

# THE EASTBOURNE ASHRIDGE CIRCLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1201658

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2023-01-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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Eastbourne  
BN20 7UX

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CIRCLE IS FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP, PRIMARILY IN EAST SUSSEX, THROUGH THE HOLDING OF LECTURES ON A DIVERSE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AIMED AT ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD, PAST AND PRESENT.

**Activities:** Provision of annual lecture programmes focused on the aim of improving citizenship

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- East Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£53,583	£56,074	-	-
2024-04-30	£51,421	£46,625	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ALAN BRIAN WENHAM BA HONS</b>	Chair	2018-05-30
ALAN KEITH PACKARD		2021-06-23
Anita Mary Dixon		2021-06-23
Ashley Mitchell		2024-06-07
Jennifer Anne King		2021-06-23
Melinda Louise Stone		2024-06-07
Paul Francis Briant		2024-06-07
Susan Pellow		2026-06-05

**THE EASTBOURNE ASHRIDGE CIRCLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1201658

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From June 2024 - Period start date

To June 2025 - Period end date

Charity name: Eastbourne Ashridge Circle

Charity registration number: 1201658

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The Circle is for the promotion of good citizenship, primarily in East Sussex</b>
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	<b>The holding of lectures on a diverse range of subjects that are intended to encourage and promote good citizenship.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The policy is to not make grants</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>The policy is not to make social investment</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>All activity is undertaken by unpaid volunteers</b>
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><b>Lectures have encompassed an update on current geopolitical issues, women's rights and environmental concerns, together with aspects of our social and cultural heritage – all topics with direct relevance to the needs of well-informed citizenship.</b></p> <p><b>Members have made numerous comments complimenting the quality and relevance of the lectures.</b></p> <p><b>Membership numbers reached full capacity as a result of word-of-mouth recommendations.</b></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	<b>The financial position is strong with income above target and the charity remains a going concern</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The policy is to hold reserves of 50% of annual income to meet substantial contracts for accommodation rental and speaker fees that are agreed in advance of the lecture season.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£25,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### 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	<b>Membership subscriptions are the sole source of funds</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>None</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Issues that may prevent lectures from taking place - the sole means by which we deliver our Object. Suitable lecture accommodation could be withdrawn or a national health emergency could cause membership to plummet.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>A constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>An unincorporated charitable association</b>
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	<b>Trustees are directly elected by members at an AGM. There are no constitutional provisions</b>

### 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	
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	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Eastbourne Ashridge Circle
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1201658
Charity's principal address	32 Saffrons Park, Eastbourne BN20 7UX



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### 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)

No paid employees

## 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)

	
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Full name(s)

Jennifer King	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

19 August 2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Eastbourne Ashridge Circle

No (if any)  
1201658

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from 01/05/2024 To 30/04/2025

**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>					
Subscriptions	53,383	-	-	53,383	51,412
Sundries	200	-	-	200	9
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>53,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,583</b>	<b>51,421</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>53,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,583</b>	<b>51,421</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Theatre hire	33,660	-	-	33,660	21,600
Speaker fees	17,999	-	-	17,999	19,031
Digital services	445	-	-	445	2,077
Print, post, Stationery	2,432	-	-	2,432	2,977
Insurance	533	-	-	533	501
Hall hire	100	-	-	100	55
Committee expenses	915	-	-	915	55
Gratuities	-	-	-	-	326
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,074</b>	<b>46,624</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>56,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,074</b>	<b>46,624</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,491</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,491</b>	<b>- 4,797</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>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 2,491</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,491</b>	<b>- 4,797</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>	NatWest Bank	32,583	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

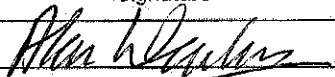
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature 	Print Name ALAN WENHAM	Date of approval 30/11/25
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Eastbourne Ashridge Circle

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1201658

**Set out on pages**

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 do 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:**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Name:**

Brian Murphy

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

**Address:**

Meadhome, 48 St John's Road, Eastbourne, BN20 7NG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

No concerns

**THE EASTBOURNE ASHRIDGE CIRCLE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1201658

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# Accounts

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From June 2023.  
Period end date

Period start date To June 2024

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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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### Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1201658
Charity's principal address	32 Saffrons Park, Eastbourne BN20 7UX

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Alan Wenham	Chair		
2	Jennifer King	Vice-chair		
3	Anita Dixon	Secretary		
4	Katina Shingler	Treasurer		
5	Michael Clarke	Programme Secretary		
6	Alan Packard	Membership Secretary		
7	Tim Hancock			
8	Brian Waters			
9	Richard Wells	President		
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20				

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>None</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>None</b>		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### 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)

No paid employees

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

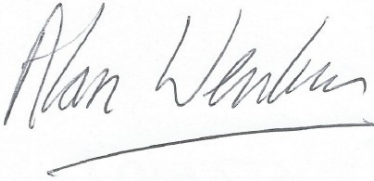
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Alan Wenham	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

14 August 2024
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Eastbourne Ashridge Circle	No (if any) 1201658
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-May-23	To	Period end date 30-Apr-24
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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>					
Subscriptions	51,412	-	-	51,412	45,839
Sundries	9	-	-	9	708
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>51,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,421</b>	<b>46,547</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>51,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,421</b>	<b>46,547</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Theatre hire	21,600	-	-	21,600	20,880
Speaker fees	19,031	-	-	19,031	23,250
Digital services	2,077	-	-	2,077	996
Print Post Stationery	2,977	-	-	2,977	3,341
Insurance	501	-	-	501	479
Hall hire	55	-	-	55	-
Committee expenses	55	-	-	55	370
Gratuities	328	-	-	328	-
Promotions	-	-	-	-	1,975
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,624</b>	<b>51,291</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>46,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,624</b>	<b>51,291</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>4,744</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>4,744</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>	Natwest Bank	35,098	-	-
	Petty cash	60	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alan Wenham	1-Feb-25



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Eastbourne Ashridge Circle

On accounts for the year ended

30 April 2024

Charity no (if any)

1201658

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2024DD / MM / YYYY.

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### Independent examiner's statement

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

Signed:

Date:

2 February 2025

**Name:**

Brian Murphy

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

**Address:**

Flat 1, Edenthorpe Lodge

7 St Johns Road, Eastbourne

BN20 7JA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

No concerns