



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	Apr	2022	To	31 Mar 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Wealden Festival Foundation

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1170588

Charity's principal address

Boldshaves

Woodchurch

Ashford, Kent

Postcode

TN26 3RA

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	Michael Ross Buchanan			
2	Caroline Rosemary Jessel			
3	Alex Preston			
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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)

Staff members: L Willan, A Willan, P Massey, D Massey

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 18 November 2016 (last amended)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees who are appointed for a term of two years, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>The only voting members are the charity trustees.</p>

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.

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. Wealden Festival Foundation runs primarily through volunteers giving their time to the organisation.

Section C

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Charity's Objectives are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To advance the education of the public in the subject of literature, the arts and the environment; 2) To promote excellence in literature, poetry and the arts; and 3) For the public benefit, to promote learning for pleasure through the continued development of individuals' capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in subjects of educational value.
<p>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)</p>	<p>The Charity operates an annual festival of literature, the arts and the outdoors (Wealden Literary Festival) which aims to further the Charity's objectives by helping individuals and communities to thrive through improved access to literature, the arts and the natural world.</p> <p>The Charity also seeks to work with local primary and secondary schools through the implementation of outreach programmes.</p> <p>As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. 	
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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The results for the year, and the charity's financial position at the end of the period, are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the charity supported educational projects within the Charity's objectives. In particular:

- A packed programme of outdoor events and creative workshops for children during Wealden Festival
- Residencies for artists and authors
- Work experience for students and young adults during Wealden Literary Festival
- A packed programme of events and workshops for adults led by leading writers, poets and artists during Wealden Festival

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity has completed its fifth financial year. The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining a realistic level of unrestricted reserves in future to ensure that adequate funds are available to enable the charity to continue in its activities in the event of a drop in funding or any significant event. The Charity aims to achieve reserves equivalent to 6 months' expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Charity's expenditure increased significantly during the relevant period largely due to events outside of the Charity's control. The Charity's directors have provided a loan to support the Charity's operations.

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.

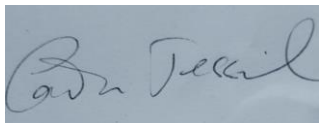
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		Alex Preston
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Full name(s)

Michael Ross Buchanan	Caroline Rosemary Jessel	Alex Preston
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Position (eg Chair)

Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
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Date

31.01.24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity name	No (if any)
Wealden Festival Foundation	1170588

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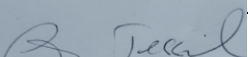
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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/Grants/Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Events income: Charitable Activities	56,414	-	-	56,414	46,715
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,414	-	-	56,414	46,715
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,414	-	-	56,414	46,715
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of charitable activities	69,162	-	-	69,162	54,095
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,162	-	-	69,162	54,095
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,162	-	-	69,162	54,095
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,749	-	-	- 12,749	- 7,379
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,580	-	-	3,580	3,799
Cash funds this year end	16,329	-	-	16,329	3,580

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	501	-	-
	Trade debtors	350		
	Stock	420	-	-
	Prepayments	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,271	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Trade creditors	-	-	
	Loan: A Willan	17,600	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Mike Buchanan		
		Caroline Jessel	31.01.24	



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
Wealden Festival Foundation

On accounts for the
period ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1170588

Set out on pages

1 to 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 31/03/2022.

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:

Date: 31/01/2024

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

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.