



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 Day Month Year Day Month Year
From 01 04 2022 **To** 31 03 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Sherborne Literary Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1168489

Charity's principal address Abbots Fee

Greenhill

Sherborne, Dorset

Postcode DT9 4EP

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	Mark Howard Pender	Chairman & Treasurer		Members
2	Natalie Bone		Resigned 24th Jan 2023	"
3	Robert John Bowmer	Membership Secretary		"
4	Rosanna Cunningham		Appointed 24th July 2023	"
5	John Douglas Gaye			"
6	Mark Cotterill Greenstock		Resigned 15th June 2023	"
7	Andrew Holt		Appointed 15th June 2023	"
8	Richard Henry Cadwallader Hopton			"
9	Alastair Poulain		Appointed 24th Jan 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected at General Meeting. May be co-opted by Committee until appointed at GM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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.

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

TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROMOTE THE ARTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE SHERBORNE AREA BY PROMOTING AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES (THROUGH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES) FOR THE APPRECIATION, UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYMENT OF LITERATURE IN THE BROADEST SENSE.

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 observed due regard to the public benefit, as required by the Constitution of the Society and the Charity Commission, by planning, organising and holding events and activities in the Sherborne, Dorset area for people interested in literature in the broadest sense.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Accounts for the year, which are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, show a surplus for the year of £1,815 (2022: £1,487). Membership fee income of £2,075 was received, a 33% increase over the prior year. This increase arises from increased public interest in the Society's activities, including the holding of a literary festival in April 2023, which, although outside the year under report, had the effect of increasing memberships taken out in the period up to 31st March 2023.

This fee income, together with a small deficit on charitable activities, accounts for the overall result. However, spending on activities in the year to 31st March 2023 includes £2,286 of expenditure (mainly publicity costs and deposits) in preparation for the April 2023 festival referred to above. Furthermore, advance ticket sales and sponsorship relating to the festival of £2,501 and £2,126 respectively had been received by 31st March 2023. Excluding these festival related items, all other activities (including the receipt of membership subscriptions) generated a net deficit of £526 in the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Committee reviews its funding levels at every meeting to ensure that the level and nature of its activities do not prejudice its financial stability. It does not have a formal minimum reserve level.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit.

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.

Section F


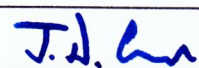
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MARK HOWARD PENDER	JOHN DOUGLAS GAYE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	4 Dec 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity name Sherborne Literary Society		1168489		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023	

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					
Membership subscriptions	2,075	-	-	2,075	1,557
Ticket Sales	6,696	-	-	6,696	6,365
Donations and Sponsorship	1,893	-	-	1,893	498
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,664	-	-	10,664	8,420
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,664	-	-	10,664	8,420
A3 Payments					
Personnel costs	1,182	-	-	1,182	332
Administration	1,228	-	-	1,228	589
Venues, event costs and equipment hire	1,094	-	-	1,094	826
Speakers fees and costs	1,330	-	-	1,330	752
Advertising, printing and design	1,879	-	-	1,879	2,355
Hospitality	675	-	-	675	585
Website	1,461	-	-	1,461	1,187
Insurance	-	-	-	-	307
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,849	-	-	8,849	6,933
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,849	-	-	8,849	6,933
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,815	-	-	1,815	1,487
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,046	-	-	9,046	7,559
Cash funds this year end	10,861	-	-	10,861	9,046

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	Bank Account - Barclays	8,572	-	-
	Bank Account - Lloyds	2,220	-	-
	Petty Cash	69	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,861	-	-

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


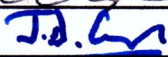
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Venue hire	Unrestricted	72	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARK PENDER	4/12/23
	JOHN GAYE	4/12/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sherborne Literary Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1168489

Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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 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.

Signed:

David E. Cooper

Date:

4/12/2023

Name:

DAVID E. COOPER

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

Address:

THE GATE HOUSE, LONGBURTON,
SHERBORNE, DORSET

Section B

Disclosure

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.