

BEARSTED AND THURNHAM KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 302679

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-05-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: To provide a welcoming village hall for the purpose of advancing education, religion, health, the arts, culture and heritage, amateur sport, and youth activities, and to provide a meeting place for local societies, groups and organisations and a venue for recreation and parties.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISHES OF BEARSTED AND THURNHAM AND IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,900	£45,670	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,139	£46,806	-	-
2023-03-31	£56,169	£100,614	-	-
2022-03-31	£62,138	£29,004	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,135	£24,851	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JUNE WILKINS	Chair	
Chris Waters		2022-01-10
Ian Gutteridge		2021-11-09
John Evans		2012-03-20
MICHAEL STARK		2012-07-31
SANDRA KNATCHBULL		2012-07-01
Sarah Elvy		2024-01-07

Linked charities

- WESTON ENDOWMENT (302679-1)

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Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2025

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9. The Trustees believe that in exercising their powers and duties they have complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.

Financial Review

10. This year receipts exceeded payments by £16,230, which was generated by an increase in Gross Income of 8.3% and a reduction in Gross payments of 2.4%.
11. Gross Income increased with hirer income seeing an increase of 5.1% against prior year, a new record for Hirer Income in a financial year. A large increase in interest rates was again seen in the year, generating almost £6k against £3.7k in prior year.
12. Expenditure on repair and maintenance programmes led to increases of £2.7k, driven mainly by a refurbishment of the Whitehead room of £3.1k.
13. Expenditure on utilities, particularly Gas and Electric saw a reduction of £3.3k, with this including a rebate from prior year of £1.2k. Energy prices, for both Gas and Electric, have reduced significantly in the year with the reduced prices locked in for a 3-year fixed term to benefit in the coming years. Other costs are generally in line with prior year as prices settled from the increases seen previously.
14. The detailed receipts and payments account and the statement of assets and liabilities for the charity are as attached.

Reserves

15. The Trustees' policy is to hold sufficient monies to meet the Hall operating costs for a period of approximately one year, plus such level of reserves, as they deem necessary, to meet any emergencies and major programmes of the Hall. A major refurbishment programme was undertaken in 2022-23 to improve the basement and remove asbestos and currently an assessment is being evaluated of the roof works deemed necessary going forward.

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Approved by the Trustees


June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2025

3.0 Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st March 2025

	31 MARCH 2025	31 MARCH 2024
RECEIPTS		
Hiring Charges	55,831	53,107
Bank Deposit Interest	5,975	3,732
Donations/Grants	0	0
Telephone	0	0
Key Deposits (net of refunds)	94	300
Sundry	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	61,900	57,139
PAYMENTS		
Cleaner's Charges	6,890	8,170
Honoraria to Officers	3,000	2,250
Repairs, maintenance and new works	11,243	8,560
Gas	2,297	4,216
Electricity	3,223	4,628
Water Rates	1,565	1,065
Insurance	3,020	3,272
Telephone & Wi-Fi	1,020	949
Refuse collection	1,841	1,973
Servicing toilets	4,279	3,605
Window cleaning	840	840
Cleaning Materials	439	609
Fire equipment and testing	0	1,036
Testing of heating/electrical systems	1,439	2,255
Gardener	787	610
Administrative expenses	1,342	357
Advertising	416	416
Subscriptions and donations	0	200
Website costs	202	122
Professional Fees	360	360
PRS/PPL licence fees	1,267	1,313
Piano tuning	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	45,670	46,806
Net of receipts/(Payments)	16,230	10,333
Cash funds last year end	145,518	135,185
Cash funds this year end	161,748	145,518

4.0 Statement of Assets and Liability's as at 31st March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

Cash Funds

Current Account	£24,607
Reserve Accounts	£37,141
Total Cash Funds	£161,748

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Other Monetary Assets (memo)

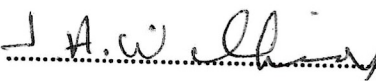
Hirers Unpaid Invoices	£104
Gas/Electric rebates due	£0
Total Assets	£104

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Liabilities (memo)

Hall Key Deposits	£402
Sundry Creditors	£812
Total Liabilities	£1,214

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Signed:  J. Wilkins (Chairman)

Signed:  D.R Stead (Treasurer)

5.0 Independent Examiner's Report

As Attached



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year
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31st March 2025

Charity no
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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 31/03/2023.

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
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date: 25th June 2025

Name:

Lynne Graves

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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A.C.C.A. (Prof), A.A.T.

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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9. The Trustees believe that in exercising their powers and duties they have complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.

Financial Review

10. This year receipts exceeded payments by £10,333, which is more in line as a 'normal' year when compared to prior year where the large refurbishment programme impacted on the net outflow of funds.
11. Income saw a slight drop in regular hirer income, due to changes in usage patterns, but the increase in non-regular hirers ensured the net hirer income was in line with previous years and expectations. A large increase in interest rates helped recover the slight shortfall, against last year, in hirer income to show a net increase in total income was achieved.
12. Expenditure on heating and electric systems, and various other maintenance issues, along with the purchase of a new Oven and Hob, saw an increase from prior year as a more 'normal' pattern of expenditure was again achieved. There were no major projects in the year after the heavy basement refurbishment programme of last year.
13. Expenditure on utilities, particularly Gas and Electric saw large increases in cost of £3.8k, even with government support of around £0.8k to help reduce the impact. This government support has ceased for the next financial year, though an extra rebate is due for a shortfall in support received of £1.2k applicable for 2023. Currently energy prices have reduced slightly, with usage targeted to ease previous cost increases. Other increases have been seen in Cleaning, Toilet services and a Fire equipment assessment in the year.
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Reserves

15. The Trustees' policy is to hold sufficient monies to meet the Hall operating costs for a period of approximately one year, plus such level of reserves, as they deem necessary, to meet any emergencies of the Hall. The latter includes an ongoing issue with damp in the basement where, although much work has been done to contain and manage the problem, a fundamental solution would be very costly. Improvements will continue to be implemented and assessments of any major refurbishments evaluated in the year ahead.

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June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2024

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	31 MARCH 2024	31 MARCH 2023
RECEIPTS		
Hiring Charges	53,107	55,027
Bank Deposit Interest	3,732	993
Donations/Grants	0	0
Telephone	0	0
Key Deposits (net of refunds)	300	150
Sundry	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,139	56,169
PAYMENTS		
Cleaner's Charges	8,170	6,496
Honoraria to Officers	2,250	2,250
Repairs, maintenance and new works	8,560	71,784
Gas	4,216	2,882
Electricity	4,628	2,140
Water Rates	1,065	505
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Professional Fees	360	360
PRS/PPL licence fees	1,313	1,286
Piano tuning	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	46,806	100,614
Net of receipts/(Payments)	10,333	(44,445)
Cash funds last year end	135,185	179,630
Cash funds this year end	145,518	135,185

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Current Account	£14,247
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Total Cash Funds	£145,518

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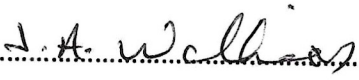
Hirers Unpaid Invoices	£0
Gas/Electric rebates due (2023)	£1,197
Total Assets	£1,197

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Liabilities (memo)

Hall Key Deposits	£358
Sundry Creditors	£1,052
Total Liabilities	£1,410

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Signed:  J. Wilkins (Chairman)

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Financial Review

10. This year payments exceeded receipts by £44,445, primarily due to the large refurbishment programme initiated in the previous year.
11. Income again saw a good bounce back from the pandemic impact of 2020-21 and income from Hirers again reached a new high for the Hall, coupled with increased interest receipts from bank deposits.
12. Expenditure on toilet tiling, and essential maintenance and repairs on lighting, steps and roof, saw an increase from prior year as a more 'normal' pattern of usage was achieved. Major projects for asbestos removal, increased security cameras and basement works, were initiated in the prior year and the work was undertaken and completed in the summer period. This was the largest project for the Hall since the major toilet refurbishment of 2011-12.
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Approved by the Trustees



June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2023

3.0 Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	31 MARCH 2023	31 MARCH 2022
RECEIPTS		
Hiring Charges	55,027	53,581
Bank Deposit Interest	993	607
Donations/Grants	0	8,000
Telephone	0	0
Key Deposits (net of refunds)	150	(50)
Sundry	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	56,169	62,138
PAYMENTS		
Cleaner's Charges	6,496	5,963
Honoraria to Officers	2,250	1,500
Repairs, maintenance and new works	71,784	4,965
Gas	2,882	1,714
Electricity	2,140	1,849
Water Rates	505	230
Insurance	2,537	2,364
Telephone & Wi-Fi	832	751
Refuse collection	1,434	1,336
Servicing toilets	1,815	1,930
Window cleaning	775	855
Cleaning Materials	648	701
Fire equipment and testing	214	233
Testing of heating/electrical systems	2,885	2,520
Gardener	550	905
Administrative expenses	351	327
Advertising	416	0
Subscriptions and donations	300	0
Website costs	155	122
Professional Fees	360	360
PRS/PPL licence fees	1,286	379
Piano tuning	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,614	29,004
Net of receipts/(Payments)	(44,445)	33,134
Cash funds last year end	179,630	146,496
Cash funds this year end	135,185	179,630

4.0 Statement of Assets and Liability's as at 31 March 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Cash Funds

Current Account	£52,647
Reserve Accounts	£82,538
Total Cash Funds	£135,185

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Other Monetary Assets (memo)

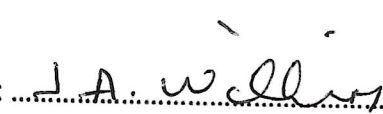
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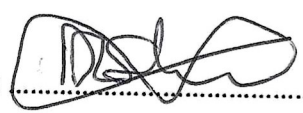
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Liabilities (memo)

Hall Key Deposits	£410
Sundry Creditors	£1,077
Total Liabilities	£1,487

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Signed:  J. Wilkins (Chairman)

Signed:  D.R Stead (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bearsted & Thurnham King George V Memorial Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

0302679

Set out on pages

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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.

Signed:

Date: 8th June 2023

Name:

Lynne Graves

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

A.C.C.A. (Prof), A.A.T.

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Registered Charity No 302679

1.0 General Information

Trustees:

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John Evans
Ian Gutteridge (appointed 6/10/21)
Frank Jagger (resigned 28/10/21)
Sandra Knatchbull
Michael Stark
Geoffrey Tester
Chris Waters (appointed 10/1/22)

Bookings Secretary:

Carol Phillips

Treasurer:

David Stead

Secretary:

Trudy Berridge

Bank Details:

National Westminster Bank
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Kent
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Kent
ME15 6AQ

Principal Office:

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1. The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. It is compiled under the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

2. The charity was established under a Trust Deed dated 2 March 1937, which created the Council of Management and governs the way it operates. The Trust Deed was amended and was updated in November 2015 to reflect the changes in membership and to give the Trustees the power to invest money.

Organisational Structure

3. The Council of Management currently comprises of seven Trustees, three of whom are co-opted. At the Annual General Meeting the Trustees elect from their number a Chairman and, where possible, a Vice Chairman. They also appoint a Bookings Secretary, a Treasurer and a Secretary, each of whom received an honorarium for the exceptional work done.
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7. It is the opinion of the Trustees that the hall continues to meet its long-term objectives. Further information is given in the financial review set out below.

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9. The hall is used by nearly twenty different local organisations on a regular basis and by many others taking advantage of one-off bookings. In a normal year, unaffected by government restrictions like the pandemic, the level of bookings from regular users has meant that the Hall is, unfortunately, unable to accommodate all the requests received for one-off bookings.
10. The Trustees believe that in exercising their powers and duties they have complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.

Financial Review

11. Helped by a local government start up grant of £8,000, this year receipts exceeded payments by £33,135.
12. Expenditure on new works, essential maintenance and repairs & maintenance saw an increase from prior year as a more 'normal' pattern of hirings was achieved. Projects for asbestos removal, increased security cameras and basement works, were initiated with the majority of expenditure to be incurred in 2022-23.
13. Income this year was back to levels last seen in 2019-20 before the covid restrictions. Hiring income was at an all time high and interest from Hampshire Trust Bank added to the reserves.
14. The detailed receipts and payments account and the statement of assets and liabilities for the charity are as attached.

Reserves

15. The Trustees' policy is to hold sufficient monies to meet the Hall operating costs for a period of approximately one year, plus such level of reserves, as they deem necessary, to meet any emergencies of the Hall. The latter includes an ongoing issue with damp in the basement where, although much work has been done to contain and manage the problem, a fundamental solution would be very costly. As stated above the decision to remove any asbestos on site has also been taken with the project to commence in July 2022.

Trustees at the date of this report

16. The Trustees who served during the financial year 2021-22 are set out on page two of this report.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

17. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial

activities during the year, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statement giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

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Approved by the Trustees

JA Wilkins

June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2022

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	31 MARCH 2022	31 MARCH 2021
RECEIPTS		
Hiring Charges	53,581	15,790
Bank Deposit Interest	607	964
Donations/Grants	8,000	19,431
Telephone	0	0
Key Deposits (net of refunds)	(50)	(50)
Sundry	0	10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,138	36,135
PAYMENTS		
Cleaner's Charges	5,963	5,141
Honoraria to Officers	1,500	900
Repairs, maintenance and new works	4,965	709
Gas	1,714	2,385
Electricity	1,849	1,628
Water Rates	230	847
Insurance	2,364	1,780
Telephone & Wi-Fi	751	717
Refuse collection	1,336	1,489
Servicing toilets	1,930	1,750
Window cleaning	855	840
Cleaning Materials	701	1,333
Fire equipment and testing	233	202
Testing of heating/electrical systems	2,520	2,023
Gardener	905	880
Administrative expenses	327	239
Advertising	0	0
Subscriptions and donations	0	300
Website costs	122	122
Professional Fees	360	360
PRS/PPL licence fees	379	1,206
Piano tuning	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	29,004	24,851
Net of receipts/(Payments)	33,134	11,284
Cash funds last year end	146,496	135,212
Cash funds this year end	179,630	146,496

4.0 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2022

Unrestricted Funds

Cash Funds

Current Account	£77,054
Reserve Accounts	£102,576
Total Cash Funds	£179,630

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Other Monetary Assets

Hirers Unpaid Invoices	£0
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Liabilities

Hall Key Deposits	£360
Sundry Creditors	£0
Total Liabilities	£360

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Signed: *JA Wilkins* J. Wilkins (Chairman)

Signed:  D.R Stead (Treasurer)



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Date:

7th July 2022

Name:

Lynne Graves

Relevant professional
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Financial Review

11. Helped by local government grants this year receipts exceeded payments by £11,284. Expenditure on new works and maintenance was kept to a minimal £709, a substantial reduction on prior years, due to being closed for much of the period reported.
12. Income again this year was impacted adversely, with the various coronavirus lockdowns between March 2020 and March 2021, offset with support from local government grants.
13. Major expenditure is normally incurred on new works, essential repairs and maintenance, and up-grading facilities at the hall, but this financial year such expenditure was curtailed as the Hall went into lockdowns. Other variable expenditure has been paid from revenue income and grants in the year.
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Trustees at the date of this report

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June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2021

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	31 MARCH 2021	31 MARCH 2020
RECEIPTS		
Hiring Charges	15,790	50,278
Bank Deposit Interest	964	83
Donations/Grants	19,431	0
Telephone	0	0
Key Deposits (net of refunds)	(50)	(50)
Sundry	10	10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	36,135	50,321
PAYMENTS		
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Honoraria to Officers	900	1,600
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Electricity	1,628	2,254
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Window cleaning	840	840
Cleaning Materials	1,333	639
Fire equipment and testing	202	125
Testing of heating/electrical systems	2,023	2,314
Gardener	880	850
Administrative expenses	239	380
Advertising	0	396
Subscriptions and donations	300	100
Website costs	122	155
Professional Fees	360	360
PRS/PPL licence fees	1,206	1,280
Piano tuning	0	55
TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,851	39,337
Net of receipts/(Payments)	11,284	10,984
Cash funds last year end	135,212	124,228
Cash funds this year end	146,496	135,212

4.0 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021

Unrestricted Funds

(as @ 31st March 2021)

Cash Funds

Current Account	£44,527
Reserve Accounts	£101,969
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Other Monetary Assets

Hirers Unpaid Invoices	£3,065
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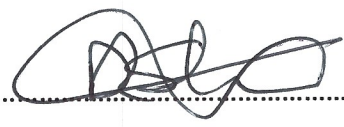
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Liabilities

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Sundry Creditors	£0
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Signed:  J. Wilkins (Chairman)

Signed:  D.R. Stead (Treasurer)



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

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Signed:

Date:

8th September 2021

Name:

Lynne Graves

**Relevant professional
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