

THE WILTSHIRE GUILD OF SPINNERS WEAVERS AND DYERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1203638

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-19

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE CRAFTSMANSHIP IN HAND WEAVING, SPINNING AND DYEING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN SUCH CRAFTSMANSHIP. IN PARTICULAR TO: PROVIDE A HAPPY AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TO LEARN, DEVELOP AND PRACTICE THE SKILLS OF WEAVING, SPINNING AND DYEING. EXPAND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HISTORY AND PRACTICE OF THESE CRAFTS BY DEMONSTRATIONS AT FESTIVALS AND OTHER EVENTS, SUPPORT LEARNING IN THE COMMUNITY BY ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE UP THE CRAFTS OF WEAVING, SPINNING AND DYEING AND OR A STUDY OF THEIR HERITAGE, AND TO ASSIST THEM IN THIS PROCESS. ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN AND PRACTICE THESE CRAFTS BOTH BY THEIR PARTICIPATION AT APPROPRIATE GUILD EVENTS AND ALSO BY PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Activities: No change

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£20,718	£14,728	-	-
2024-10-31	£26,427	£16,747	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BERYL FRANCIS	Chair	2023-06-19
Susan Collyer		2026-02-21
Valerie Zenobia Laverick		2023-06-19

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Charity Commission Report AGM 2026

Charity registration number: CIO. 1203638

Charity name: The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.
3, St Mary's School Building, High Street, Steeple Ashton, BA14 6EU

The objective of the Guild is to preserve and improve craftsmanship in handweaving, spinning and dyeing for the benefit of the public and the promotion of public education in such craftsmanship. In particular to: provide a happy and friendly atmosphere in which to learn, develop and practice the skills of weaving, spinning and dyeing. Expand public awareness of the history and practice of these crafts by demonstrations at festivals and other events, support learning in the community by encouraging members of the public to take up the crafts of weaving, spinning and dyeing and or a study of their heritage, and to assist them in this process, encourage young people to learn and practice these crafts both by their participation at appropriate Guild events and also by partnership working with educational establishments.

Trustees. Una Carlow Susan Dimbylow Beryl Francis Valerie Laverick

Membership

The Guild provides a web site for potential new members describing all the activities of the guild and it is through this that many members in recent years find their way to the guild. The website also is a way for members to receive detailed information on all the various groups, administrative matters, courses and future events. Our membership numbers are enhanced by organising free events for the general public at our premises, local advertising and involvement in community events. At these events visitors are able to view and try, with supervision, various crafts like spinning, weaving and associated crafts. Our membership therefore remains steady at 104 members which includes seven on line and one young person member.

Education General

The Monthly Guild Saturday Programme often includes workshops supporting invited specialist speakers who attend the Guild, thereby extending skills across a range of crafts to a high level.

Additionally the annual Guild 'Skills Day' provides a forum for mini-workshops where skills are taught and shared and includes workshops, such as advanced techniques in spinning, weaving and dyeing. This is along side skills and themed days.

The weekday craft groups are very popular and have a varied twice weekly programme which provide a focus for sharing and learning.

We are fortunate to have skilled tutors who continue to commit to delivering workshops for the general public and for members.

Weaving

The weaving tutors have redeveloped their teaching programme so that the general public are able to experience a one day weaving taster session. This has been well received by potential weavers, some of whom have continued to weave in the studios despite the poor condition of the building.

This year some of the weavers had the opportunity to learn how to create new weaving patterns using software.

Spinning

The new one day format of 'Beginner's Spinning' workshops continues to work well, following the change from a longer four day spinning course. The three beginner workshop in 2025 were very popular with the first course in 2026 fully booked.

Dyeing

Five members continue to study natural dyeing using the course accredited by the Association of Guilds, Weaving, Spinning and Dyeing. (AGWSD)

Craft Groups

In the various textile craft groups experienced members assist learners to learn new skills by teaching, demonstrations and workshops. There are five different groups including patchwork and quilting, felting and embroidery.

Highlights of the Year.

Joseph Musical Theatre Display

This autumn the Guild were invited to participate in a display of scenes from musical theatre in the local church, a free event for the general public.

The display provided an opportunity for the Guild to showcase its many and varied skills to create Jacob fleece sheep, a sparkling robe emblazoned with beads, felt banners and dyed material for the camel legs etc. The combined guild effort to recreate the musical Joseph was admired by many visitors.

Corsley Fair

The spinners participated in Corsley Fair near Warminster this August with some of our members demonstrating spinning to members of the public.

Logo

Following a competition for members to produce a Guild Logo the successful entry is already in use for notices and adverts. The logo which represents every activity at the guild has been complemented by many outside the Guild including local magazine editors.

Quilt Exhibited at NEC

One of our members made a 100% sustainable quilt "The Bug Quilt" using plant dyes, lake pigments and plant based watercolour paints. The quilt depicts anatomically correct beetles and flying insects and was exhibited at the NEC Birmingham Quilt Festival 2025. An article by the maker was also published in the National Association Journal.

Craft Fair

The two day Guild Christmas Craft Fair 2025 at our guild was again very successful and enjoyed by local residents who admired the variety of items and skill of members.

Trustee Retiring

Two trustees are retiring this year. Thank you to Susan Dimbylow and Una Carlow for their years of service and their valuable contribution to discussion, ideas and questions which help to clarify process and procedure. Una Carlow guided the Guild through the procedure to achieve our CIO status, constitution and standing orders.

Future Work for 2026

Unfortunately the landlords building project has not noticeably progressed. The replacement windows in this building have not been approved by the conservation officer despite several attempts by our landlord to resolve the issue.

Trustee Responsibilities

The policies and procedures for which the Trustees have legal responsibility have been updated in 2025.

The Charity Commission annual return for the period 31 October 2024 to 1st November 25 will be submitted after this AGM in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act.

The opening of a new bank account with the new CIO number is ongoing.

A new trustee has been nominated by members to be elected at this AGM- Susan Collyer. Subsequently elected at this AGM in accordance with the Guild constitution and standing orders.

All Trustees have confirmed their understanding of their responsibilities regarding “public benefit” as specified in the Charity Commission Guidance as below.

The Charities Act says that charity trustees must ‘have regard’ to the commission’s public benefit guidance ‘when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant’.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires charity trustees to confirm that they have done so in their trustees’ annual report.

‘Having regard’ to the commission’s public benefit guidance means charity trustees should be able to show that:

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

Signed

21/02/26

Beryl Francis
On behalf of Trustees

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From June 2023 Period start date. To 31.10.2024 Period end date

Charity name: The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

Charity registration number: 1203638

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve the heritage crafts of spinning,weaving and dyeing and associated crafts.
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	Teaching of above skills to members and the public. Free exhibitions and community demonstrations at our premises and at craft fairs.. Members' learning is increased with workshops, speakers and skill days. Our free library assists in researching new skills. Online support through our website. Involvement with youth e.g. Guides at our and their premises.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have read and understand the Charity Commission 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	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
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>“The South West Home Grown Exhibition” a free event organised which showcased to the general public the work of the guild. This was very successful and generated interest, excellent written feedback and new members.</p> <p>Sixty items made for “The International Charity Dress A Girl Around The World” . Assisting Dyers working towards the National Certificate of Achievement. (AGWSD)</p> <p>Provides a community resource for those who are isolated. Stair lift available for disabled access to main studio.</p> <p>Membership is healthy and steady.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Membership appoints a trustee at AGM when there is a vacancy as per constitution and standing orders. Trustees appointed for a period of set years as per constitution and standing orders

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	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners Weaving and Dyers
Other name the charity uses	

Registered charity number	1203638
Charity's principal address	3 , St Mary's School Buildings , Steeple Ashton , BA14 6EU

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	Beryl Francis		Whole Year	
2	Una Carlow		Whole Year	
3	Valerie Laverick		Whole Year	
4	Susan Dimbylow		Whole Year.	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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

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

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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)

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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

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Date

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 19-6-23 to 31-10-24		
INCOME	£	£
DONATIONS		
Donations- general	1,719.40	
Transfer of previous charity (1168349) bank balance	40,768.07	
Donations Total		42,487.47
DOOR MONEY		
Door money Total		7,378.09
EQUIPMENT HIRE/SALES		
Equipment hire/sales Total		641.50
OTHER SALES - COMMISSION		
Other sales Total		583.66
SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions Total		12,410.00
COURSES/WORKSHOPS		
Courses/workshops Total		6,331.00
TOTAL INCOME		69,831.72
EXPENDITURE	£	£
CONSUMABLES		
Consumables Total		890.30
GENERAL MAINTENANCE		
General Maintenance Total		1,522.00
BUILDING COSTS		
Building costs total		7,802.78
COSTS OF COURSES/ TALKS		
Cost of courses total		5,661.73
MISCELLANEOUS		
Miscellaneous total		1,131.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		17,007.86
NET INCOME		52,823.86
ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
CASH ASSETS		
OPENING BALANCE - 19-6-23		
Current account		NIL
CLOSING BALANCE - 31-10-24		
Current account		52,823.86
OTHER ASSETS		
Non-cash assets received from previous charity (1168349)		
	Looms	
	Other Weaving Equipment	
	Spinning	
	Others	

Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Dyers and Weavers
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the company for the 16 months ended 31st October 2024

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to;

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT


My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 a consideration of any unusual issues or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met.

No other matter has come to my attention in accordance with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Green', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Timothy Green FCMA

Date: 2nd July 2025