



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

1 Apr 2022

To

Period end date

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
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### 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

## 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. This year they have, in particular, appointed an independent chair of the Festival Committee to oversee the Charity's legal and governance operations and to ensure objective scrutiny of the Charity's activities.

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

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

The Charity’s Objectives are as follows:

- 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.

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 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.

The Charity also seeks to work with local primary and secondary schools through the implementation of outreach programmes.

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.

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.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### 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 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 sixth 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 donated funds 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.


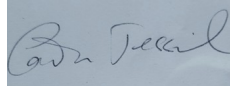
**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		
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Full name(s)

Michael Ross Buchanan	Caroline Rosemary Jessel	
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Position (eg Chair)

Trustee	Trustee	
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Date

31 January 2025
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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	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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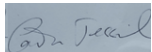
### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership/Grants/Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Events income: Charitable Activities	82,053	-	-	82,053	56,414
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	82,053	-	-	82,053	56,414
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	82,053	-	-	82,053	56,414
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of charitable activities	63,799	-	-	63,799	69,162
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	63,799	-	-	63,799	69,162
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	63,799	-	-	63,799	69,162
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	18,254	-	-	18,254	12,749
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	- 16,329	-	-	- 16,329	- 3,580
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,925	-	-	1,925	16,329

## 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>	Bank account	137	-	-
	Trade debtors	-	-	-
	Stock	1,788	-	-
	Prepayments	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Trade creditors	-	-	
	Loan: A Willan	-	-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Buchanan	31.01.25
	Caroline Jessel	31.01.25





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 2024

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:

31/01/2025

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

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



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.