

**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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# **SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**

Charity No. 280711

Registered Office:  
The Old Barn  
Madjeston  
Gillingham  
Dorset SP8 5JH

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2026**

Trustees: Trudie Stanley (Chairman), Ali Morgan (Vice Chairman), John Parker, Duncan Weir, Anthony Streets and Gregory Tapper

Trust Administrator and Treasurer: Sophie Franks

Assistance given by the Trust is in line with the objectives of the charity, these being:

- a) to provide suitable headquarter accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group
- b) to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Shaftesbury in the County of Dorset and the districts surrounding Shaftesbury with special regard to the needs of the elderly.

The Trust works under a Trust Deed 'Declaration of Trust' dated 8 July 1980 and is incorporated as a body. Trustees are appointed based on their skills and the experience they bring to the Trust.

### **Trustees**

Trudie Stanley took over as Chairman in May 2025. Ali Morgan stood down as Chairman due to personal commitments. Ali continues to support the trust as VC and oversee's the accounts. Sophie Franks handles the day to day running of the Trust and co-ordinates any maintenance needs that arise. The Trust meet quarterly; trustees deal with anything urgent via email. Trustees bring varied and knowledgeable skills to the trust for which we are grateful.

### **Financial Governance**

Financial governance is reviewed at each meeting. Trustees carefully manage the assets and income from the trust properties and have been able to give grants to local individuals and organisations in line with the aims of the charity. The trust sets aside funds in case of urgent repair to the listed building and future proofs funding by way of a maintenance savings account.

Income this year amounted to £103,003 with normal running costs of £81,397 resulting in an overall surplus of £21,212. Donations to individuals came to £394. Cash balances as of September 2025 stood at £128,703 and the Net Worth of the Trust remains healthy at £857,375.

### **Administrator and Treasurer**

Mrs Sophie Franks continues to look after the administration of the Trust, and we are grateful for her continued commitment which at times can be over and above her expected duties.

## **Building and Grounds**

Hall hire has increased this year following advertising and a concerted effort to promote the building. Added income came from bookings for the Fringe Festival and Shaftesbury Art Centre. Stagecoach continues to have a long-term weekly booking of the hall.

The charity continues to support individuals and community projects. Although there has been reduction in the number of individual applications, we have been able to support a number of groups and services. We intend to continue to promote the work of the charity to ensure people and organisations are aware of the funding we can provide. We continue to welcome applications from individuals and community charities. Our efforts to maximise the use of the facilities to the benefit of the people of Shaftesbury continues.

The trust continues to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Shaftesbury Scouts (being a primary objective of the Trust) and monies from outside lettings go towards the maintenance and running costs of the Hall and to fund future repairs.

To ensure the continued care of the building, and as noted above, money is set aside each year so that repair work can be carried out without delay. The churchyard is well kept and continues to be a focal point and an enjoyable setting for the town.

During the year Kit & Kaboole, gave notice on their unit but we are pleased to report that Freeze Frame took over directly it became vacant.

Care Dorset and Dorset Council (DC) have been in open consultation about the services they provide in Dorset and the ongoing viability of the Shaftesbury Plus Day Centre local support for the day centre to continue in Shaftesbury was high, resulting in a u-turn on the suggested relocate to Sturminster Newton. Day Centre services will continue to be provided at Trinity but in a different format. Trustees met with Care Dorset, who are interested in taking over the lease from Dorset Council when it expires in 2030 but would like to reduce the rental square footage, and the annual rent. This could give the trust an opportunity to create more units for rent, to make up for the loss of revenue and spread risk by having more smaller units.

## **Donations**

This year we have been pleased to support people and organisations with grants and donations. The total amount given in donations this financial year is £394 which is an underspend against our 2024/25 budget.

We have subsequently given away an additional £5000 to three separate charities which will be shown in next years accounts.

We have supported individual applications with the purchase of white goods and carpets. Alfred continues to broadcast from Trinity Tower and provides a useful local service to the community. A nominal yearly rent of £60 is paid by the 'not-for-profit' radio station. The trust contributes to the electrical running costs of the station which amounts to £400 annually.

The Trust organised a successful fund-raising 'Murder Mystery' evening in collaboration with Shaftesbury Art Centre. Local businesses generously sponsored the event and we raised £4000. Funds raised went to support Julia's House Hospice and Centre Point.

We also gave the local charity 'Boobs' a donation of £1000, they support local people receiving treatment for breast cancer.

Monies raised will show in the next years accounts because our year end is September 2025 and awards were distributed after this date.

We also donated the following free of charge.

K&K Free hall hire	£	90.00
£400 electric for This is Alfred	£	400.00
Laura 12 weeks free	£	216.00
Laura 6 weeks free	£	108.00
Murder Mystery (top up to monies raised)	£	667.89
		<b><u>£1,481.89</u></b>

### **Shaftesbury Fringe**

The first Shaftesbury Fringe took place ten years ago from small beginnings it has grown into one of the largest open-access arts festivals in the country. In July the grounds of Trinity were used for the first time to host a 'Big Stage' event with marquee and live music. Hall hire increased over the weekend with many Acts returning for a second year. The organisers Mark Cook and his Round Table colleagues marshalled and managed the whole event. Feedback from the weekend was positive and plans have been made for Mark and his team to organise another event this year. Profits were shared between three local charities. The trust has agreed there will be no charge for the hire of Trinity grounds but will be a recipient of any profits made. Trinity received £2000 from the profits of the event this year.

### **Lime Tree Walk**

The Trust's land includes the historic avenue of Lime trees which appear on the 1790 map of Shaftesbury. We continue to work with the Tree Officer of Dorset Council, and Shaftesbury Tree Group for the continued upkeep of this important feature of the town. Trustee John Parker continues to provide valuable care and advice in this matter.

Trinity grounds have been an important part of the annual snowdrop festival for several years. Sadly, the snowdrop festival has suffered because of a lack of volunteers. However, footfall in the grounds during February and March continues when the display becomes a major attraction in the town. The famous lime trees continue to be inspected and replaced when necessary.

### **Car Parking**

All car park spaces remain allocated and we maintain a waiting list. Tenants have been notified of an increase in rent for 2026. The new rising arm barrier is much more resilient and continues to be an improvement on the old system.

### **Utilisation of the Tower**

The lease with Wessex Internet for continued use of the bell chamber in the tower remains, providing broadband to the surrounding area. The local podcaster 'This is Alfred' began broadcasting from its transmitter at the top of the tower in 2022. A community radio station is a valued service and is now followed by many in the town, broadcasting about life in Shaftesbury.

Trudie Stanley - Chairman  
Trinity Centre Trust



**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
280711

**Principal address**

The Old Barn  
Madjeston  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 5JH

**Trustees**

Mrs T A Stanley (Vice Chairman)  
Mr J Parker  
Mr D Weir  
Mr A Morgan (Chairman)  
Mr Anthony Streets  
Mr Gregory Tapper

**Independent Examiner**

Philip Bevis  
FCA FCCA  
Andrews and Palmer  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

**Bankers**

HSBC  
The Commons  
Shaftesbury  
Dorset  
SP7 8JX

**Administrator**

Mrs S Franks MCMI

**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of Trust dated 8 July 1980 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed via the local community and on the basis of the skills they can bring to the work of the Trust.

**Organisational structure**

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the administrator. The Trustees meet to receive updates, review finances and prioritise the key objectives.

**Wider network**

The charity work alongside many local voluntary and charitable organisations, and in particular the Shaftesbury Scout Group.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the charity are to apply its funds and assets as the trustees think fit in accordance with the Trust Deed.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

In particular, the charity's main aims and objectives are

- a) to provide suitable headquarters accommodations for the Shaftesbury Scout Group
- b) to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Shaftesbury in the county of Dorset and the districts surrounding Shaftesbury with special regard to the needs of the elderly.

**Significant activities**

The charity continues to provide suitable headquarters accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group.

**Grant making**

Grants and donations totalling £nil were made in the year to institutions. (2024: £1,905)

Grants and donations totalling £394 were made in the year to individuals. (2024: £2,846)



**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

The charity was established with a general charitable purpose and to promote the advancement of health or saving of lives and the disabled.

The main beneficiaries from the charity's activities are children and young people, the elderly and those with disabilities.

The charity makes various grants to individuals and organisations in the Shaftesbury area and provides services, buildings, open spaces and other facilities available for beneficiaries.

**Volunteers**

Other than the administrator, the charity is reliant upon unpaid volunteers and trustees in achieving its charitable objectives.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity continues to promote its charitable objectives by continuing to provide suitable headquarters accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group and to provide grants and support institutions and individuals.

Further charitable activities are outlined in the Chairman's Report.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The charity seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to be able to fund its core charitable activities. Restricted reserves, where applicable, are only used for the purpose of which they were initially donated.

**Principle funding sources**

The charity's principle funding sources are derived from the rent of land and buildings and donations received.

During the year outgoing resources exceeded incoming resources by £21,212.

Approved by the board of trustees on the 4th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs T A Stanley (Chairman) - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE OF SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**AS SET OUT ON PAGES 8 TO 10**

- Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner** The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
  - to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
  - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
- Basis of independent examiner's report** My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.
- Independent examiner's statement** In connection with my examination, no material matters have 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 section 130 of the Act; or
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Name:** Mr P L Bevis

**Relevant professional qualifications:** FCA, FCCA

**Address:** Andrews & Palmer Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR



**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Last</u> <u>Year</u> £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Interest	2,122	-	2,122	2,337
Rents receivable	60,613	-	60,613	52,478
Car parking	22,160	-	22,160	20,859
Insurance claims etc	8,397	-	8,397	15,694
Grant	9,712	-	9,712	565
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ 103,004</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 103,004</b>	<b>£ 91,933</b>
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<b>Payments</b>				
Rates and water	1,541	-	1,541	1,289
Insurance	19,803	-	19,803	26,647
Light and heat	3,944	-	3,944	6,472
Repairs, renewals, and servicing	12,284	-	12,222	18,016
Car park barrier, signage and CCTV	1,953	-	1,953	390
New car park barrier	-	-	-	9,096
Postage, stationery, and sundry expenses	2,910	-	2,657	1,010
Building maintenance	27,654	-	27,396	7,241
Grants/donations to institutions	-	-	-	1,905
Grants/donations to individuals	394	-	394	2,846
Wages	6,318	-	6,318	5,824
Accountancy	600	-	600	570
Professional fees	4,230	-	4,230	300
Bank charges	161	-	161	180
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£81,792</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£81,219</b>	<b>£ 81,786</b>
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<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>21,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,214</b>	<b>10,147</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Cash funds last year end	107,491	-	107,491	97,344
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<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 128,703</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 128,705</b>	<b>£ 107,491</b>
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**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Restricted</u></b> <b><u>Funds</u></b> £	<b><u>Total this</u></b> <b><u>Year</u></b> £	<b><u>Total last</u></b> <b><u>Year</u></b> £
<b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>				
HSBC Current Account	53,768	-	53,768	38,333
HSBC Refurb Account	154	-	154	125
HSBC Bella West Account	670	-	670	1,463
HSBC Deposit Account	8,609	-	8,609	8,460
CCLA Building Maintenance Account	45,771	-	45,771	43,798
HSBC Community Account	19,730	-	19,730	15,311
	<u>£128,703</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£128,703</u>	<u>£ 107,491</u>
<b><u>Investment Assets</u></b>				
Residential Property & Improvements	£258,044	-	£258,044	£258,044
	<u>£258,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£258,044</u>	<u>£258,044</u>
<b><u>Assets retained for the Charity's own use</u></b>				
Trinity Centre Buildings & Improvements	470,628	-	470,628	470,628
Debtors	-	-	-	-
	<u>£470,628</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 470,628</u>	<u>£ 470,628</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>				
Creditors and accruals	£-	-	£-	£571
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£ 571</u>
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>			<u>£857,375</u>	<u>£ 835,592</u>

Signed on behalf of all trustees

Signature .....

Full names Mr Alistair Morgan

Position Chairman

Date

**SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**1. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<u>At 01.10.24</u>	<u>Net movement</u> <u>in funds</u>	<u>Transfers</u> <u>between funds</u>	<u>At 30.09.25</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>				
General Fund	106,920	21,783	-	128,703
Freehold Property Fund	728,672	-	-	728,672
Trinity Hall Upgrade Fund	-	-	-	-
Scout Hall Refurbishment Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>£ 835,592</u>	<u>21,783</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 857,375</u>

