



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

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	Until 5.9.24	
3	Peter Shears			
4	Graham Purdye			
5	Gretel Scott		Until 5.9.24	
6	Karen Stanley	Secretary	From 13.1.25 until 21.7.25	
7	Christina Pepper		From 13.1.25	
8	Josie Alwyn		From 13.1.25	
9	Lorna Melia		From 13.1.25	
10	Robert Parr		From 13.1.25	
11	Rachael Nicholson		From 13.1.25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

Signature(s)

S.J.Smith

Full name(s)

Serena Joy Smith

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

28.5.26



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Charity Name	No (if any)
Lewes Passion Play	1177730

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1.9.24		31.8.25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Insurance refund	275	-	-	275	-
Donations	65	-	-	65	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	340	-	-	340	150
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	340	-	-	340	150
A3 Payments					
Production costs	15	-	-	15	-
Venue hire inc refreshments	211	-	-	211	48
Printing/stationery	223	-	-	223	-
Professional costs inc insurance	435	-	-	435	595
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	884	-	-	884	643
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	884	-	-	884	643
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 544	-	-	- 544	- 493
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,181	-	-	20,181	-
Cash funds this year end	19,637	-	-	19,637	- 493

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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	
	Signature			
	S.J.Smith	S,J.SMITH	28.5.26	