



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Lant Charity

On accounts for the
period ended

31.01.25

Charity no
(if any)

1200608

Set out on pages

1-5

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

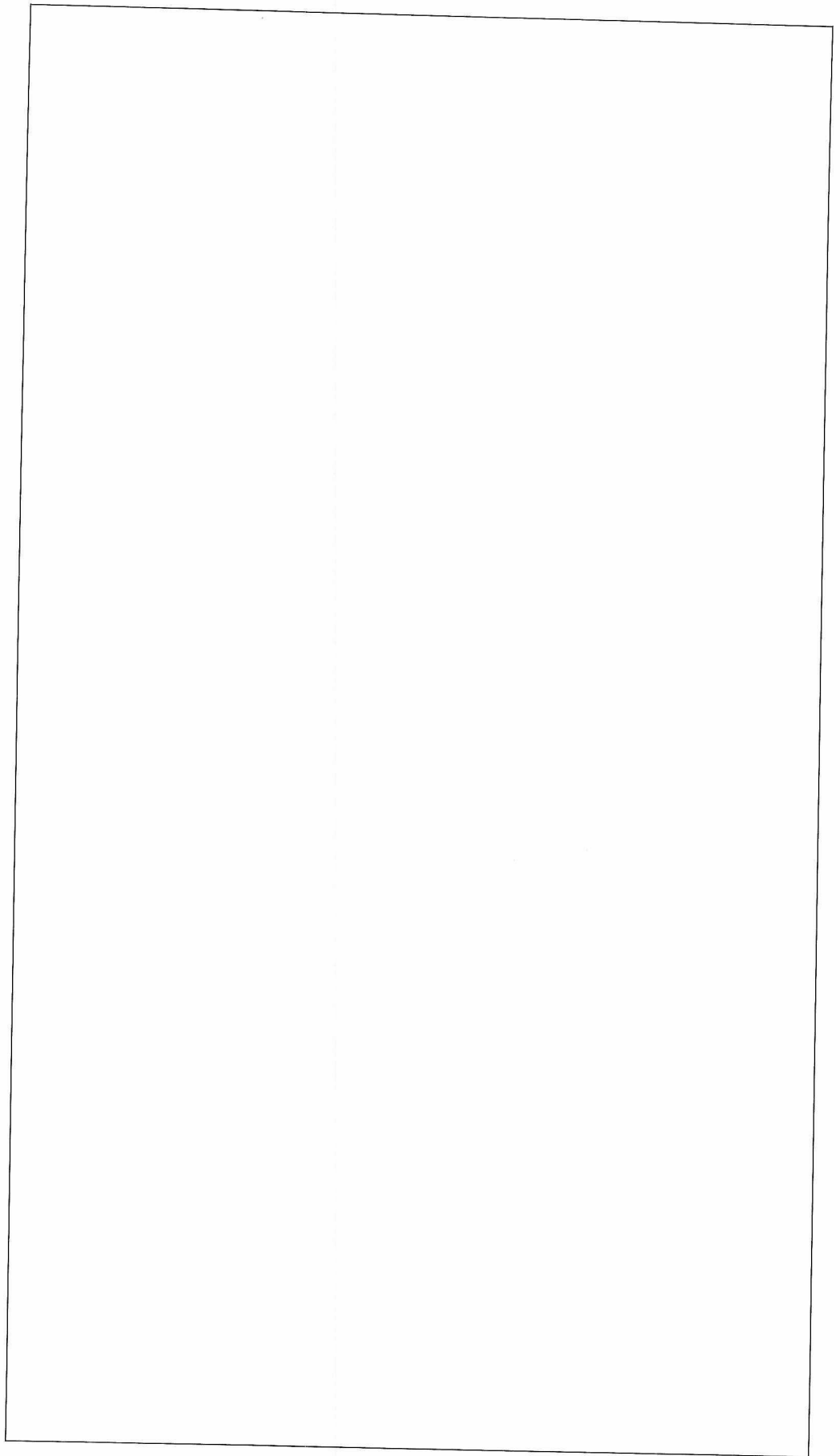
Signed: 

Date: 23/8/25

Name: Rory Murtagh

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA, ICAEW

Address: 36 Arden Close
Balsall Common
CV7 7NY





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Lant Charity

1200608

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01.02.24

To

31.01.25

CC16a

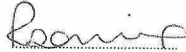
Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Rental Income	24,228	-	-	24,228	10,051
Investment Income	12,400	-	-	12,400	2,932
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,628	-	-	36,628	12,983
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,628	-	-	36,628	12,983
A3 Payments					
Cleaning	5,090	-	-	5,090	1,800
Heat & Light	4,426	-	-	4,426	1,642
Water	1,001	-	-	1,001	391
Repairs	2,450	-	-	2,450	1,364
Legal & Professional	1,022	-	-	1,022	600
Clerk Fees	3,069	-	-	3,069	1,228
Sundry	2,741	-	-	2,741	220
Grants & Donations	13,200	-	-	13,200	2,820
Insurance	2,602	-	-	2,602	2,427
Sub total	35,601	-	-	35,601	12,492
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
COIF	3,692	-	-	3,692	923
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,692	-	-	3,692	923
Total payments	39,293	-	-	39,293	13,415
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,665	-	-	- 2,665	- 432
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	78,727	-	-	78,727	79,159
Cash funds this year end	76,062	-	-	76,062	78,727

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	Bank Lant	32,214	-	-
	Bank Reading Rooms	43,848	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	76,062	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	COIF Investments		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Reading Room		-	-
	Sports Pavilion / Lant		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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
	Penelope Downing	19/08/2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date
From	01 Feb 2024	To	31 Jan 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Lant Charity
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1200608
Charity's principal address	15 Wyatt Way
	Meriden
	Coventry
Postcode	CV7 7SJ

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	Penelope Downing	Chair 21 st April 2022 onwards		
2	Diana Jagger			
3	Dinah Edwards			
4	Kay Howles			
5	Kate Riemer			
6	Godfrey Chesshire			
7	David Healey		September 2024	
8	Peter Young		September 2024	
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

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
Clerk Services	Sharon Tuersley	15 Wyatt Way, Meriden, CV7 7SJ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

5 Trustees appointed by the Trustees
Up to 2 Trustees appointed by Berkswell Parish Council
Up to 2 Trustees appointed by Balsall Parish Council

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 following policies have been approved by the Trustees for the Lant Charity which incorporates the activities at the Reading Room, Berkswell.

Grant Awards Policy
Conflicts of Interest Policy
Reserves Policy
Expenses Policy
Safeguarding Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Fire Risk Assessment and Fire Action Notice
Legionella Internal Risk Assessment

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To make grants for or towards the stipend of any minister of the Church of England holding office in the area of benefit and towards the cost of erecting and maintaining any new church or parsonage or of maintaining any existing church or parsonage of the Church of England in the area of benefit or towards the cost of erecting and maintaining any church hall of the Church of England in the area of benefit.

The provision and maintenance of any recreation ground, open space, reading room, library and village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the

area of benefit.

To apply income in relieving generally or individually persons resident in the area of benefit who are in condition of need, hardship or distress.

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)

At their quarterly meetings, the Trustees approved grants to some residents and organisations in the area of benefit, undertook maintenance and upkeep of the Lant Sports Ground and Lant Centre in Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common (either directly or through the Sports Association), undertook maintenance and upkeep of the Reading Room, Berkswell (either directly or through the Reading Room Committee). This year the Trustees have actively sought to diversify the grant awards with some success.

All of the capital of the Trust is invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund together with certain accumulated income. The balance of the accumulated income was placed on high interest deposit with the Central Board of Finance with the Church of England and a reserve amount is kept in the current account.

When exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance issued by the Charity Commission applied, the Trustees had regard to the guidance. The Trustees:

- are aware of the guidance
- have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant
- confirm that if they have decided to depart from the guidance,
- they have good reasons for doing so

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

1. The Reading Room, Berkswell; in November 2024 secured a grant from HS2 for £50,400 to replace the heritage window and doors. It is anticipated that this will improve the internal environment as well as the external aesthetics of the building, thereby ensuring it remains a place of benefit for the local community.
The Reading Room continues to be run as a building for the local community by a Management Committee responsible for its day to day operation and with two Trustees sitting on the Committee. An updated Surveyor's report was commissioned in June 2024 and the Trustees contributed to the external works required to the building and grounds in November 2024. The Trustees continue to have regard to the updated Surveyor's report in respect of the Reading Room to continue the ongoing maintenance and repair programme.
2. The Lant Centre, Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common; the Trustees continue to work with the Sports Association in the operation of the Sports Ground which continues to be a major resource for the community. The Trustees awarded a grant to resolve the drainage issues with the much used cricket pitch. In addition the Sports Association has been awarded a £50k grant for solar PV which will reduce their carbon output. Two Trustees sit as Directors of the Sports Association.
3. Grants: several grants have been made to local people through quarterly grants and grants have been made to several community organisations. The Trustees have sought to diversify, within the Charitable Objectives, the grants this year with some success. Grants have been awarded to a community orchard, families with disabled children, a local rugby club and a community litter pick.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Charity holds reserves in the region of 12 months operating costs as well as anticipating large expenditure for the maintenance of the Reading Room.

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.

All of the capital of the Trust is invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund together with certain accumulated income.

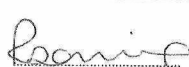
Payments are made to the Permanent Endowment to replace funds used to build the new Lant Centre at the Sports Ground. Payments are funded by the rent paid under the lease granted to the Sports Association.

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)

Penelope Downing

Sharon Tuersley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Clerk

Date

12/06/2025