



Hastings Traditional Jack in the Green

Trustees Annual Report

For the Period from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

Registered charity number 1180939

Principal address:

62 Collier Road
Hastings, East Sussex
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- Accepted as Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Constitution on 30th November 2018.
- The Trustees are members of the existing Committee and are voted in by Committee on a three-year rotating basis. Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the CIO Annual General Meeting held in June.

Charity Trustees:

Name	Office held
Keith Ronald Leech	Trustee - Chairman
Bryony Leech	Trustee - Vice Chair
Fiona Jane Dunbar Lock	Trustee - Secretary
Carole Jean Green	Trustee - Treasurer
Harry Lloyd Wheatcroft	Trustee - Health & Safety
Heather Leech	Trustee
John William Pasco	Trustee
Mark Richard Bailey	Trustee
Rosanna Poppy Betson	Trustee
Timothy Betson	Trustee
Owain Boorman	Trustee

Objectives and Activities:

To promote, improve and advance education in, and appreciation of, the arts, in particular but not exclusively through the staging of an annual folk arts festival in Hastings including performance and promotion of English traditional dance forms (including Morris dancing and Jack-in-the-Green parade), traditional English folk music and song, folk tales, and their associated seasonal customs. New recruits to Morris Dancing are gained and many more find a new interest in traditional music and dance, thus succeeding in our objectives.

The sunrise ceremony is held on the first of May each year when local Morris Sides "dance the sun up" to welcome the summer and invites spectators to dance on Hastings Castle grounds.

The Jack in the Green Festival, a four-day annual event in the seaside resort of Hastings in East Sussex. It is a true British May Day celebration described as "thee celebration of Morris dancing and traditional merriment", led by the symbolic figure of Jack in the Green and culminating in a colourful, costumed parade.

The event includes music of all genres from some of the best local and surrounding area's bands and historic and social events. The weekend is topped off by the main event on the May Bank Holiday Monday, with the Jack in the Green parade. The parade sets off from the Fisherman's Museum in the Old Town, and finishes on the West Hill, where there is an opportunity to see traditional folk dancers and music throughout the afternoon. The festival culminates with the symbolic slaying of Jack, to release the spirit of summer.

History and current day formation of the Committee:

May 1st has long been an important part of the annual calendar. It is the start of summer in these latitudes and has always been a day for celebration: the Celts celebrated May Day; the Romans dedicated the day and would go to the woods to cut a tree and decorate it with ribbons and flowers, this is the origin of the May Pole. In the 16th and 17th centuries in England people made garlands of flowers and leaves for the May Day celebration. Works Guilds would try to outdo each other, in the late 18th century this became a matter for competition, milkmaids in London carried garlands on their heads, but the crown had to go to the chimney sweeps. Their garland was so big it covered the entire man. It became known as Jack in the Green.

In Hastings there were at least two groups who paraded a Jack in the Green until about 1889. The custom was revived in Hastings by Mad Jacks Morris Dancers in 1983. The Jack is not the property of a small group of dancers but belongs to us all. Further information about the Jack in the Green in Hastings can be obtained by reading the excellent book "The Hastings Jack in the Green" written by Keith Leech (ISBN 0 9514498 0 X). Keith, a long-time member of Mad Jacks Morris was instrumental in

reviving the tradition in Hastings. A volunteer committee was formed to organise, promote, and perform the festival.

Financial Review:

A copy of our accounts is included with this report and confirms our income and expenditure as well as reserves. Trustees, Committee members and volunteers give their time and efforts freely and do not receive remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred. For several years we have been building reserves to enable us to hold subsequent years' events when grants and funds are not available.

It was an exciting time for us this year as there were no government directives to hinder the celebrations. The Trustees and members of the Committee planned the event with all the vigor and more, bringing life back into Hastings Traditional Jack in the Green.

Income: The return of entertainment, street collections, decorating the town, sale of merchandise, craft fair participation and donations have given the event a new lease of life and given us the ability to fund our event. No government funding was received.

This year's surplus of £7.149 is a result of the sale of merchandise, decorating donations, entertainment, programme advertisements and the Craft Fair. With only a few areas of deficit, the net result is favourable and very much welcome after several years of disappointing losses.

The few areas of minimal but necessary expense were security, insurance, first aid, stage and sound and accommodation for visiting Morris sides.

Each year the Committee grants two charitable donations to local organisations.

- The historical Hastings Fishermen's Museum, who provides a venue for the start of the procession and is Grade II listed by English Heritage. It is free to visitors to learn the importance of Britain's largest shore-based fishing fleet.
- Hastings Borough Bonfire Society, the largest single bonfire celebration in Sussex and is financed by funding and donations. The Society each year provides many volunteers that are an integral part of the event. The volunteers are marshals and stewards and are highly valued.

Non-Trustee Committee Members who have specific and essential duties for the success of the event:

Ann Bourner - Founder member & floral planner for Jack
Lesley Battison - Organises the purchase and sales of Merchandise
Chris Battison - Co-organiser of Merchandise

Chris Leech - Mad Jack's Morris representative
Lynn Blake - Representative for Hannah's Cat Morris
Paul & Helen Evans - Organises and manages decorating in the town

Report written by Treasurer, Carole Green, and approved by Trustees.

Hastings Traditional Jack-in-the-Green

As at 30 September 2022

Merchandising Account

This report is intended solely for the use of JITG Committee members & the Charity Commission and should not be circulated.

Registered Charity No: 1180939		Incoming	Outgoing	Net	Balance
Opening balance					12,436.84
T-shirts etc					
Opening stock - at cost			1,107.81		
Bought in year -					
Badges			215.00		
JITG books	cost of units sold		40.00		
Stickers	cost of units sold		14.98		
			1,377.79		
Closing stock - at valuation			(110.13)		
Cost of Stock Sold			1,267.66		
Sales at Weekend					
Card sales West Hill		602.00			
Card sales St Mary's		301.00			
Card sales Stade		829.00			
Cash sales Stade		577.40			
Cash sales St Marys		490.00			
Cash sales West Hill		1,278.00			
Cash sales CD G Blakeley		35.00			
Dance at dawn badges		109.40			
Card sales fees			29.20		
After date, pre order & other sales					
Card sales Pre Sales		74.00			
Card sales Green Lady		76.00			
Card sales After Sales		12.00			
Card sales fees			2.72		
Cash sales Pre Sales		108.00			
Cash sales Green Lady		183.80			
Cash sales After Sales		17.00			
		4,692.60	1,299.58	3,393.02	15,829.86
Expenses					
Hospitality			30.00		
HBC Trading Licence -			102.00		
		-	132.00	(132.00)	15,697.86
Net trading surplus for year (transferred to main A/C)				3,261.02	(3,261.02)
				3,261.02	12,436.84
Current Balance: -					
Building Society					12,445.69
Add: Stock still held - valuation		T-shirts etc		110.13	
Less: Unpaid costs - JITG books £4 x 16				(104.00)	
Less: Unpaid costs - stickers 13 x 0.675				(14.98)	
					(8.85)
					12,436.84

I confirm that the completed statement above is a true reflection of the financial position for the Merchandising Account for Hastings Traditional Jack-in-the-Green for the period between 1st October 2021 and 30th September 2022.



Carole Jean Green, Treasurer
Hastings Traditional Jack-in-the-Green
30th September 2022