



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

Charity name: Winchelsea New Hall

Charity registration number: 235174

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To stand possessed of Winchelsea Village Hall (known as Winchelsea New Hall) so as to permit it to be used, occupied and enjoyed in perpetuity as a village hall.
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	To provide premises as venue for social activities for the residents of Winchelsea and the surrounding settlements. These activities cover local clubs and societies as well as independent organisers of leisure, sport and cultural events.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees continue to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit and all activities are considered in that light.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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>During the year the following improvements have been made:</p> <p>Disability, health and safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gents WCs have been completely refurbished including thermal insulation and extract fans over the WCs. • These changes, like those made in the previous year, enhance comfort, eliminate back mould on the WC walls and benefit the elderly and disabled and promote social inclusion. The improvements to acoustic insulation also help to minimise disruption by traffic during events. • The stage lighting improvements has begun with new lighting bars and associated wiring. The new lighting is to follow next year which will reduce the fire risk from very hot bulbs, as well as reduce electricity consumption by 75%. <p>Sport facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickle Ball court facilities within the Hall can be set up within a few minutes and now in demand during periods the Hall is not otherwise used. • Table Tennis and Badminton activities were identified in the 2016 community survey as a valuable addition to the range of activities available locally and provided by the Hall Management Committee for use in an ad hoc system of booking at short notice when the Hall is not otherwise in use. These facilities have generated regular use over the year. <p>Impact of improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The improvements to insulation and ventilation in the 99 year old WCs shows the benefits by matching the enhanced standards we have already achieved in the Hall with new double glazed windows and ceiling insulation. The black mould growth on the lower walls of the WC compartments were particularly troubling. • This in turn will promote the long term sustainability of the hall • The Sporting facilities have been used regularly.

		<p>Exterior Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have renewed the drain covers and frames on the north side to prevent odours and have a suitable hard wearing cover next to the car parking area. • We have renewed the roof covering to the table store solving a problem of persistent damp. <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The well designed website continues to attract new hirings and provides indications to the committee of users looking at the site information • We have identified that more frequent updates to the website should be made to keep it current and benefit from the years wedding's decorative set ups in the Hall which our hirers share with us. <p>Activity Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to promote new activities for community use by providing discounted rates of hire for trial bookings. • There are regular new booking enquiries which enhance choice for residents. • The free monthly Film Night is a popular event which is designed principally for social cohesion. The cost of the annual license to show films is successfully covered by a pay bar and donations. <p>Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standard hiring agreement has been improved to make it easier for users and operatives to use, and we are preparing refreshed documents to keep the hiring agreements up to date with requirements.
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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	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees are aware of their legal duty to apply income funds to the objectives of the charity within a reasonable time of receiving them. In view of this, reserves are to be restricted as far as possible to the level necessary to cover future eventualities, which will allow for medium term planning and avoid the risk of insolvency.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8,470.00
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	Hall hire fees, fundraising including fairs and fetes, 100 Club, one-off events such as evening entertainments, grant applications and regular donations. Specific fundraising and grant applications are needed for development projects eg. refurbishments or new or updated equipment.
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	Declaration of trust dated 29 March 1926 as amended by resolution dated 28 November 2015
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to	Para 1.25	Elected by management committee from among their number

appoint one or more trustees		
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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	Policies etc. No specific arrangements for induction and training of trustees but trustees are generally required to demonstrate relevant skills and experience.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Organisational structure. On 28 November 2015 the members in general meeting resolved that the administrative provisions of the declaration of trust dated 29 March 1926 should be amended.</p> <p>These amendments were accepted by the Charity Commission on 23 January 2016 subject to minor changes they deemed necessary to avoid conflict with the governing document.</p> <p>Following the resolution of 28 November 2015, Winchelsea New Hall Society registered charity number 258230 (whose purpose was to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall) merged with Winchelsea Village Hall.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No relationship with related parties.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Winchelsea New Hall
Other name the charity uses	Winchelsea Village Hall
Registered charity number	235174
Charity's principal address	Rectory Lane Winchelsea East Sussex TN36 4AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alison Clare Casey	Chair	
2	Elizabeth Rosemarie Roberts	Treasurer	
3	Paul Michael Robert Mortimer	Secretary	
4			
5			

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

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)

A Casey

Full name(s)

Alison Clare Casey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

4/12/25

WINCHELSEA NEW HALL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2024-2025

INCOME

Lettings Regular	5,976.00
Lettings Occasional	4,800.50
Lettings Weddings	3,700.00

GRANTS

Icklesham Parish Council	1,702.50
Sussex Community Fund (Wind Farm)	3,000.00
Sussex Community (Rye) Fund	750.00
Rother Community Fund	6,112.00
Other (Rother Carbon reduction scheme)	4,224.00

Subscriptions from supporters 890.00

Donations 890.20

FUNDRAISING

Summer Fete Lunches/Teas	1,298.50
Christmas Fair & Grand Raffle	3,114.89
Film Night	793.85
100 Club	2,199.59
General fundraising/Other events	2,092.04

Gift Aid

Bank Interest 361.09

TOTAL INCOME 41,905.16

EXPENDITURE

Cleaning	2,195.30
Electricity SSE	988.01
Gas British Gas Lite	2,453.45
Rates	160.45
Water	218.20
Broadband	586.16
Event costs	1,767.34
Advertising	100.00
Premises Repairs & Maintenance	674.75
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	351.70
Donations made to other charities	567.00
Insurance	1,111.07
Admin costs + postage	
Licences	525.95
Society Subscriptions	0.00
Car Park rent	52.00

Sub-Total 11,751.38

ASSETS & Investment Purchases

Premises improvements	27,795.34
Furnishings	

Sub-Total 27,795.34

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 39,546.72

Net of income/expenditure 2,358.44

CURRENT BALANCES

NatWest Management Account	5,925.95
Shawbrook Reserve	8,470.34
NatWest 35 Day Account	15,086.00

NET CURRENT ASSETS 29,482.29

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Winchelsea New Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

30th June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

235174

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

15th August 2025

Name:

Mr Trevor D Collins

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

MRICS Chartered Surveyor

Address:

"Fairview" Main Street,

Peasmarsh, Rye

TN31 6UL

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.