



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity name: The Otford Society

Charity registration number: 272974

Objectives and Activities

Purpose of the Charity

Our purpose is to preserve, as far as possible, all aspects of Otford's character and village life and when required, to act as the voice of our community.

Summary of the main activities

In 2023 the society has organised events and made donations to support its purpose.

Specifically...

The society has organised....

- A "Race Night" fundraising event
- The Summer Village Fete
- A BBQ to celebrate the Coronation
- A summer garden party
- A Christmas Fayre
- A Santa's Grotto.

The society has made contributions to help fund....

- Apple Trees for the village
- Easter treasure hunt for local children,
- Food for local families at Christmas
- Christmas lights for the village
- Christmas Tree for the village

Trustees Guidance

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Contribution made by volunteers

Total volunteer numbers were at 93. A peak event total of 37 volunteered to help with the Coronation BBQ in 2023.

Achievements and Performance

In 2023 the Otford Society played an important role in helping to enhance life for residents of Otford. It did this in three main ways.

The Society managed events and projects that brought the community together. These included: race night, Easter treasure hunt for local children the village fete, Coronation BBQ and the Summer Garden party, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Grotto. Christmas lights for the village and a Christmas Tree for the Village Green.

The Society added to its "Fighting Fund" designed to enable it to act as a voice for the village and to respond to any threats from inappropriate development, if required. Specific fund raising events included: the village fete, Coronation BBQ and the Summer Garden Party.

The Society made contributions to other charities that helped local families and had a wider benefit to society, specifically Food for local families at Christmas and a contribution to the Loaves and Fish food bank.

Financial Review

As predicted last year, the most significant event financially in 2023 was the Society's taking over of the Otford Village Fete. This impacted our financial performance in two ways. On the one hand, we received a one off payment £10,788 from the Otford Village Fete bank account, and on the other our gross income was also boosted by the profit created by holding the Otford Village Fete itself.

The Society recorded a very healthy profit of £16,669 in 2023. Having entered 2023 with net assets of £20,029 the Society ended the year with £36,471. Both income and expenditure for the year rose as the Society became involved in planning and organising more substantial projects.

During the year the Society's gross income rose to £43,475. Whilst only £1,449 of this income was from Membership and other donations (compared to £3762 in 2022) the Society managed to raise £14,116 from several projects throughout the year, including the Coronation BBQ, Garden Party and Christmas Fayre. This figure compares with £9,608 in 2022. Of even greater significance was our organisation of the Otford Village Fete which brought in £16,692.

Expenditure also increased during the year to a total of £27,032. Of this, £15,533 was spent on our village projects whilst £7,318 went on the organisation of the Otford Village Fete. We also spent £1,477 on charity contributions and £894 on insurance.

During the year the Society transferred £30,000 into a new savings account at United Trust Bank. Interest totalling £429 was transferred to our current account in November.

Policy for holding reserves

The society is committed to holding reserves in order to mitigate the risk of an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds as well as to provide a small contingency fund to meet unforeseen operational costs

Reserves held

During the year the Society transferred £30,000 into a new savings account at United Trust Bank.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a Constitution (2019)

The Charity is an unincorporated association

Trustees are elected for one year (2019 Constitution)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Otford Village Society
Other name the charity uses	The Otford Society
Registered charity number	272974
Charity's principal address	Claremont House Shoreham Road Otford Kent TN14 5RW

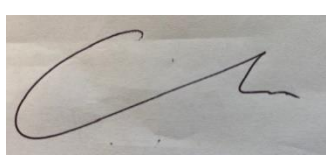
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Rod Shelton	Chair	
2	Simon Featherstone	Vice Chair	
3	Carol Bent	Secretary	
4	Chris Sutton	Treasurer	
5	Graham Bignell		
6	Phil Clucas		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher James William Sutton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-Chair	
Date	25 /07/2024	

31-Dec-23	OTFORD SOCIETY - ACCOUNT	
		<i>2023 Budget</i>
Receipts		
Member Donations		£3,200
Other Donations		£500
Income from Projects		£12,523
Income from Fete		£12,020
Other Income		£0
Tax (Gift Aid)		£1,000
Transfer from Otford Fete		£10,912
INCOME		£40,155
Payments		
Expenditure on Projects		£10,648
Expenditure on Fete		£7,850
Charity Contributions		£2,700
Bank Payments		£70
Insurance		£150
Website		£200
Depreciation		£0
Other Payments		£300
EXPENDITURE		£21,918
SURPLUS / LOSS		£18,237

NET WORTH as of	31-Dec-23	
Savings Account	1-Jan-23	£0
Lloyds Account	1-Jan-23	£18,864
Cash	1-Jan-23	£29
Assets	1-Jan-23	£1,135
Profit and Loss	31-Jan-23	£16,442
Savings Account	31-Dec-23	£30,000
Lloyds Account	31-Dec-23	£4,889
Cash	31-Dec-23	£372
Assets	31-Dec-23	£1,209
Total	31-Dec-23	£36,471

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	2023 Actual		2022 Actual
	£1,449		£3,247
	£0		£515
	£14,116		£9,608
	£16,692		
	£429		£46
			£1,514
	£10,788		
	£43,475		£14,930
	£15,533		£8,081
	£7,318		
	£1,477		
	£0		£56
	£894		£0
	£0		£0
	£227		
	£1,583		£419
	£27,032		£8,556
	£16,442		£6,374

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Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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On accounts for the year
ended

December 31 2020

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake this examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

A. Simpson

Date:

14-04-2021

Name:

MAJ A. Simpson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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