634.94
					Event Expenses	-£4,423.40
						-£18,671.73
Closing Bank Balances			Profit/Loss			
	Deposit A/c	£99,225.26	Receipts	£32,100.29		
	Current A/c	£615.87	Payments	-£18,671.73		
		£99,841.13		£13,428.56		
Profit/Loss						
	Closing Balances	£99,841.13				
	Less Opening Balances	£86,412.57				
		£13,428.56				



**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):**

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**Address:**


Allegri & 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	
On accounts for the year ended	30 September 2022
Set out on pages	1-2
<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2022.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 148 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 149(1f) of the Act.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I consider that no material matters have arisen to which I should draw attention in my report.</p> <p>Accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</p> <p>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</p> <p>I have no concerns and have drawn no other matters to attention in connection with the examination in which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p>Please relate the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>	
Signature:	
Name:	John Fowler
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	FRSA
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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

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	32,100	-	-	32,100	27,470
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	32,100	-	-	32,100	27,470
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	17,595	-	-	17,595	4,001
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Laptop computers	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
<b>Total payments</b>	18,672	-	-	18,672	4,001
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	13,428	-	-	13,428	23,469
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	86,413	-	-	86,413	62,944
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	616	-	-
	Deposit account	99,225	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	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 £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



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Sunday, October 19, 2025

Dear Adrian,

Thank you for supplying us with the information needed to prepare the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

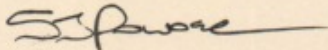
We have prepared the enclosed from the documentation kindly supplied to us and explanations given. The standard of bookkeeping was excellent again.

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