

# THE HAVERHILL AND DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 269885

## Details

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**Other names** CENTRE STAGE COMPANY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1975-08-15

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

## Contact

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**Address** 9 Monarch Close  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 9QW

**Phone** 01440703740

**Website** [centrestagecompany.co.uk](http://centrestagecompany.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE DRAMATIC AND OPERATIC ARTS, TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION AND TASTE IN THE SAID ARTS.

**Activities:** We are an amateur group in our community that put on plays, musicals and concerts.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** HAVERHILL AND DISTRICT
- Suffolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,107	£38,770	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,448	£23,697	-	-
2022-12-31	£15,032	£19,453	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,200	£5,323	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,372	£17,039	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Harvey	Chair	2016-03-26
Billie Jade Fletcher		2023-05-09
Marie Smith		2023-05-09
Peter Dedman		2023-05-09
Susan Donaldson		2023-05-09

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# Accounts

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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 269885**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Management committee (trustees)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>
Clair Harvey	Chairperson
Peter Dedman	Vice Chairman
Billy Fletcher	Secretary
Susan Donaldson	Treasurer
Marie Smith	Safeguarding officer

**Principle office**

9 Monarch Close  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 9QW

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc  
8 High Street  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 8BA

**Independent examiner**

Jonathan Griffey FCCA CTA  
Streets Hackett Griffey LLP  
Accountants & Business Advisors  
31 High Street  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 8AD

**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

**Constitution and objects**

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted 21 July 1975 and is registered charity number 269885.

The objects of the charity are to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in these arts.

**Organisation**

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 2. Trustees are elected and serve for one year after which period they may put themselves forward for reappointment. The trustees meet at the monthly committee meetings.

**Review of development, activities and achievements**

The charity continued its normal schedule of producing high quality entertainment for the people of Haverhill.

**Financial review**

Details of receipts and payments are shown on page 5.

The charity is reliant on income from shows, grants, donations, and fund raising by our members.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. However it is the policy of the charity to invest surplus funds in bank and building society deposits.

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover temporary timing differences of income and expenditure and to cover moderate shortfalls.

**Risk management**

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Approved by the trustees on ...<sup>30.9.25</sup>..... and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....<sup>CD Harvey</sup>.....

**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HAVERHILL &  
DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commissioners. 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan M. Griffey FCCA CTA  
Streets Hackett Griffey LLP  
Accountants & Business Advisors  
31 High Street  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 9AD

Date: 7 October 2024

THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	13,638	10,301
Cash in hand	-	-
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Approved by the trustees on 30.9.25 and signed on their behalf by:

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J. P. Hayes  
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**Haverhill & District Operatic Society  
Notes Forming Part of the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1. Principal accounting policies**

**(a) Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the 'receipts and payments' basis. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practices laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

**(b) Investment income**

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receive it.

**(c) Resources expended**

Expenditure is included on a receipts and payments basis and includes attributable VAT, which is irrecoverable.

**(d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

The policy of the charity is not to capitalise fixed assets.

**(e) Grant income**

Grants, including those for the purchase of fixed assets are recorded in full in the receipts and payments account.

**(f) Voluntary income**

Donations are recorded in full in the receipts and payments account.

**(g) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds relate to grants, donations, and deposit interest, generated for the charity without further specified purpose and are available as a general fund. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure that meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

**2. Staff costs**

No remuneration or benefits were paid or to any trustee or connected person during the year.

**THE HAVERHILL AND DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY**

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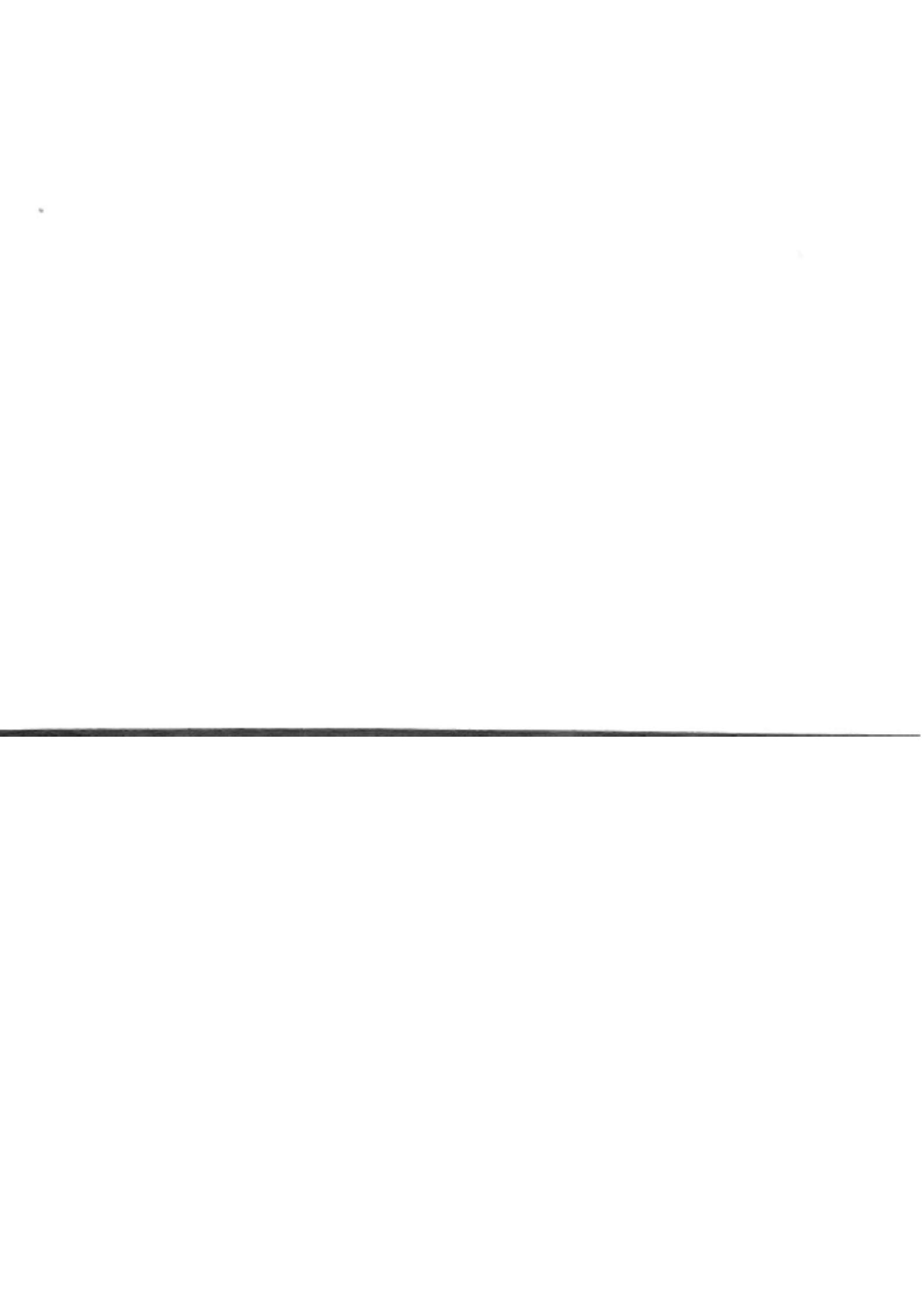
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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATING  
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**Legal and administrative information**

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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIVE  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 20**



## Management committee (trustees)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>
Clair Harvey	Treasurer (resign)
Peter Dedman	Vice Chairman (res)
Billy Fletcher	Secretary (appointed)
Susan Donaldson	Treasurer (appointed)
Marie Smith	Safeguarding officer
Cian Harriss	Chairperson (resign)
Charlie Moody	Vice Chairman (appointed)
Davina Dower	Safeguarding officer

## Principle office

9 Monarch Close  
Haverhill  
Suffolk  
CB9 9QW

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**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc  
8 High Street  
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**Independent examiner**

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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**Constitution and objects**

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Financial statements of the charity for the year ended  
have been prepared in accordance with the accounting  
policy's constitution and applicable law.

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The objects of the charity are to educate the public and the development of public appreciation and taste in these

### **Organisation**

The trustees who have served during the year and since were elected and serve for one year after which period they are re-elected. The trustees meet at the monthly committee meetings.

### **Review of development, activities and achievements**

The charity continued its normal schedule of production and distribution of programmes in Haverhill.

### **Financial review**

Details of receipts and payments are shown on page 10.

The charity is reliant on income from shows, grants, and other sources.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest surplus funds in bank and building society deposits.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover temporary shortfalls and to cover moderate shortfalls.

### **Risk management**

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified in the risk register, have been established to mitigate those risks.

Approved by the trustees on 18th September 2024

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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC  
INDEPENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO  
DISTRICT OPERATIC SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE HAVERHILL &**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017, as set out in paragraphs 5 to 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the accuracy of the accounts and for the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2006.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2006
- Follow the procedures laid down in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention which may affect the charity's financial health or ability to continue to operate

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Act 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounts and a comparison of the accounts presented with those required by the regulations, and the seeking of information or disclosure in the accounts, and the seeking of such information or disclosure in any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages

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In connection with my examination, no matter has

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that
- to keep accounting records in accordance
  - to prepare accounts which accord with accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn so that the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan M. Griffey FCCA CTA  
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31 High Street  
Haverhill

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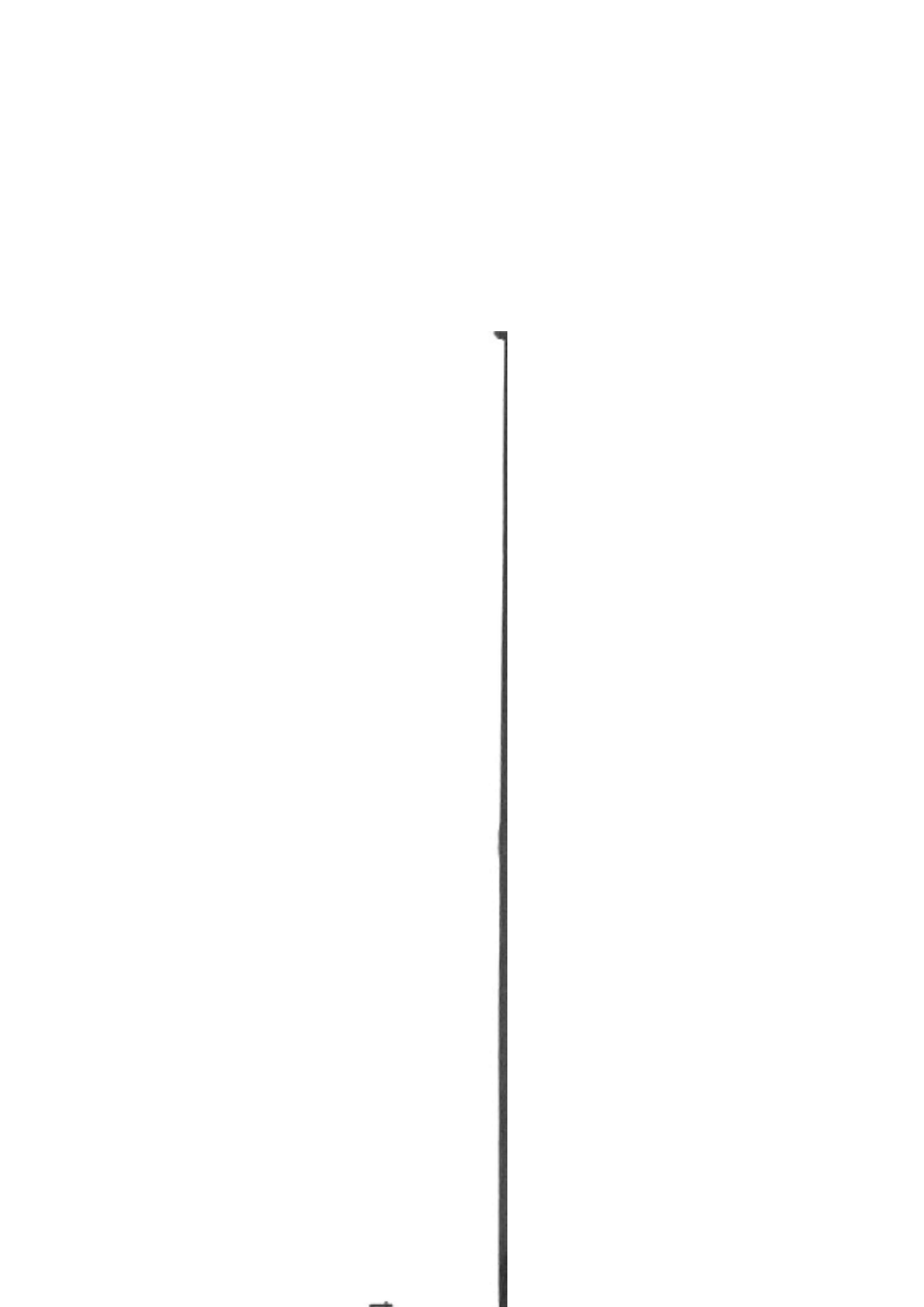
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Suffolk  
CB9 9AD

Date: 23 September 2024



**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATING  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Receipts**

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2023  
£

2022  
£

Ticket sales  
Performance fees  
Programme & merchandising sales  
Rent  
Sponsorship & grants  
Equipment sales  
Equipment/costume hire  
Sundry receipts

**Total receipts**

**Payments**

Miscellaneous  
Gifts & donations  
Hire of halls  
Storage Unit maintenance  
Scripts/music  
Scenery & props  
Unit move  
Website  
Costume expenses  
Printing

26,968	8,006
1,309	2,041
-	157
-	-
-	4,600
80	188
	40
91	-
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28,448	15,032
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439	134
1,472	170
6,698	7,871
-	-
8,527	2,393
402	842
89	1,089
235	483
363	501
747	487

Printing

Stationery & postage

Accountancy

Orchestra

Insurance

Subscriptions

Equipment & repairs

Show merchandise

Licences

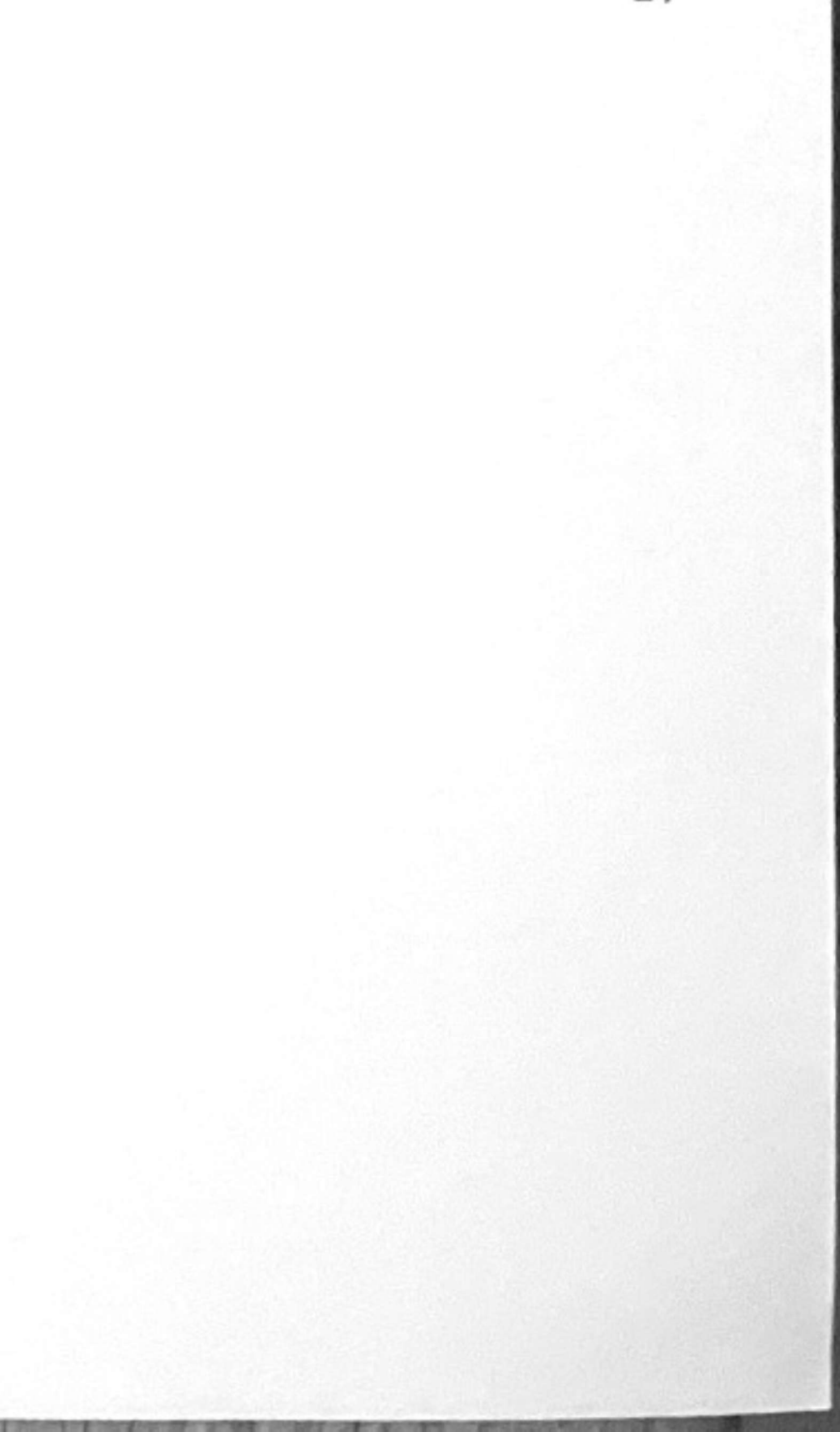
**Total payments**

**Net receipts/(payments) for the year**

**Balance b/fwd**

**Balance c/fwd**

147	487
50	50
474	450
-	2,607
1,641	1,496
215	72
1258	808
967	
120	-
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
23,697	19,453
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
4,751	(4,421)
5,550	9,971
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10,301	5,550
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**THE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIVE  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Cash funds**  
Bank current account  
Cash in hand

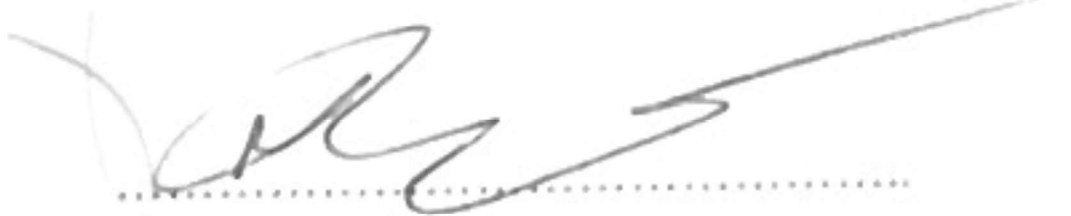
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2023	2022
£	£
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Approved by the trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> September



Attorney



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..... and signed on their behalf by:





**HAVRHILL & DISTRICT OPERATIC SOC  
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 202**

**1. Principal accounting policies**

**(a) Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under  
financial statements the charity follows best p  
Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charit

**(b) Investment income**

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- (b) **Investment income**  
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- (c) **Resources expended**  
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fixed assets.

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