

**ASSEMBLY ROOMS TRUST DEDHAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**AND**  
**STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**Assembly Rooms Trust Dedham**  
**Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
Registered Charity number 1189695

<b>Trustees:</b>	Mrs Sharon Sarsons Mr Jonathan Smith Mrs Jill Strangward Mr Peter Wilson
<b>Governing Document</b>	Deed of Conveyance dated the 27 <sup>th</sup> October 1908
<b>Trust Asset</b>	Assembly Rooms (formerly Hewitt Memorial Hall )
<b>Trust Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. For the celebration of Divine Service in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England as by Law established.</li><li>2. As a Class-Room Meeting-Room or Lecture-Room for Confirmation or Bible Classes or for other religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.</li><li>3. For any other objects ends or purposes having in view the spiritual intellectual moral or physical wants of the people or for any other objects ends or purposes designed or promoted for the instruction or recreation of the people.</li></ol>
<b>Address of Charity</b>	The Parishes Office, Assembly Rooms, High Street, Dedham, Essex CO7 6HJ
<b>Solicitors</b>	Messrs. Birkett, 24/26 Museum Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.
<b>Activities and Achievements</b>	The Rooms continue to be used regularly for community use most week days. At weekends there is a good mix of both community and private use. The rooms are used on a regular basis for meetings, exercise and social clubs, including Art classes, Bridge afternoons and Film screenings. For occasional use they host fundraising events, fairs, social events and family celebrations including wedding receptions. In collaboration with another village group a defibrillator has been installed for community use. During the year the kitchen was refitted with new modern equipment.

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**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Letting of Hall	21,160	18,866
Deposits withheld	-	-
Licence Fees	2,520	2,520
Donations	1,527	50
Dividends	17,944	16,587
Insurance Claim	-	425
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>£43,151</b>	<b>£38,448</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>		
Deposit received	-	235
Debtor received	414	570
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£43,565</b>	<b>£39,253</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Insurance	-	10,190
Hall running expenses	15,505	11,509
Hall maintenance expenses	5,535	945
Staff costs	9,208	9,578
Professional fees	-	250
Defibrillator	1,527	-
Kitchen refit	27,158	-
	<b>58,933</b>	<b>32,472</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>		
Deposits refunded	235	-
Debtor due	860	414
Transfer to CCLA	80,000	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£140,028</b>	<b>£32,886</b>
<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>	<b>(96,463)</b>	<b>6,367</b>
Cash funds last year end	137,990	131,623
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£41,527</b>	<b>£137,990</b>

## Assembly Rooms Trust Dedham

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### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Barclays Bank	41,160	137,644
Petty Cash	367	346
	<u>£41,527</u>	<u>£137,990</u>

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#### Other monetary assets

Deposits held	£400	£635
Debtors	£860	£414

#### Investment assets

The CBF Church of England Investment Fund		
30,332.95 Income Shares	£701,380	£606,826
Book cost £356,484		

#### Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assembly Rooms

Note: The building has not been valued  
for accounting purposes

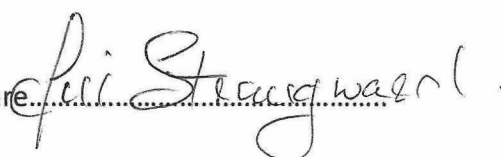
Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Name Sharon Sarsen

Signature



Name

JILL STRANGWARD

Date of approval

29/9/25

Date of approval

29.9.25



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Assembly Rooms Trust, Dedham

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1189695

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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 did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

01/12/2025

Name:

Tracy Jane Haines

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

Address:

Rose Cottage

Long Road West

Dedham. CO7 6EL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.