

## THE HARTING COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

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**CHARITY NUMBER: 296532**

**Trustee A A A**

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**The Harting Community Hall Trust**  
Charity number: 296532

**Statement of Financial Activities** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2024-25		2023-24
	£		£
Total income resources	34,507.03	note 1	29,296.10
Total expenditure	27,020.67	note 2	28,556.94
<b>Surplus/(deficit) income over expenditure for year</b>	<b>7,486.36</b>		<b>739.16</b>

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**Balance Sheet****for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The financial position and summary of funds at the year end were:

	2024-25		2023-24	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Santander	-		-	
Nat West	7,779.52		6,855.62	
Nat West Reserve	8,938.11		5,321.69	
Film night float	202.50		202.50	
Pre-payment	90.00		90.00	
Debtors	2,837.20		-	
Stock - wine, ice cream	-		-	
		19,847.33		12,469.81
<b>Less current liabilities</b>				
Hire paid in advance	-		-	
Creditors	456.31		565.15	
		456.31		565.15
<b>Net Assets</b>	£	<u>19,391.02</u>		<u>11,904.66</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Income and Expenditure Account				
prior year balance		11,904.66		11,165.50
current year		7,486.36		739.16
	£	<u>19,391.02</u>		<u>11,904.66</u>

<b>Note:</b>	<i>Harting Parish Council grant held by them for use when required</i>	
	<i>bal b/f</i>	<i>2,783.58</i>
	<i>awarded this year</i>	<i>2,650.00</i>
	<i>Spent (screen/roofing/audio)</i>	<i>(2,370.00)</i>
	<i>bal c/f</i>	<i>3,063.58</i>

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**1. Analysis of Income for the year ended 31 March 2025**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Government grants</i>				
Parish Council grant				
Others				
		-		-
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>				
Donations	45.00		50.00	
Legacies	-		-	
		45.00		50.00
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Regular hire	6,070.00		4,484.00	
Pre-school & toddlers	11,378.00		11,520.00	
Private hire	514.00		1,060.00	
Occasional hire	1,578.00		1,445.50	
		19,540.00		18,509.50
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fundraising	2,754.00		2,160.48	
Film nights	10,819.03		8,300.55	
		13,573.03		10,461.03
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		116.42		31.97
<i>Other receipts</i>				
Other grants	1,000.00		-	
Electricity	232.58		243.60	
Insurance claim	-		-	
		1,232.58		243.60
<b>Total income resources</b>		<b>34,507.03</b>		<b>29,296.10</b>

**2. Analysis of Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2024-25		2023-24	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
<i>Trading</i>				
Caretaker	8,372.04		10,606.05	
Maintenance	2,737.94		4,998.30	
Consumables	590.78		1,056.52	
Oil	1,468.77		1,807.32	
Electricity	1,243.90		1,040.06	
Water	541.24		542.85	
Phone & Wi-fi	641.46		361.63	
Rates	222.05		212.74	
Waste	1,046.40		935.19	
		16,864.58		21,560.66
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Drink licence	180.00		180.00	
Film nights	4,736.15		3,811.64	
Fundraising	705.28		681.32	
		5,621.43		4,672.96
<i>Major repairs</i>				
Dedecoration/Planning		3,889.50		1,658.20
<i>Other expenses</i>				
Admin expenses	495.57		454.62	
Misc	149.59		210.50	
		645.16		665.12
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>27,020.67</b>		<b>28,556.94</b>

## **The Harting Community Hall Trust**

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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 another year of progress for the Hall with usage levels holding up, further refurbishment projects, continued development of our 'Harting Film Night' activities and progress on our solar project with the valuable assistance of Harting CAN. Despite increases in many of our overheads and other costs, we have not increased our charges, and a small profit was made for the year.

The most visible signs of the refurbishment are the enhancements of the bar and further upgrading of the audio systems, the latter thanks to the further generous support of the Harting Society. Also further upgrading of the old upstairs committee room, now called The Humphrey Sladden Room, to further enhance it as a small flexible and well-equipped room available for hire and the showing of films and running courses, such as a very popular Wine Tasting Course. The continued development of the Harting Film Nights with the successful introduction of Glyndebourne Opera evenings where everyone brings a picnic and more recently an Indie Film Night in the Humphrey Sladden Room. These are as well as the regular monthly Film Nights, the afternoon showings of Art films in the Humphrey Sladden Room and the very popular National Theatre Live showings. This has led to a welcomed increase in the Hall's income and is very instrumental in the Hall making a small profit.

Although this is a positive picture, the future holds many challenges with continued inflationary pressures and retaining our regular users 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. It is against this background that the Solar Project which we have developed with Harting CAN is so important. The project is to substantially increase our solar power capacity and so generate a significant and stable income for the Hall which will then allow us to remove our dependence on oil. We have made significant progress in gaining planning permission, obtaining quotes and securing substantial financial backing from the Harting Parish Council, although this will still mean that we must raise further funds over the next year, but we hope to tie up the last loose ends shortly and be able to proceed. This should be a game changer for the Hall's longer term financial security.

## The Harting Community Hall Trust

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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 £8,938 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 1986 as amended on 9<sup>th</sup> 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  
GU31 5LB

Sole Managing Trustee's principal address: Clerk to Harting Parish Council,  
The Old Post Office  
South Harting  
Petersfield  
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:

Chair

Full name:

ANDREW MICHAEL SHAXSON

Date:

17th July 2025



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Report to the trustees of Harting Community Hall Trust

On the accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 Charity Number 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 required.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
2. To follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. 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 disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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, and material respect, the requirements: (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and (b) 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: 7 June 2025.

Name: Francis B. de Beer.

Relevant professional qualifications or body (if any) FCMA GCMA.

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