



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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	The Circle is for the promotion of good citizenship, primarily in East Sussex
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	The holding of lectures on a diverse range of subjects that are intended to encourage and promote good citizenship.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The policy is to not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The policy is not to make social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All activity is undertaken by unpaid volunteers
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>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.</p> <p>Members have made numerous comments complimenting the quality and relevance of the lectures.</p> <p>Membership numbers reached full capacity as a result of word-of-mouth recommendations.</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	The financial position is strong with income above target and the charity remains a going concern
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
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	Membership subscriptions are the sole source of funds
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	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.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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	Alan Wenham	President		
2	Jennifer King	Chair		
3	Melinda Stone	Vice-chair		
4	Paul Briant	Treasurer		
5	Ashley Mitchell	Programme Secretary		
6	Alan Packard	Membership Secretary		
7	Tim Hancock			
8	Brian Waters			
9	Anita Dixon	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

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

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

19 August 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
Eastbourne Ashridge Circle

No (if any)
1201658

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2024	To	Period end date 30/04/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	53,383	-	-	53,383	51,412
Sundries	200	-	-	200	9
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,583	-	-	53,583	51,421
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,583	-	-	53,583	51,421
A3 Payments					
Theatre hire	33,650	-	-	33,650	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	-	-	-	-	328
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	56,074	-	-	56,074	46,624
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,074	-	-	56,074	46,624
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,491	-	-	- 2,491	- 4,797
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 2,491	-	-	- 2,491	- 4,797

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	NatWest Bank	32,583	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,583	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

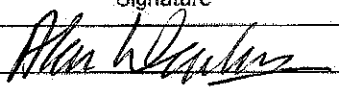
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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



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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

30th 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:

30th 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