

WHITTLEBURY READING ROOM AND PLAYING FIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 252683

Details

Other names	VILLAGE HALL WHITTLEBURY, THE READING ROOM, WHITTLEBURY READING ROOM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1967-06-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Whittlebury Reading Room
High Street
Whittlebury
Towcester
Northamptonshire
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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS AND FOR THOSE RESIDENT WITHIN A DISTANCE OF TWO MILES FROM THE PARISH WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS.

Activities: The provision of facilities to the residents in and around Whittlebury to undertake and enjoy a variety of events, including a HUG Friday Coffee Morning, a season of Film Nights, Karate Club, Church Fete, Evening classes and lectures together with meetings of the Youth Club. The Playing Field also continues to be open daily for use by the children and families of the village.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF WHITTLEBURY IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£43,089	£37,001	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,324	£13,782	-	-
2023-03-31	£65,105	£88,187	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,295	£30,716	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,916	£12,371	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Whittlebury Parish		2012-11-26

WHITTLEBURY READING ROOM AND PLAYING FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 252683

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Charity name: Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Charity registration number: 252683

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	In the interests of social welfare, to improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation.
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 Playing Field is open daily for use by children and families in the village Together with the Parish Council, it was decided that, for a variety of reasons, the plans for a new Reading Room were simply no longer attainable at the present time. It was therefore decided that the funds raised so far would be utilised to renovate the Reading Room as extensively as those funds allowed and these works commenced in February 2022 and are ongoing.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee has carefully considered the Public Benefit Guidance issued by the Charity Commission and is satisfied that the Charity meets these requirements both in its objects and by furtherance of those objectives in the day to day undertaking of its charitable activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants.
	Para 1.38	The Charity relies solely on the Contributions of the Parish Councillors acting on behalf of the Parish Council as

Policy on social investment including program related investment		Trustee and the contributions of members of the local community who have been responsible for raising funds for the 'Hug' Project for the Reading Room Renovation.
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 refurbishment of the village Hall continued to be the main project undertaken by the Management Committee.</p> <p>Following the extensive renovations, the letting income from the Hall has continued to increase significantly and further improvements have enhanced its reputation as an attractive venue to potential hirers. The online booking system is now successfully established. The income from the hire of the Hall together with the income from the weekly village Hug café has been pivotal to the Charity meeting its budgetary target once again in the financial year ended 31 March 2025. Other sources of income from the Village Lottery, village events and contributions from Silverstone Circuit, have enhanced the incoming funds of the Charity. The Trustee ensures that overheads continued to be kept to an absolute minimum, however the cost of heating continues to be the most significant cost incurred. The Management Committee, on behalf of the Trustee are making every effort to ensure that this overhead is kept to the minimum level possible and negotiating the most favourable tariffs available.</p> <p>In June 2024 the first Open Whittlebury Event was staged and was a great success both for the Community and for its financial results also. Once again, the efforts of the Organising Committee ensured the success of the Event and the Charity wishes to record sincere thanks and appreciation to all those involved. It is intended to repeat this Event in June 2026.</p>

		<p>The Hug Café continues to be a popular venue for villagers and this is held most weeks throughout the year. The efforts by the small group of individuals who run the café and bake each week are enormously appreciated.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's financial position is considered adequate as at 31 March 2025
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves comprise approximately two year's core overheads should there be no income arising in that period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,271
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	Para 1.25	Scheme – Approval by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 15 July 2003
How is the charity constituted?	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 appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Whittlebury Parish Council is empowered to act as Trustee under the Scheme

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	Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252683
Charity's principal address	Whittlebury Reading Room High Street Whittlebury Towcester Northamptonshire NN12 8XJ

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	Whittlebury Parish Council			
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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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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)	RWE Harrington	
Full name(s)	Roger Harrington	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	1 October 2025 ^{RH} 14th / November 2025 ^{RH}	RH 31st. October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.04.2024

To

31.03.2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Hall / Room Hire	9,973	-	-	9,973	-
Donations	40	23,880	-	23,920	-
Hug Café	5,895	-	-	5,895	-
Fund raising events	3,227	-	-	3,227	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society Interest	74	-	-	74	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,209	23,880	-	43,089	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,209	23,880	-	43,089	-
A3 Payments					
Utilities	4,376	-	-	4,376	-
Salaries	1,650	-	-	1,650	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,849	23,880	-	26,729	-
Insurance	986	-	-	986	-
PRS and licencing costa	252	-	-	252	-
Mowing	1,850	-	-	1,850	-
Sundry expenses	1,074	-	-	1,074	-
Bank Charges	84	-	-	84	-
Reading Room Renovation Project	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,121	23,880	-	37,001	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,121	23,880	-	37,001	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,088	-	-	6,088	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,183	23,439	-	37,622	-
Cash funds this year end	20,271	23,439	-	43,710	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Unity Trust Bank	15,382	23,439	-
Market Harbrough Building Society	4,889	-	-
Total cash funds	20,271	23,439	

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

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>RWE Harrington</i>	ROGER HARRINGTON	14/11/25
		31/10/25

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Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field (charity number 252683)

I report to the charity trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which include the Trustees' Annual Report (pages 1 to 8) and the Receipts and Payments Accounts (pages 1 and 2).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

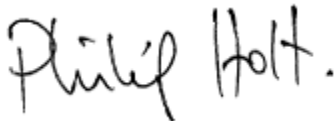
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



PHILIP HOLT FCA FCIE

*Harrison Holt
Chartered Accountants
High Park Farm
Kirkbymoorside
York
YO62 7HS*

31 October 2025

WHITTLEBURY READING ROOM AND PLAYING FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 252683

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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Charity registration number: 252683

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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	<p>The Playing Field is open daily for use by children and families in the village</p> <p>Together with the Parish Council, it was decided that, for a variety of reasons, the plans for a new Reading Room were simply no longer attainable at the present time. It was therefore decided that the funds raised so far would be utilised to renovate the Reading Room as extensively as those funds allowed and these works commenced in February 2022.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee has carefully considered the Public Benefit Guidance issued by the Charity Commission and is satisfied that the Charity meets these requirements both in its objects and by furtherance of those objectives in the day to day undertaking of its charitable activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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		The Charity relies solely on the contributions of the Parish Councillors

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	acting on behalf of the Parish Council as Trustee and the contributions of members of the local community who have been responsible for raising funds for the 'Hug' Project for the Reading Room renovation.
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 refurbishment of the main hall continued to be the main project undertaken by the Management Committee.</p> <p>Following the challenges faced as a result of COVID and the continued closure of the Reading Room due to the refurbishment works, there has again been a significant loss of income as a result. Lettings are slowly improving,</p> <p>The Reading Room lottery, together with contributions from the Whittlebury Good Neighbour Scheme from the proceeds of two village fayres formed the incoming funds of the Charity. The trustee ensured that overheads continued to be kept to an absolute minimum, however the impact of the increased cost of fuel was devastating. The deficit arising in the year could be met from the Charity's reserves and the trustee is making every attempt to ensure that the income of the Charity could be increased in the future to cover its annual costs.</p> <p>The meetings known as 'The Hug' re-started and continue to be a popular occasion where villagers can come together each week. It was agreed that the proceeds from the coffee mornings would be treated as contributing to core funds with effect from 1 April 2023. The renovation of the Reading Room continued during the year with the main work being the installation of a new kitchen.</p>

		Further work is planned to be undertaken, subject to the necessary funds being available. Silverstone Circuits have generously offered to make a contribution to these works and attempts are now being made to obtain matched funding so that this phase may commence.
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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	The charity's financial position is considered adequate as at 31 March 2023
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves comprise two year's core overheads should there be no income arising in that period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11641
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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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	Scheme – Approval by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 15 July 2003
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 appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Whittlebury Parish Council is empowered to act as Trustee under the Scheme

Additional information (optional)

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252683
Charity's principal address	Whittlebury Reading Room High Street Whittlebury Towcester Northamptonshire NN12 8XJ

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	Whittlebury Parish Council			
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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

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)	Rose Harrington	
Full name(s)	Roger Harrington	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman (acting)	
Date	4 th January 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01 04 2022	To	31 03 2023
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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					
Hall / Room Rental	2,452	-	-	2,452	2,026
Insurance claim - loss of income	1,571	-	-	1,571	2,500
Donations and legacies	1,500	52,648	-	54,148	21,820
Hug donations for Reading Room Renovations	-	2,264	-	2,264	1,725
Fund raising events	1,755	-	-	1,755	-
Other income	2,839	-	-	2,839	-
Building Society Interest	76	-	-	76	114
	-	-	-	-	110
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,193	54,912	-	65,105	28,295
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,193	54,912	-	65,105	28,295
A3 Payments					
Utilities	6,630	-	-	6,630	2,815
Salaries	1,027	-	-	1,027	1,531
Repairs and maintenance	2,536	-	-	2,536	1,583
Insurance	1,730	-	-	1,730	1,650
PRS and licencing costs	249	-	-	249	90
Mowing	1,854	-	-	1,854	2,575
Sundry expenses	1,865	-	-	1,865	-
Bank charges	72	-	-	72	72
Reading Room renovation	-	72,223	-	72,223	20,400
	-	-	-	-	30,716
Sub total	15,964	72,223	-	88,187	30,716
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,964	72,223	-	88,187	30,716
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,771	- 17,311	-	- 23,082	- 2,421
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,412	40,750	-	58,162	60,583
Cash funds this year end	11,641	23,439	-	35,080	58,162

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	Unity Trust Bank	6,864	23,439	-
	Market Harborough B S	4,777		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,641	23,439	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

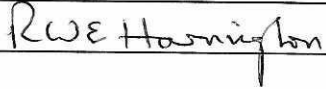
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R. HARRINGTON	24/1/24

Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Year ended 31 March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field (charity number 252683)

I report to the charity trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which include the Trustees' Annual Report (pages 1 to 9) and the Receipts and Payments Accounts (pages 1 and 2).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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PHILIP HOLT FCA FCIE

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11 January 2024

WHITTLEBURY READING ROOM AND PLAYING FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 252683

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	In the interests of social welfare, to improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation.
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	<p>The Playing Field is open daily for use by children and families in the village</p> <p>Together with the Parish Council, it was decided that, for a variety of reasons, the plans for a new Reading Room were simply no longer attainable at the present time. It was therefore decided that the funds raised so far would be utilised to renovate the Reading Room as extensively as those funds allowed and these works commenced in February 2022.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee has carefully considered the Public Benefit Guidance issued by the Charity Commission and is satisfied that the Charity meets these requirements both in its objects and by furtherance of those objectives in the day to day undertaking of its charitable activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants.
	Para 1.38	The charity relies solely on the Contributions of the Parish Councillors acting on behalf of the Parish Council as Trustee and the contributions of members

Policy on social investment including program related investment		of the local community who have been responsible for raising funds for the 'Hug' Project for the Reading Room Renovation.
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>As a direct result of the Covid pandemic there were long periods during which no activities could take place in the Hall with a severe loss of income to the Charity as a result. The Village Lottery continued to provide funds which contributed towards meeting the overheads of the Charity, which were kept to an absolute minimum. The deficit arising in the year could be met from the Charity's Reserves and the Trustee made every attempt to ensure that the income of the Charity could be increased in the future to meet its costs on an annual basis.</p> <p>The weekly meetings known as 'The Hug' were similarly affected by COVID restrictions. but these meetings did start up again once restrictions were lifted and it was ensured that Government Guidance was followed with all Health and Safety issues addressed at all times. The main objectives of the 'Hug' continued to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to raise funds to renovate and modernise the Reading Room - to get as many villagers as possible involved, not only in the organisation but also in attending events - to provide a social outlet for villagers <p>The renovation of the Reading Room started in January 2022 and whilst this also meant the closure of the building for a sustained period of time, it was decided that work had to be commenced both to undertake urgent repairs to the building and to renovate and redecorate as much as funds would allow. This aimed to make the building a far more attractive venue for lettings and therefore improve the future flow of income to the Charity.</p>

		<p>From inception to 31 March 2022 the 'Hug' initiative has now raised in excess of £50,000 of which £10,112 has now been expended in respect of pre-planning and £20,796 on the start the renovation project itself. The balance of Hug funds at 31 March 2022 was £40,750 which included funds of £20,000 from WPC which had been earmarked from a Community Grant. The first stage of the renovation project was completed in December 2022 and the building has now been re-opened for events.</p>
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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	The charity's financial position is considered adequate as at 31 march 2022.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves comprise two year's core overheads should there be no income arising in that period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,412
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	Scheme – Approval by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 15 July 2003
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 appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Whittlebury Parish Council is empowered to act as Trustee under the Scheme

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	Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252683
Charity's principal address	c/o The Parish Clerk 9 Bradden way Greens Norton Towcester Northamptonshire NN12 8BY

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

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)	RWE Harrington	
Full name(s)	Roger Harrington	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of the Reading Room Management Committee	
Date	30 January 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whittlebury Reading Room AND Playing Field Charity

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

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					
Hall / Room Rental	2,026	-	-	2,026	797
Donations	1,820	20,000	-	21,820	-
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	1,125
Fundraising - Village Hug' for major renovations ro Reading Room	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society Interest	114	1,725	-	1,725	-
Furlough claims	110	-	-	114	222
Loss Claim	2,500	-	-	110	772
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,570	21,725	-	28,295	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,570	21,725	-	28,295	2,916
A3 Payments					
Utilities	2,815	-	-	2,815	2,591
Salaries	1,531	-	-	1,531	1,317
Repairs and mainteance	1,187	396	-	1,583	1,453
Insurance	1,650	-	-	1,650	1,645
PRS and licencing costs	90	-	-	90	70
Mowing and sundry expenses	2,575	-	-	2,575	1,670
Bank charges	72	-	-	72	72
Reading Room Renovation project	-	20,400	-	20,400	3,553
Independent Examiner's fee	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,920	20,796	-	30,716	12,371
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,920	20,796	-	30,716	12,371
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,350	929	-	- 2,421	- 9,455
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,762	39,821	-	60,583	70,038
Cash funds this year end	17,412	40,750	-	58,162	60,583

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	Unity Trust Bank	13,351	-	
	Market Harborough B S	4,251	40,450	-
	Cash	110	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,712	40,450	

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

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

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

Categories	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
RWE Harrington	ROGER HARRINGTON	30/1/23

Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Year ended 31 March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field (charity number 252683)

I report to the charity trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which include the Trustees' Annual Report (pages 1 to 8) and the Receipts and Payments Accounts (pages 1 and 2).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

PHILIP HOLT FCA FCIE

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31 January 2023