



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	6th	April	2024	To	5	April	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Harrold Institute

Other names charity is known by

Harrold Centre

Registered charity number (if any)

268251

Charity's principal address

High Street

Harrold

Postcode

MK43 7BH

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	Mark Bell	Chairman	From 9/7/24	
2	Rose Johnston	Treasurer		
3	Julie Bell			
4	Paul Earl			
5	Christine Woodley			
6	Michael Alison			
7	Christopher Chaplin			
8	Deborah Earl			
9	Yvonne Wolfram-Murray			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Existing trustees can nominate, or external individuals submit themselves for nomination. Nominees are then voted on by the trustees by simple majority. No person or body is entitled to appoint any additional trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees oversee the day to day running of the centre. The trustees seek the views of the residents and volunteers in deciding the activities to be run.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of residents of Harrold, Carlton and Odell, including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the said residents.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The hall provides a venue for yoga classes, dance classes, Monday morning café, baby and toddler group, book club, Sunday brunches, drama productions, musical events, film nights, social events, weddings and parties, art and craft fairs and various group meetings.

The centre also leases a room with a full-sized snooker table to the Harrold snooker club and leases two hard courts with flood lights to the Harrold lawn tennis club.

The annual Pit Run, a 5K run around the local park, and village fete are organised by a sub committee of volunteers from the centre.

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which can be evidenced by the excellent feedback it gets from the public and by the support it receives from the Parish Council and other grant-awarding authorities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent providing their time to manage events at the centre. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would be unable to provide these facilities for the residents.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity provides support for all sectors of the community, but is particularly supportive of the young and the old in providing warm and cool spaces when required. In particular the baby and toddler club, Monday morning café and monthly brunches are well attended by these age groups.

The centre provides a wide range of facilities for local residents, which are being increasingly utilised. Fundraising events such as barn dances, quiz nights, Pit run, bingo, drama productions and musical concerts provide entertainment as well as raising necessary funds to heat and maintain the building.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Bank and cash balances at the year-end were a healthy £30,686 and we have now paid off the remaining debt incurred during the refurbishment of the centre in 2017. The main financial risk to the charity is its closure to the public due to fire, flood or pandemic. Funds are held to cover 6 months operational costs in the event of loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The centre has had a good year financially, making a profit of £9,335, an increase of £13,948, excluding grants, over 2023/24. Principal sources of income are fundraising and the hire of halls and meeting rooms.

Solar panels purchased the previous year have reduced electricity bills by almost £3,000 and we hope soon to receive income from the SEG scheme. Improvements included a new website £1,500, a shed for Toddler equipment £2,409 and an understage storage system £1,952.



Future improvements are anticipated to include the installation of an air source heat pump in the caretaker's flat to replace the inefficient electric heating system and the resurfacing of the car park. Funds are being accumulated to cover these costs and applications for grants are being made.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Bell	Rose Johnston
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	19/01/2026	



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Harrold Institute

**On accounts for the year
ended**

4th April 2025

Charity no
(if any) 268251

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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").

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: 19th January 2026

Name:

M J Hartwell

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

None

Address:

5 Meadway

Harrold Bedford

Beds MK43 7DP

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.

None



Harrold Institute

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2024

To

Period end date
05/04/2025

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	18,383			18,383	16,948
Hire of Centre	11,458			11,458	13,293
Donations	652			652	570
Annual rents	1,420			1,420	1,249
Monthly rents	1,500			1,500	1,500
Improvement Grants				-	18,912
Interest received	607			607	312
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,020	-	-	34,020	52,784
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,020	-	-	34,020	52,784
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	-			-	9,598
Electric and Gas	5,402			5,402	8,692
Business and water rates	584			584	676
Insurance	4,326			4,326	4,031
Licences	1,264			1,264	449
Repairs and Maintenance	7,759			7,759	4,559
Improvements	-			-	27,129
Telephone and admin	1,189			1,189	681
Cleaning	391			391	-
Website	1,500			1,500	363
Garden	854			854	-
Online card fees	342			342	555
Loan repayments	1,806			1,806	9,185
Sub total	25,417	-	-	25,417	65,918
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,417	-	-	25,417	65,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,603	-	-	8,603	- 13,134
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,083	-	-	22,083	35,217
Cash funds this year end	30,686	-	-	30,686	22,083

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	19,058	-	-
	Charities Deposit Account	11,177	-	-
	Equals Money cash account	140	-	-
	Petty cash	311	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,686	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Harrold Centre		-	1,000,000
	Tables		-	100
	Chairs		-	4,000
	Kitchen equipment		-	2,000
	Children's furniture		-	180
	Projection equipment		-	2,000
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	Charity Bank Loan	5,993		
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print name	Date of approval	