

# LEWES PASSION PLAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1177730

## Details

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Other names	Lewes Christian Arts
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-03-28
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Rosevine Wellgreen Lane Kingston Lewes East Sussex BN7 3NS
Phone	01273483307
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Website	<a href="http://www.lewespassionplay.org">www.lewespassionplay.org</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN LEWES AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, PARTICIPATING IN ARTISTIC, DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS AND EXHIBITIONS, BROADCASTING, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON CHRISTIANITY TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

**Activities:** Lewes Christian Arts is a focus group which aims to extend Christian unity and the Christian faith through artistic and social activities. The group will initiate and support arts events to enlighten and promote the Christian religion for the benefit of the public. Our activities will be serving Lewes and the surrounding areas encouraging inclusive participation within the community.

## Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- East Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£340	£884	-	-
2024-08-31	£150	£642	-	-
2023-08-31	£378	£752	-	-
2022-08-31	£595	£679	-	-
2021-08-31	£725	£1,028	-	-
2020-08-31	£5,293	£4,514	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>SERENA JOY SMITH</b>	Chair	2018-01-22
CAROL CHRISTINE TAPLIN		2025-09-01
Christina Pepper		2025-01-13
GRAHAM JOHN PURDYE		2018-01-22
Josie Alwyn		2025-01-13
Lorna Melia		2025-01-13
PETER GEORGE SHEARS		2018-01-22
ROBERT PARR		2025-01-13
Rachael Nicholson		2025-01-13

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2024 To 31 August 2025

Charity name: Lewes Passion Play trading as Lewes Christian Arts

Charity registration number: 1177730

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian religion in Lewes and surrounding areas for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, participating in artistic, dramatic and musical performances, workshops and exhibitions, broadcasting, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Fully inclusive social events. Gathering for prayer, spiritual and artistic inspiration. Formation of team to manage production issues including publicity. Formation of choir and instrumental groups. Liaison with churches to use facilities and to publicise events. Preparation for public performances.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on the public benefit requirement for charities and this has been taken into account in the charity's objectives.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The year from September 2024 was a more positive one for us with the decision to formulate a new group under the banner of <i>Lewes Passion Play trading as Lewes Christian Arts</i>. The Charity Commission were informed. Several people came forward from our request to serve as Trustees for this group and their details have all been processed. We now have a new Treasurer and Secretary, but the Chair has agreed to continue to aid the transition. In March 2025 we invited supporters to an informal gathering to share and discuss ideas for ways forward from which many rich and creative thoughts sprung. Our Easter event was therefore entitled 'Spring Arising' and the Easter message was shared with the public through contributed music, poetry, art and drama. Following this it was decided to create a larger, more impactful event for the area and for it to happen in the Autumn so as not to clash with local church festivals and other events. It was agreed to spend a portion of the monies raised for the Passion Play in 2020 so we could be seen to be doing something with this, and for it to be again an offering to the residents of Lewes and the surrounding area promoting a positive Christian message of Light in the world. The event was to be called 'Ways of Light' and to be based on specially composed music and to include a professional light show. By August 2025 a musical director, lighting company, some artists and a working party had all been established. We feel that we have had a rebirth and look forward to the coming year.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See form CC16a
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds are raised and held for the purpose of producing artistic events in Lewes and the surrounding areas. Funds previously raised and not used due to Covid are being held over. Review is in progress as to how they may be used for artistic events in line with the charity's objectives if not specifically for a Passion Play. Decisions have already been made to use some of the money for artistic events branching out from merely plays about the Easter story to different types of artistic events throughout the year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash funds at year end £19,637.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Trustees are appointed for a 3 year period by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the existing Trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	These are stated in the welcome letter which new trustees receive and sign.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lewes Passion Play
Other name the charity uses	Lewes Christian Arts
Registered charity number	1177730
Charity's principal address	Rosevine, Wellgreen Lane, Kingston, East Sussex BN7 3NS



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	S.J.Smith	
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Serena Joy Smith	
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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
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<b>Date</b>	28.5.26
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Lewes Passion Play</b>	No (if any) 1177730
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.9.24	To	Period end date 31.8.25
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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>					
Insurance refund	275	-	-	275	-
Donations	65	-	-	65	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Production costs	15	-	-	15	-
Venue hire inc refreshments	211	-	-	211	48
Printing/stationery	223	-	-	223	-
Professional costs inc insurance	435	-	-	435	595
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 544</b>	<b>- 493</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>20,181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,181</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>19,637</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,637</b>	<b>493</b>

# 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>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<i>S.J. Smith</i>	S,J.SMITH	28.5.26

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Lewes Passion Play
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	LPP
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1177730
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	11, Peckham Close
	Lewes
	Sussex
	<b>Postcode</b> BN7 2EW

### 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	Serena Smith	Chair of Trustees		Charity Trustees
2	Eleanor Austin	Secretary		Charity Trustees
3	Peter Shears			Charity Trustees
4	Gretel Scott			Charity Trustees
5	Graham Purdye			Charity Trustees
6	William Telford		Until -14.4.24	Charity Trustees
7	Stella Hull		Until - 20.2.24	Charity Trustees
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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)	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

**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.

We work closely with Churches Together in Lewes which is affiliated with Churches Together in England
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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian faith in Lewes for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, participating in dramatic and musical performances, broadcasting, producing and /or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others.

Lewes Passion Play is a focus group which aims to extend Christian unity through artistic and social activities, aiming to culminate in a passion play every 5 years. It is not proving possible to achieve this in 2025.

**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)**

Fully inclusive social events

Spiritual enlightening prayer meetings, workshops.

Formation of teams to create costumes, props and set.

Formation of team to manage production issues including publicity.

Formation of choir and instrumental groups.

Composition of music for performance.

Liaison with churches to use facilities.

Preparation for Public performances.

**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.

All our work is based on the goodwill of volunteers – fundraisers, designers, script writers, actors, hospitality, health and safety officers, safeguarding, set builders, costume makers, musicians, publicity and website.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

SEPTEMBER 2023 – AUGUST 2024

## TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The year has been a frustratingly disappointing year. It was hoped that our new Artistic Director would create an impact with an Easter project for 2024 and although interesting ideas and thoughts were suggested they did not materialise. Several Easter Drama Workshops were held and a number of the Passion Play supporters did attend giving hope to the possibility of a Lewes Passion Play 2025 happening. A new Core group was formed to assist with supporting the Director and start to get things into action. However, it soon became clear to the Trustees that communications between them and the Director were not progressing effectively or at the pace required. Regretfully the Trustees have made the decision to not hold a Lewes Passion Play for 2025 due to the lack of appropriate administrative support being in place.

At our recent Trustees meeting it was agreed to suspend the charity and to look into our options for either closing down or renaming it to draw in a wider group of Christian artistic people to become Trustees and rebrand it.

Lewes is a very artistic town and the Passion Play has been very well received in the past enabling strong links for our churches, community links and rich relationships for a wide range of people. Within the present climate volunteers are becoming more limited therefore we think it would be in our interest to be more creative in our 'reaching out' with the Christian message. Instead of having a Passion Play as our sole objective it could be a subsidiary one and could be done in a smaller way as part of a wider Lewes Christian Arts Project.

We are presently taking advice on what we are and are not able to do as registered CIO and pray that we can continue forth with spreading the central gospel message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in our town within an artistic framework.

Serena Smith

Chair LPP

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are raised and held for the purpose of producing Lewes based artistic events.

**Details of any funds materially 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.

Funds previously raised and not used due to Covid are being held over. Review is in progress as to how they may be used for artistic events in line with charity objects if not specifically for a Passion Play.

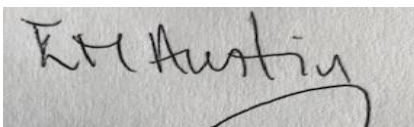
## Section F Other optional information

## 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)**

Eleanor Austin

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Secretary/Trustee

**Date**

15/09/2024





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Lewes Passion Play**

No (if any)  
1177730

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/09/2023** To **31/08/2024**

### 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>					
Donations	150	-	-	150	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Production costs	-	-	-	-	-
Venue hire	48	-	-	48	-
Printing/stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Professional costs	595	-	-	595	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 493</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,674	-	-	20,674	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,181</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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>		20,181	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

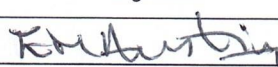
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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			-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	K M AUSTIN	15.9.24

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
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4	Peter Shears			Charity Trustees
5	Gretel Scott			Charity Trustees
6	Graham Purdye			Charity Trustees
7	William Telford		From 06.11.2022	Charity Trustees
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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
None	

#### 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)	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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## Section C Objectives and activities

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<p>To advance the Christian faith in Lewes for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, participating in dramatic and musical performances, broadcasting, producing and /or distributing</p>
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<p>literature on Christianity to enlighten others.</p> <p>Lewes Passion Play is a focus group which aims to extend Christian unity through artistic and social activities, culminating in a passion play every 5 years. Lewes Passion Play tells the story of Easter to the local community. The Gospel account is brought to life on the streets of the town. Performances are throughout Holy Week.</p>
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**Section D Achievements and performance**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

SEPTEMBER 2022 – AUGUST 2023

#### TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

After a joyous Easter 'Singing in the Streets', events and follow up for Lewes Passion Play became rather fallow. In October 2022 our outstanding Production Manager for Lewes Passion Play 2010, 2015 and 2020 stated that she would not be continuing in this role for 2025. Unfortunately, around this time it was becoming clearer that our extremely talented Musical Director was seriously ill with cancer. Concerns about 2025 were starting to be raised. In November we held a 'Going Forward' meeting with local churches, trustees and key supporters and it was agreed that a new Core Administrative Team was required. Just before Christmas the highly experienced and dedicated Director of Lewes Passion Play 2000, 2010, 2015 and 2020 decided it was also time for her to stand down and for a completely new team to step up for 2025.

In January 2023 an Appeal was put out for a new Director for LPP2025 and also for new Trustees for replenishment of one standing down and with awareness that there would be requirements for additional expertise going forward.

In May 2023 Tim Telford a Youth Minister with a strong Drama background and interest in LPP was appointed as Director.

Tim has been in discussions with various members of the key production team and plans for rebuilding the Core Administrative and Production Team are underway.

We pray that 2024 will be a year in which the Lewes Passion Play can start to be active in our Church and Town community once again.

Chair Lewes Passion Play

Serena Smith

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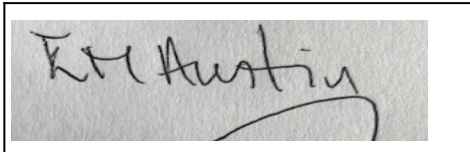
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Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Eleanor Austin

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary/Trustee

Date

12/06/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Lewes Passion Play**

No (if any)  
1177730

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	378	-	-	378	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Production costs	-	-	-	-	-
Venue hire	67	-	-	67	-
Printing/stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Professional costs	686	-	-	686	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 374</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,048</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,674</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,674</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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>		20,674	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	20,674	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S.J. SMITH	12.06.24
	EM AUSTIN	12.06.24

**LEWES PASSION PLAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177730

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date
<b>From</b>		<b>To</b>	
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2021
	Day 31	Month 08	Year 2022

### Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Lewes Passion Play
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	LPP
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1177730
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	11, Peckham Close
	Lewes
	Sussex
	<b>Postcode</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BN7 2EW</b></span>

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None	

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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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
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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

AUGUST 2021 – AUGUST 2022

**TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

With a number of Covid restrictions in place things were still fairly limited, however with easements an afternoon outdoor gathering event was held in September to celebrate what had been achieved in spite of everything. Work also began to seek out new active members for the organisational team as a number of roles needed to be filled.

The trustees took the decision to maintain the 5-year cycle of major Lewes Passion Plays in years ending with '0' or '5', so to aim for 2025.

An outreach event was held in October 2021 to garner support, having previously approached all the Lewes Clergy and churches. A morning of prayer and discussion resulted in a group getting together to plan an interim Easter Singing event for 2022.

The Easter event took groups of people around the town with a selection of Easter songs and speakers promoting Lewes Passion Play in a celebration of the Resurrection.

Trustees then began planning the search process for new team members including a director for 2025, ready for launch in September 2022.

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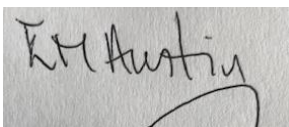
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**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**



**Full name(s)**

Eleanor Austin

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Secretary/Trustee

**Date**

27/06/2023





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Lewes Passion Play

No (if any)  
1177730

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/09/2021 To 31/08/2022

### 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>					
Donations	595	-	-	595	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Open Meetings	38	-	-	38	-
Production cost	35	-	-	35	-
Stationary/printing	80	-	-	80	-
insurance	526	-	-	526	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 84</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		21,049	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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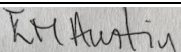
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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			-	
			-	

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	EM Austin	11/09/2022

**LEWES PASSION PLAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177730

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# Accounts

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**AUGUST 2020 – AUGUST 2021**

**TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Due to Covid 19 2020 was a great disappointment. With the country in lockdown for most of the year there was very little we could do.

We were still restricted at Christmas, so we were not even able to hold our annual Christmas Carol Singing around the town. Instead, however, we did create an online Advent offering for the website for people to view. Poems, videos, music and readings were included from a range of LPP supporters.

Easter 2021 was still plagued with Covid restrictions, however, we did manage to create an outdoor visual display for the town, in Southover Grange. This included the giant banners designed by a local artist that were to be used for Lewes Passion Play 2020 representing the four Acts of the play: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Photo boards which told the Easter Story were erected along with an outline of the LPP 2020 journey in photos. As people were allowed out walking in limited numbers, we believe they were an appropriate witness. We also had a display in the town information office entitled: 'Seeds of Hope, Enduring Love'. A large sized painting was commissioned for this. Joy and Tony Harper created a stunning window sized painting capturing the essence and joy of Easter.

Trustees continued to meet via Zoom and plans made for meetings in the Autumn to plan for Easter 2022 and beyond.

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## Financial review

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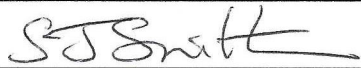
## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Serena Smith	Eleanor Austin
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair of Trustees	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	28//06/2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Lewes Passion Play**

No (if any)  
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Production costs	507	-	-	507	-
Venue hire	-	-	-	-	-
Printing/stationery	30	-	-	30	-
Professional costs	492	-	-	492	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 303</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,436	-	-	21,436	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,133</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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		21,133	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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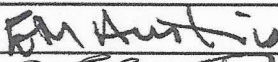

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EM AUSTIN	24.06.22
	S. J. SMITH	28-06-22

**LEWES PASSION PLAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177730

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 07	Year 2019	Day 31	Month 08	Year 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lewes Passion Play

**Other names charity is known by** LPP

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1177730

**Charity's principal address**

11, Peckham Close
Lewes
Sussex
<b>Postcode</b> BN7 2EW

### 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	Serena Smith	Chair of Trustees		Charity Trustees
2	Eleanor Austin	Secretary		Charity Trustees
3	Andrew Deans			Charity Trustees
4	Peter Shears			Charity Trustees
5	Gretel Scott			Charity Trustees
6	Graham Purdye			Charity Trustees
7	Stella Hull			Charity Trustees
8	David Farey		12.07.2020	Charity Trustees
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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
None	

**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 <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by existing Trustees

**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.

<p>We work closely with Churches Together in Lewes which is affiliated with Churches Together in England</p> <p>We are affiliated with 'Thirty One Eight' a Christian Safeguarding Company to advise and create DBS checks</p> <p>We appointed a specific Safeguarding officer. A number of volunteers registered with ESCC as voluntary Chaperones, completing the required training and checks.</p> <p>We worked with the Lewes Musical Theatre company who assisted with additional lighting and staging.</p>
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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian faith in Lewes for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, participating in dramatic and musical performances, broadcasting, producing and /or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others.

Lewes Passion Play is a focus group which aims to extend Christian unity through artistic and social activities, culminating in a passion play every 5 years. Lewes Passion Play tells the story of Easter to the local community. The Gospel account is brought to life on the streets of the town. Performances are throughout Holy Week.

**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)**

Fully inclusive social events

Spiritual enlightening prayer meetings, workshops.

Formation of teams to create costumes, props and set.

Formation of team to manage production issues including publicity.

Formation of choir and instrumental groups.

Composition of music for performance.

Liaison with churches to use facilities.

Preparation for Public performances.

**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.

All our work is based on the goodwill of volunteers – fundraisers, designers, script writers, actors, hospitality, health and safety officers, safeguarding, set builders, costume makers, musicians, publicity and website.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year August 2019 – August 2020

This year was to have been the busiest and most exciting with the staging of the Passion Play during Holy Week but unfortunately, like the rest of the world, we were overtaken by events.

Having reached our financial target of £20,000 for the Lewes Passion Play 2020 production we were ready for action; September saw finalisations of the script and open auditions for the cast. We were delighted to cast nearly all key parts, including the role of Jesus. Participants came from Lewes and the immediate surrounding area with a few from further afield. Radio appeals on BBC Sussex in October and November for the last few specific characters were successful. Our host churches generously gave us rehearsal spaces and all those across the local area supported with promotion.

At Christmas we used the opportunity of our traditional Carol Singing evening to promote the play within the churches and wider town. Further support with publicity came from the bi-monthly community paper and also the local press.

Our biggest expense was to have been the lights, staging and sound; our previous provider was unable to assist this time. We were very fortunate to find another local company at a reasonable rate. In addition, the Lewes Musical Theatre Society kindly offered staging and sound services including practical support, for a nominal fee.

We had a setback with one of our intended venues when part of Lewes Castle wall collapsed into it and repairs looked unlikely to be completed by Easter. Once again, we found Lewes Town Council and Harvey's brewery very forthcoming and willing to offer alternative settings.

The production team consisted solely of volunteers from a range of churches and the community: Production manager, director, musical director, wardrobe mistress and team, set and props co-ordinator and team, fight choreographer, head of carpentry and team, core committee, safe-guarding officers, publicity and trustees all worked together to create and build the infrastructure for the planned, week-long Lewes Passion Play, starting on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday. A licensed donkey had also been sourced.

However, from February the Covid virus situation was becoming an increasing threat and it was absolutely devastating, after one full dress rehearsal, to have to halt the project in response to the national lockdown.

As part of our outreach to the community and promotion we had a full window display in the Lewes Tourist Information Office. This was ultimately in place for several months!

The company was hugely disappointed, but, resourcefully, many of them responded to a call to record an audio version of the play to be presented on our website. The Script writer and director edited the play and many of the cast recorded their parts individually at home. These were then all edited together

and Lewes Passion Play 2020 became an audio play on You Tube and on our website in time for Easter week.

With the overwhelming support from the company – both backstage and front - the project has had many positive outcomes. A wide range of costumes, including some stunning 'Roman armour' is in storage, along with significant set and props items; once the opportunity arises, they will form an excellent basis for future projects.

The audio version of the play has reached many people who would probably not otherwise have had access to the performances. Friendships and connections formed during rehearsals and workshops have lasted into and beyond lockdown.

At this point the Trustees had hoped that we would resurrect the production for 2021.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds are raised and held for the purpose of producing a Lewes Passion Play

**Details of any funds materially 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.

Key funds come from fundraising, donations, gift aid and charitable grants. We do not charge for any of our performances.

## Section F Other optional information

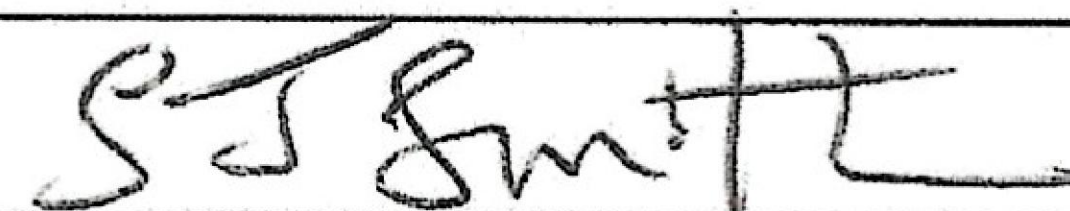
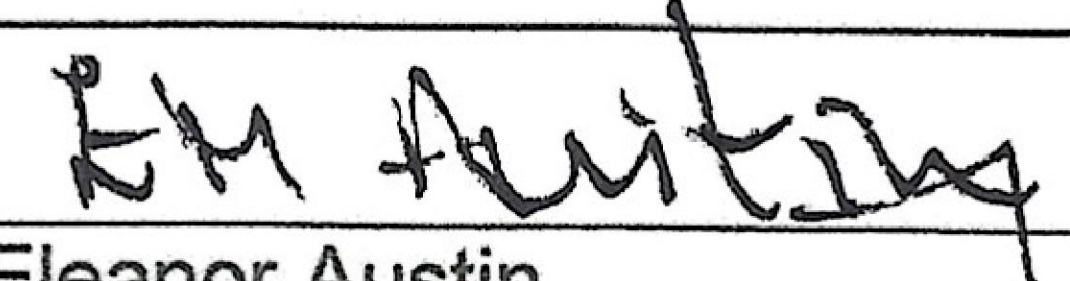
Covid 19 resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 Lewes Passion Play in the final two weeks prior to production.

All possible elements were put into storage and an audio version of a modified script was created, with individuals recording their parts and the edited version posted online accessible via Youtube and the LPP website.

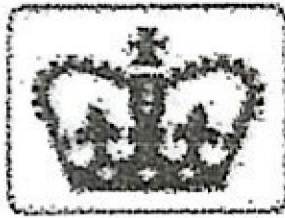
## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Serena Smith	Eleanor Austin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Secretary

Date 21/06/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Lewes Passion Play

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2019	To	Period end date 31/08/2020
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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>					
Donations	3,636	-	-	3,636	-
Grants	1,464	-	-	1,464	-
Fund raising	194	-	-	194	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Production costs	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
Venue hire	1,183	-	-	1,183	-
Printing/stationery	1,194	-	-	1,194	-
Professional costs	1,107	-	-	1,107	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>20,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,656</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>-</b>

**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>		21,436	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

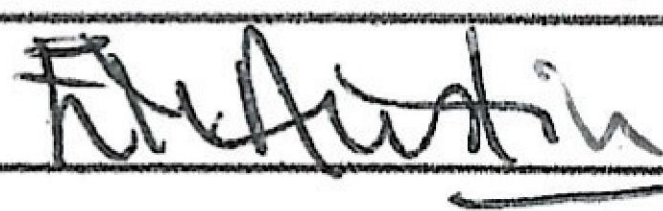
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Eleanor Austin	10/06/2021