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Chair's Report - 2023

Absolutely top of my agenda is to say thank-you to an incredibly hard-working committee; and I will express especial thanks to Paul & Debbie Earl and Chris Woodley; Paul & Chris only joined at this time last year and the difference they have made has been massive. I would also like to thank Sara Muldowney who, whilst not on the Committee (and is working tonight), has taken on the role of Bar Manager and is doing a cracking job. But everybody is working very hard, so thanks. It has been a particularly busy year for Duncan too. Duncan has supported the Centre now for many years – including a good number as Chair – and he was going to stand down at this AGM but he has very kindly agreed to stay on for one last year – to see our Solar Panels installed (hopefully!). However, we will need a new Maintenance manager next year. Very many thanks Duncan.

Talking of people who have supported the Centre for many years, we held a little birthday celebration for John Tusting on his 90th Birthday in September, which was very successful.

Anyway, thanks to everybody's hard work, it has been a very successful year in many ways: we have paid off more of our outstanding loan and plan to report to the next AGM that we have paid it all off. Phil will provide detail to our finances in his report – but, particularly considering the after-effects of COVID and the massive hike in energy costs, we are very pleased with our financial position.

We have continued to improve the Centre's facilities; we have bought new kitchen equipment (e.g. a new dishwasher for the kitchen, moving the glasswasher to the bar and a new coffee machine funded by the Calvados Society); a lighting desk and a ladder for secure access to the lighting and support bars and new storage cupboards in the Tasting Room.

Our regulars such as Yoga & Dancing are continuing, although we sadly lost the Warhammer Group (not our fault) and we are pleased to report that Yvonne and more recently Christine have got the Toddlers' Club going again which is proving a great success. Christine & Debbie are also just starting a Summer Coffee Morning club, once a week on a Monday morning.

Fran picked up the baton for the 2023 Pit Run which was another great success and continues to be the Centre's biggest fund-raiser – so many thanks to Fran and her team. However, having spent a considerable amount of time documenting the tasks involved in running the Pit Run, she is now passing the baton on. To whom is not yet clear, but if no-one comes forward then the baton will be dropped!!



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Sunday Brunches and Friday Film nights continue to flourish; the Coronation Brunch in particular was hugely popular. We are also getting more hirings for Weddings, Anniversaries & Birthdays and invariably get excellent feedback – so well done us and in particular well done to Maureen who looks after these precious customers – and then cleans up!!!

There are an increasing number of other events which we organise or arrange such as: a Treasure Trail, Pantaloons Touring Drama-Great Expectations, Adhoc / PTA Murder Mystery, a Freshers' Event, a Christmas Craft Fair, Drama - *Single or Return* (Adhoc), Amazing Grace (Film & Choir), a Christmas Quiz, and a wonderful Barn Dance – to name just some!

We have spent a considerable amount of time seeking funding and quotes for solar panels, which obviously have to be discreet. We are almost there and will be applying to the Mayor's Fund for matched funding very soon. Given the huge increase in energy costs, this initiative will save the Centre a considerable amount.

We are also looking at options for a more permanent solution to the Car Park and at the cost of making the area just outside the Centre into an enclosed (but accessible) garden which will make the Centre an even better venue for weddings etc. – and will protect the Toddlers' Club shed from further damage by over-enthusiastic footballers!

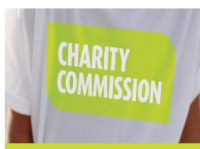
We were also involved in setting up a N Beds Village Halls network which was a Sharnbrook initiative. It is proving a useful information exchange and a way of communicating each other's events. One very helpful meeting concentrated on the issue of changing charitable status from unincorporated to incorporated (a bit like the difference between a sole trader and a limited company). As Trustees, we have taken out insurance to protect us from being individually or corporately sued – but there are other issues, and the Committee has decided that we will begin proceedings to start this process in the coming year.

It is going to be another busy and exciting year and we would love to have more members on the Committee to help share the load – it is genuinely very rewarding; a way of giving something back to the village. In addition to general help in running events etc, we specifically would like someone to be responsible for marketing & media; someone gifted at Facebook possibly Tik Tok, Twitter etc. and ideally, Web page maintenance. Also someone else who would be responsible for applying for the many grants which are available if you know where to look (we can help there) and have the time to fill in and follow up the applications.



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At a personal level, I am prepared to stay on as Chair, but I would love it if somebody else would like to take the reins; I would be more than happy to stay on the committee and support the new Chair.



Harrold Institute			268251	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 4/6/2022	To	Period end date 4/5/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	17,523	-	-	17,523	2,256
Donations (other)	3,258	-	-	3,258	420
Hire of Centre	16,777	-	-	16,777	8,951
Annual rents	637	-	-	637	986
Monthly rents	1,641	-	-	1,641	1,500
Improvement Grants	2,500	2,836	-	5,336	2,083
Deposit Acc. Interest	91	-	-	91	3
Covid support	-	-	-	-	11,962
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,427 ##	2,836 ##	- #	45,263	28,161
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,427	2,836	-	45,263	28,161
A3 Payments					
Electric and Gas	3,628	-	-	3,628	2,543
Water	363	-	-	363	60
Cleaning	150	-	-	150	325
Repairs and Maintenance	6,496	-	-	6,496	6,633
Telephone and admin	521	-	-	521	1,524
Petty Cash	204	-	-	204	66
Insurance	3,704	-	-	3,704	3,206
Licences	339	-	-	339	332
Centre events	10,308	-	-	10,308	715
Other (inc. marketing)	337	-	-	337	372
Hire costs	724	-	-	724	-
Improvements	5,247	2,836	-	8,083	3,832
Loan repayments	3,321	-	-	3,321	13,729
Sub total	35,342 ##	2,836 ##	- #	38,178 #	33,337
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,342	2,836	-	38,178	33,337
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,085	-	-	7,085	5,176
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,132	-	-	28,132	33,309
Cash funds this year end	35,217	-	-	35,217	28,133

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 current account	29,929	-	-
	Charities Deposit Account	5,258	-	-
	Soldo petty cash account	30	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,217	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Harrold Centre		-	1,000,000
	Marquee		-	500
	Tables		-	100
	Chairs		-	4,000
	Kitchen equipment		-	2,000
	Children's furniture		-	180
	Projection equipment		-	2,000
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Charity Bank Loan	15,891		
			-	
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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	2,256	-	-	2,256	1,050
Donations (other)	420	-	-	420	3,866
Hire of Centre	8,951	-	-	8,951	1,459
Annual rents	986	-	-	986	1,286
Monthly rents	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,535
Improvement Grants	2,083	-	-	2,083	-
Deposit Acc. Interest	3	-	-	3	-
Covid support	11,962	-	-	11,962	20,098
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,161	-	-	28,161	29,294
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,161	-	-	28,161	29,294
A3 Payments					
Electric and Gas	2,543	-	-	2,543	2,848
Water	60	-	-	60	200
Cleaning	325	-	-	325	-
Repairs and Maintenance	6,633	-	-	6,633	6,912
Telephone and admin	1,624	-	-	1,624	743
Insurance	3,206	-	-	3,206	2,759
Licences	332	-	-	332	563
Centre events	715	-	-	715	200
Other (inc. marketing)	372	-	-	372	-
Improvements	3,832	-	-	3,832	-
Loan repayments	13,729	-	-	13,729	1,464
Sub total	33,371	-	-	33,371	15,689
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,371	-	-	33,371	15,689
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,210	-	-	- 5,210	13,605
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,309	-	-	33,309	33,309
Cash funds this year end	28,099	-	-	28,099	46,914

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 current account	22,931	-	-
	Charities Deposit Account	5,167	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	28,098	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Harrold Centre		-	1,000,000
	Marquee		-	500
	Tables		-	100
	Chairs		-	4,000
	Kitchen equipment		-	2,000
	Children's furniture		-	180
	Projection equipment		-	2,000
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Charity Bank Loan	18,104		
			-	
			-	

I have examined the summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended the 5th of April 2019 and the Assets and Liabilities as at that date together with the books and vouchers provided by the Treasurer. In my opinion the said summaries fairly state the transactions of the Harrold Centre for the year ended 5th April 2018, and the assets and liabilities at that date.

Mr M Hartwell

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Harrold Institute

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 23023

**Charity no
(if any)**

268251

Set out on pages

CCXXR1 and CCXXR2

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

**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:

31.01.2024

Name:

M J Hartwell

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

None

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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.

There were 3 material donations which had no supporting documentation. These were:

1. £1,617.17 received from the Cooperative Society
2. £1,518.47 received from Sportsform Ltd
3. £262.90 received from the Cooperative Society

These were deemed to be donations with no restrictions as to their utilisation by the Harrold Institute and have been recorded as "Unrestricted" within the Receipts and Payments account.

There were other amounts not supported by documentation, but these were only small items and deemed not to be material in value.

Going forward, I have asked the treasurer to ensure that letters or Emails are received from Donors confirming the amounts donated and any restrictions that may apply to their use by the Harrold Institute,