

THE HARTING COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: 296532

Trustee: Harting Parish Council

Harting Community Hall
Pease Croft
South Harting
Petersfield
Hampshire
GU31 5LB

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023-24		2022-23 (14 months)
	£		£
Total income resources	29,296.10	note 1	24,565.43
Total expenditure	28,556.94	note 2	31,938.57
Surplus/(deficit) income over expenditure for year	<u>739.16</u>		<u>(7,373.14)</u>

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Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 March 2024

The financial position and summary of funds at the year end

	2023-24		2022-23	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Santander	-		-	
Nat West	6,855.62		9,459.78	
Nat West Reserve	5,321.69		2,289.72	
Film night float	202.50		100.00	
Pre-payment	90.00		272.00	
Debtors	-		-	
Stock - wine, ice cream	-		-	
		12,469.81		12,121.50
Less current liabilities				
Hire paid in advance	-		956.00	
Creditors	565.15		-	
		565.15		956.00
Net Assets	£	<u>11,904.66</u>		<u>11,165.50</u>
Represented by:				
Income and Expenditure Account				
prior year balance		11,165.50		18,538.64
current year		739.16		(7,373.14)
	£	<u>11,904.66</u>		<u>11,165.50</u>
Note:				
Harting Parish Council grant held by them for use when required				
bal b/f		4,739.00		
awarded this year		4,101.68		
spent		6,057.10		
bal c/f		<u>2,783.58</u>		

This Annual Financial Report for year ended ~~31st December 2024~~ was approved by the Trust and signed on its behalf by:

18/7/2024
31st MARCH 2024

Trustee: Harting Parish Council

Chair of Trustees

Date

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1. Analysis of Income for the year ended 31 March 2024

<u>Income</u>	2023-24		2022-23 (14 months)	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Government grants</i>				
Parish Council grant			-	
Others			2,667.00	
		-		2,667.00
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>				
Donations	50.00		22.00	
Legacies	-		-	
		50.00		22.00
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Regular hire	4,484.00		4,745.00	
Pre-school & toddlers	11,520.00		7,765.00	
Private hire	1,060.00		1,884.00	
Occasional hire	1,445.50		323.00	
		18,509.50		14,717.00
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fundraising	2,160.48		486.10	
Film nights	8,300.55		6,256.11	
		10,461.03		6,742.21
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		31.97		10.06
<i>Other receipts</i>				
Other grants	-		-	
Electricity	243.60		407.16	
Insurance claim	-		-	
		243.60		407.16
Total income resources		29,296.10		24,565.43

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2. Analysis of Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023-24		2022-23 (14 months)	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Expenditure</u>				
<i>Trading</i>				
Caretaker	10,606.05		12,511.20	
Maintenance	4,998.30		3,256.99	
Consumables	1,056.52		622.29	
Oil	1,807.32		1,477.14	
Electricity	1,040.06		1,186.20	
Water	542.85		470.00	
Phone & Wi-fi	361.63		1,026.85	
Rates	212.74		430.48	
Waste	935.19		881.66	
		21,560.66		21,862.81
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Drink licence	180.00		180.00	
Film nights	3,811.64		3,818.74	
Fundraising	681.32		125.84	
		4,672.96		4,124.58
<i>Major repairs</i>				
Dedecoration		1,658.20		4,915.00
<i>Other expenses</i>				
Admin expenses	454.62		977.68	
Misc	210.50		58.50	
		665.12		1,036.18
Total expenditure		28,556.94		31,938.57

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Objectives and Activities

For the purposes of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Harting without distinction of political religious or other options including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Area of benefit

Parish of Harting

Additional information

The Charity is not a grant making charity or involved in social investment. The Charity is run by a Community Hall Committee (CHC) which is made up of volunteers and the Harting Parish Council acting as the Sole Managing Trustee is also made up of volunteers. The Charity has one employee who is the Hall's caretaker.

Achievements and Performance

The last year has been a challenging year for the Hall, but also a very positive one. The main challenges have been the substantial increase in the Hall's energy costs and other inflationary pressures, as well as the need to undertake necessary and overdue maintenance and refurbishments. The positive aspects have been the Harting Parish Council becoming the Sole Trustee, the supportive attitude of our regular users to the necessary increased hire charges, increased usage of the Hall and the introduction of new activities.

The most visible signs of the refurbishment are the enhancement of the entrance hall and the main hall, a new sign and notice board outside the hall and further upgrading of the audio systems, the latter thanks to the generous support of the Harting Society. But probably the most significant change is the upgrading of the old upstairs committee room, now called The Humphrey Sladden Room, to become a small flexible and well-equipped room available for hire. More refurbishment in other parts of the Hall is planned in the future.

The greater usage of the hall reflects the return of ad hoc hirings for birthday parties and similar events post Covid, as well as the continued development of the Harting Film Nights to now include regular afternoon showings of Art films and, more significantly, the introduction of National Theatre Live showings. This has led to a welcomed increase in the Hall's income and should allow the Hall to improve profitability in the next year.

Although this is a positive picture, the future holds many challenges in both retaining our regular users, particularly the Pre-School, and attracting new users and activities, as well as maintaining and refurbishing a building that is beginning to show its age and in places wear out. To substantially lower our carbon footprint, as well as improving our income, we are investigating with Harting CAN's support a plan to substantially increase our solar power capacity and remove our dependence on oil.

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Reserves Policy

The Charity's current policy is to hold all its funds in cash at the NatWest Bank.

At the year end the Charity had £5,321 in a separate NatWest deposit account from its day-to-day banking account. This reserve is held primarily to ensure continuity in the event of an unexpected significant adverse variation of income or to cover emergency expenditures. In the normal course of events the Reserve would be expected to be in the range of £5,000 to £10,000 and would be funded from any monies in the NatWest current account considered to be surplus to those required to meet budgeted expenditure or from any donations. However, monies may be added to the reserve if it is decided to build up a specific pot to pay future planned expenditure. The Reserve account is monitored at each meeting of the CHC and this policy annually or as required.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Lease and Trust Deed dated 10th November 1986 as amended on 9th December 2022.

The Charity has a Sole Managing Trustee (SMT) which is undertaken by The Harting Parish Council (HPC). The membership, therefore, of the SMT is that of the HPC. The SMT appoints a Community Hall Committee to provide the day to day management of the Charity and the hall.

The lease which the Charity has on the Community Hall building is held on the Charity's behalf by the Official Custodian for Charities. The freehold of the building is owned by The Harting Parish Council.

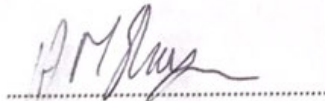
Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	The Harting Community Trust
Charity number:	296532
Charity's principal address:	Harting Community Hall, Pease Croft South Harting Petersfield Hampshire GU31 5LB.
Sole Managing Trustee's principal address:	Clerk to the Parish Council, The Old Post Office South Harting GU31 5PU

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' annual accounts and report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Position:

CHAIRMAN

Full name:

ANDREW MICHAEL SHAXSON

Date:

18/7/2024

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Harting Community Hall Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March, 2024

Charity no
(if any)

296532

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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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 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 section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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:

FB de Beer

Date:

17 June 2024

Name:

FRANCIS DE BEER

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

FCMA CMA.

Address:

FLINT COTTAGE,

EAST HARTING

PETERSFIELD

GU31 5LT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.