

Bearsted and Thurnham

King George V

Memorial Hall

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2022

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Registered Charity No 302679

1.0 General Information

Trustees:

June Wilkins (Chairman)
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

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2.0 Trustees Report

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.
4. Meetings of the Council of Management are planned to take place every two months. One of these meetings is the AGM, which was held in September.

Objectives and Activities

5. The purpose of this charity is to provide a welcoming village hall, maintained, equipped and managed to the highest standard 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 training, recreation and parties for the benefit of the people of Bearsted and Thurnham and neighbouring areas.

6. Included amongst the many wide ranging activities that take place in the hall are: a nursery school, mothers and toddlers' group, church services, youth groups and prayer evenings, dance classes, pilates and other keep fit classes, amateur dramatics, choral singing, WI meetings, History Society meetings, the U3A Camera Club, Badminton Club, meetings of the Bearsted Parish Council, children's parties, christening parties, quiz nights and a number of other activities. The hall is also used as a polling station and as the surgery for our MP when he or she visits Bearsted.

Achievement and Performance

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.

8. The Hall, whilst complying with all government guidelines, has managed to be kept open for the nursery schools throughout the difficult Covid-19 lockdown periods, to support vulnerable children and children of key workers from the local community.

Public Benefit Statement

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:

- Select suitable accounting practices and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statement on a receipts and payments basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

18. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position for the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for the safeguarding of the assets of the charity, along with taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees

JA Wilkins

June Wilkins (Chairman)

July 2022

3.0 Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2022

	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)



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 2022

Charity no
(if any)

0302679

Set out on pages

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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 31/03/2021.

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
examiner's stat
ement

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:

7th July 2022

Name:

Lynne Graves

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

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

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Encompass Accounting Limited, 6 Kings Row, Armstrong Road, Maidstone,
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Section B**Disclosure**

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.