

Westridge Trust – Trustees' Annual Report 2024/25

Reference and Administration Details:

Name: Westridge Trust

Address: Westridge Studio, Andover Road, Highclere, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 9QS.

Registered Charity Number: 1169481

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Michael York (Chairman)

Sally Izett

Michael Jenkins

Angela Tiley

Structure, governance and management:

Westridge Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation first registered 04 October 2016. The three original trustees were appointed by the Highclere Parish Council to lead the new trust in its initial phase. The trustees have responsibility for the appointment of further trustees. These appointments will be for a period of 3 years and will be made at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. The original trustees were appointed for the following terms:

Sally Izett 4 years

Michael York 3 years

Michael Jenkins 2 years

Angela Tiley was appointed from September 4 2017 following a decision made by Trustees at a meeting held on July 31 2017. Mrs Tiley is the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for the Westridge Trust. All Trustees have agreed to continue their period of service.

It has been difficult to attract voluntary help/support for the Studio this year, as in previous years, but we are constantly attempting to persuade local volunteers to join us. We were successful in recruiting Teresa Munn, a local artist and user of the Studio, to join our management group this year. Teresa has been an excellent addition to the team, helping us to attract local artists to the Studio and develop facilities.

In 2024/5 meetings were structured as follows:

In this period the Management Group met on four occasions (November, February, May and October) and we have continued the policy of meeting three or four times a year with special events or projects requiring subgroups to meet and then report back to the full committee. I must emphasize again the amazing work of this dedicated group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this project work.

Fund raising activities have continued on a small scale. We have received grant funding from the Parish Council for targeted, essential projects but our real success was a grant, received at the end of last year, from the UK government's 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' administered by, and supported by, Basingstoke and Deane Council. This grant was for just over £13,000. This has allowed us to progress our aims for the Studio

The fifth AGM is scheduled for Thursday 4th December, 2025.

Objectives and Activities:

The charitable objects:

- To promote the Arts and to advance education in the arts for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively at the premises known as Westridge Studio for the benefit of residents in the civil parish of Highclere and the neighbouring area.
- To provide facilities in the interests of Social Welfare for Education, Recreation and other leisure time occupations at the said premises with the aim of improving the conditions of life (including the good health and well-being) of those residents in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the objects of the charity to associate together with the local residents, voluntary organizations and local authorities with the aim to maintain and manage the premises as an Arts, Educational and Recreational facility for the public benefit without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race, age, disability or political, religious or other opinions.
- To promote such other charitable purposes (charitable under English Law) as the trustees may, from time to time deem appropriate.

2024/25 has been another challenging year for the Studio. Our aim was to build on the successful work of last year and maintain our user base. We have, thanks to our Bookings Manager, not only consolidated our user base but added some very exciting new users. The new activities include: a 'Pop-up' Art Group, a LAMDA Drama group, Yoga for Mums, Grief Tending Circles and Photo shoots by an amateur photographer.

We took the decision to raise our rates last year and have made some minor upgrades this year to ensure that we cover our operating costs. Thanks to the hard work of the committee, the support from the community has continued to grow. We are now in a situation where our range of activities has expanded, and we continue to meet our original objectives and operate on a sound financial footing.

As stated above, we were successful in obtaining grant money that has allowed us to tackle the much-needed external improvements -parking, landscaping the

site, improving signage and generally presenting a much more positive image to the community. The addition of Disabled Parking is a major breakthrough. I'm pleased to report that most of the work has now been completed.

The Business plan needs to be updated/reviewed this year. Our priority has been to grow the service, improve external facilities and consolidate our financial position. This we have achieved.

The Studio is currently available for rental purposes and is being marketed via the website and various other channels. Potential client groups are being contacted and encouraged to use the facility.

Achievements and Performance:

It has been, once again, a very challenging year for anyone involved in Community Education. We have, as stated above, managed to consolidate and grow the project. We have high hopes for 2025/26!

Financial Information:

Financial information, including the policy on reserves, is currently available in the Westridge Trust Financial Regulations Document.



Michael York
Chairman

4.12.25

WESTRIDGE TRUST

CHARITY NUMBER 1169481

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

WESTRIDGE TRUST
CHARITY NUMBER 1169481
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	General fund	Fabric fund	Total funds	
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				
Donations received	25	-	25	327
Grants	-	16,811	16,811	707
Fundraising events	984	-	984	1,125
Rental income	11,260	-	11,260	11,840
Interest	406	-	406	375
Total receipts	12,675	16,811	29,486	14,374
PAYMENTS				
Bank charges	(67)	-	(67)	107
Broadband charges	749	-	749	620
Cleaning	1,580	-	1,580	1,955
Gardening	1,256	-	1,256	1,362
Insurance	1,662	-	1,662	1,602
Light & heat	1,251	-	1,251	1,172
Loan repayment	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Repairs & maintenance	1,778	-	1,778	2,468
Software	144	-	144	144
Studio equipment	-	-	-	300
Subscriptions	95	-	95	35
Water rates	146	-	146	427
	8,594	2,000	10,594	12,192
Asset purchases				
Additions to land and buildings	-	21,192	21,192	-
Total payments	8,594	23,192	31,786	12,192
Excess of receipts over payments	4,081	(6,381)	(2,300)	2,182
Cash funds at 1 April 2024	25,000	13,518	38,518	36,336
Transfers between funds	(4,081)	4,081	-	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2025	£25,000	£11,218	£36,218	£38,518

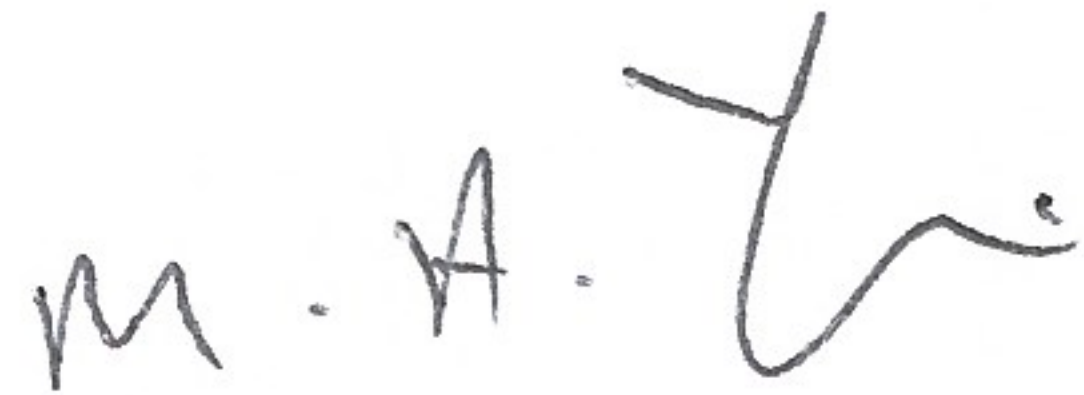
WESTRIDGE TRUST
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Land and buildings - cost brought forward	-	342,228	342,228	342,228
Capital additions in the period	-	21,192	21,192	-
Total fixed assets	-	363,420	363,420	342,228

	Unrestricted funds General fund 2024 £		Total unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Fabric fund 2024 £			
Cash funds				
Current account	1,680	-	1,680	2,087
Deposit account	30,538	4,000	34,538	36,431
Total cash funds	32,218	4,000	36,218	38,518
Current liabilities				
Unsecured loan	-	(4,000)	(4,000)	(6,000)
Net current assets	32,218	0	32,218	32,518
Net assets			£395,638	£374,746

Represented by:	£	£
Restricted fund	363,420	342,228
Fabric fund (unrestricted)	7,218	7,518
General fund (unrestricted)	25,000	25,000
	£395,638	£374,746

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Michael York 

Date: 7.10.25

Angela Tiley 

Date: 7.10.25.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

WESTRIDGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1169481

Set out on pages

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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:

15/10/2025

Name:

NICHOLAS C.C. SPENCER

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

FCA.

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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.

n/a