



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

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	Robert John Bowmer	Membership Secretary		"
3	Rosanna Cunningham			"
4	John Douglas Gaye			"
5	Andrew Holt			"
6	Richard Henry Cadwallader Hopton			"
7	Alastair Poulain			"
8	Louise Sarah Troup		Appointed 29th Oct 2024	"
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	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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Section C

Objectives and activities

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 £4,558 (2024: £1,486). Membership fee income of £2,481 (2024: £2,102) was received, representing a continuation of the growth seen since the low membership point of the pandemic and, the Committee believes, an increasing awareness of and interest in the Society's varied programme of events and, notably, the annual Travel Writing Festival ("TWF") which commenced in April 2023.

During the year under review, in April 2024, the Society held its second 3-day TWF. The "Sherborne Travel Writing Festival" is now an established annual event, with the 3rd such festival having been held in April 2025 and a date already set for 2026. After all costs, the April 2024 TWF generated an overall excess of income over expenditure of £747 compared with £1,479 for the April 2023 event.

Because of the April timing of these festivals, their overall financial results, as above, consist of cash flows spanning two accounting years. Excluding figures from the Accounts relating to both the 2024 and 2025 TWFs leaves an overall cash surplus of £1,641 arising from the Society's other on-going activities and programme of events throughout the year, these being held on average monthly. In other words, approximately two-thirds of the £4,558 surplus for the year derives directly from TWFs.

In the year, the Society made donations totalling £500 to local schools to buy books.

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. At the Committee Meeting of 12 June 2024, it was decided to maintain a minimum reserve of £10,000. Since that date, this policy has been adhered to.

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.

The Charity's income comes mainly from two sources, membership fees and ticket revenue from events. Most events are designed to further the Charity's aims by, for example, presenting a book or author while at the same time generating revenue.

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 GAYLE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	Trustee
Date	26 AUG 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Sherborne Literary Society	1168489

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2024		31st March 2025

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	2,481	-	-	2,481	2,102
Ticket Sales	21,097	-	-	21,097	17,467
Donations, Grants and Sponsorship	2,205	-	-	2,205	3,276
Bank interest	212	-	-	212	170
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,995	-	-	25,995	23,015
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,995	-	-	25,995	23,015
A3 Payments					
Personnel costs	3,339	-	-	3,339	2,270
Administration, stationery & general	837	-	-	837	1,622
Venues and event costs	2,335	-	-	2,335	4,213
Equipment and event IT	986	-	-	986	836
Speakers' fees	4,030	-	-	4,030	2,310
Speakers' costs	2,627	-	-	2,627	1,293
Advertising, printing and design	3,090	-	-	3,090	7,142
Hospitality & catering	1,423	-	-	1,423	667
Website	1,946	-	-	1,946	838
Insurance	274	-	-	274	338
Costs relating to prize administration	52	-	-	52	339
Donations made	500	-	-	500	340
Sub total	21,437	-	-	21,437	21,529
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,437	-	-	21,437	21,529
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,558	-	-	4,558	1,486
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,347	-	-	12,347	10,861
Cash funds this year end	16,905	-	-	16,905	12,347

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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 - Lloyds	1,469	-	-
	Deposit Accounts - Lloyds	15,185	-	-
	Petty Cash	261	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,905	-	-

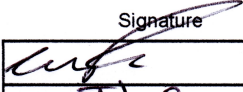

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARK HOWARD BENDER	26.8.25
	JOHN DOUGLAS GAYER	26.8.25



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Sherborne Literary Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1168489

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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 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 Cooper

Date:

26 August 2025

Name:

DAVID COOPER

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

Address:

THE GATE LODGE, LONGBURTON,
SHERBORNE DT9 5PF

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.