

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01764395 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 288453

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

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**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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## **RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the charity are to promote the permanent preservation for the public benefit of the Meeting House located in Ringwood, Hampshire, as a building of historical and architectural interest to be retained for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Meeting House is available for the use of any of the following purposes:

- As an exhibition and information centre
- As a museum and heritage centre
- As a Meeting house or Meeting Hall
- As a Concert Venue
- For public educational purposes
- For any other charitable purposes

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The trustees maintain, as their long-term objective, the preservation of the 1727 Meeting House and aim to ensure that it fulfils a purposeful role in Ringwood being used in accordance with the statement of Objectives and Activities set out above. Heritage Lottery Funding was secured with the offer (and acceptance of the trustees) of a grant of £513,000 and work in the consolidated preservation and general refurbishment of the building both inside and out is finished and now being maintained. The interior of the building is much enhanced by the completed work. Exhibitions and displays professionally designed based on information provided by the trustees feature prominently. The history of the building is clearly revealed.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves Policy**

The building and maintenance cost a total of £698,199. This was funded as follows – Heritage Lottery Fund Grant £513,000, Stephenson Trust Grant £150,000 and general fundraising, including earlier grants from Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council and a substantial legacy from Miss P Wareham.

During October 2018 a substantial legacy was received from the estate of Pamela Barnwell.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

01764395 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

288453

##### **Registered office**

New House  
Market Place  
Ringwood  
Hampshire  
BH24 1ER

##### **Trustees**

Mrs E Abrams  
K Adams  
Mrs B Davies  
Mrs L Gray  
J Hawkins  
D M Hoskins  
R W Levell (appointed 14.10.23)  
Miss J A R Reynolds  
Mrs A Rix  
Mrs S M Thurston

**Company Secretary**

Mrs S M Thurston

**Independent Examiner**

S A Sullivan FCA

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26.10.24 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ringwood Meeting House Association Ltd ('the Company')**  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

S A Sullivan FCA

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		5,214	-	5,214	2,905
Charitable activities		1,340	-	1,340	673
Other trading activities		20,184	-	20,184	16,940
Investment income	2	<u>5,385</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>7,100</u>	<u>6,962</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>32,123</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>33,838</u>	<u>27,480</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		6,012	-	6,012	4,410
Charitable activities		36,158	21,893	58,051	35,650
Other		<u>9,345</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>9,423</u>	<u>9,832</u>
		<u>51,515</u>	<u>21,971</u>	<u>73,486</u>	<u>49,892</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(19,392)	(20,256)	(39,648)	(22,412)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		231,462	62,303	293,765	316,177
		<u>212,070</u>	<u>42,047</u>	<u>254,117</u>	<u>293,765</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>212,070</u>	<u>42,047</u>	<u>254,117</u>	<u>293,765</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	6,116	443	6,559	4,061
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	8	924	-	924	1,081
Debtors	9	3,973	-	3,973	5,929
Investments		167,390	41,604	208,994	244,757
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>38,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,790</u>	<u>43,594</u>
		211,077	41,604	252,681	295,361
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,123)	-	(5,123)	(5,657)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>205,954</u>	<u>41,604</u>	<u>247,558</u>	<u>289,704</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>212,070</u>	<u>42,047</u>	<u>254,117</u>	<u>293,765</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>212,070</u>	<u>42,047</u>	<u>254,117</u>	<u>293,765</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				212,070	231,462
Restricted funds				<u>42,047</u>	<u>62,303</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>254,117</u>	<u>293,765</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26.10.24 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Aboum  
Trustee

## RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15% on reducing balance

##### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	61	51
Other interest	<u>7,039</u>	<u>6,911</u>
	<u>7,100</u>	<u>6,962</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

<b>3. SUPPORT COSTS</b>			
		31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Support costs		<u>9,423</u>	<u>9,832</u>
<b>4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		<u>1,095</u>	<u>716</u>
<b>5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>			
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.			
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>			
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.			
<b>6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2,905	-	2,905
Charitable activities	673	-	673
Other trading activities	16,940	-	16,940
Investment income	<u>4,479</u>	<u>2,483</u>	<u>6,962</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>24,997</u>	<u>2,483</u>	<u>27,480</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4,410	-	4,410
Charitable activities	35,650	-	35,650
Other	9,740	92	9,832
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(24,803)	2,391	(22,412)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	256,265	59,912	316,177
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>231,462</u>	<u>62,303</u>	<u>293,765</u>

**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023	7,529	1,058	8,587
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>3,593</u>	<u>3,593</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,529</u>	<u>4,651</u>	<u>12,180</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	4,255	271	4,526
Charge for year	<u>491</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>1,095</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,746</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>5,621</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,783</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>6,559</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,274</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>4,061</u>

**8. STOCKS**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Stocks	<u>924</u>	<u>1,081</u>

**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	15	17
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,958</u>	<u>5,912</u>
	<u>3,973</u>	<u>5,929</u>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade creditors	2,665	3,461
Other creditors	-	474
Accrued expenses	<u>2,458</u>	<u>1,721</u>
	<u>5,123</u>	<u>5,657</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	231,462	(19,392)	212,070
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	<u>62,303</u>	<u>(20,256)</u>	<u>42,047</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>293,765</u>	<u>(39,648)</u>	<u>254,117</u>

**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	32,123	(51,515)	(19,392)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	1,715	(21,971)	(20,256)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>33,838</u></u>	<u><u>(73,486)</u></u>	<u><u>(39,648)</u></u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	256,265	(24,803)	231,462
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	59,912	2,391	62,303
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>316,177</u></u>	<u><u>(22,412)</u></u>	<u><u>293,765</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	24,997	(49,800)	(24,803)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted	2,483	(92)	2,391
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>27,480</u></u>	<u><u>(49,892)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,412)</u></u>

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**RINGWOOD MEETING HOUSE ASSOCIATION LTD**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	4,814	2,770
Gift aid	<u>400</u>	<u>135</u>
	5,214	2,905
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Subscriptions	245	545
Fund Raising	7,819	5,789
Refreshments	<u>12,120</u>	<u>10,606</u>
	20,184	16,940
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Meeting house hire	1,340	673
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	61	51
Other interest	<u>7,039</u>	<u>6,911</u>
	7,100	6,962
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	33,838	27,480
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Refreshments	2,916	1,802
Fund raising event costs	<u>3,096</u>	<u>2,608</u>
	6,012	4,410
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Repairs and renewals	25,405	6,712
Operations manager	17,159	15,186
Reception costs	6,558	4,085
Cleaning	3,748	3,601
Rates and water	902	766
Insurance	1,788	1,663
Light and heat	<u>2,491</u>	<u>3,637</u>
	58,051	35,650
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Accountancy	1,693	1,123
Professional fees	-	2,363
Computer expenses	728	484
Archive expenses	1,884	2,181
Telephone	968	634
Postage and stationery	996	903
Advertising	1,035	1,291
Sundries	927	-
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	491	578
Depreciation of computer equipment	<u>604</u>	<u>138</u>
	9,326	9,695

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<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	97	137
Total resources expended	<u>73,486</u>	<u>49,892</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u><b>(39,648)</b></u>	<u><b>(22,412)</b></u>