

1)JANE DOWNER 2)HOOPER'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 306423

Details

Other names	HOOPER'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, JANE DOWNER, HOOPER AND DOWNER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-07-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL TRAINING) OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 25 YEARS WHO,OR WHOSE PARENTS,RESIDE IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT ,PREFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO PERSONS QUALIFIED AS AFORESAID IN THE PARISH OF STORRINGTON. THE EXPRESSION "AREA OF BENEFIT" SHALL MEAN THE AREA CONSISTING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISHES OF AMBERLEY WITH STOKE,ASHINGTON WITH BUNCTON,ASHURST,BRAMBER WITH ST BOTOLPHS,COLDWALTHAM,GREATHAM,HARDHAM,PARHAM,PULBOROUGH,STEYNING,STORRINGTON,SULLINGTON,THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST,UPPER BEEDING,WASHINGTON,WEST CHILTINGTON,WIGGONHOLT AND WISTON,ALL IN THE COUNTY OF WEST SUSSEX

Activities: To promote the education of persons under 25 years of age who, or whose parents, reside in the Deanery of Storrington, preference being given to residents of the parish of Storrington.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£40,440	£34,024	-	-
2024-12-31	£37,101	£32,748	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,545	£38,105	-	-
2022-12-31	£32,790	£29,951	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,568	£26,364	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DENNIS ALAN COWDREY		2023-06-28
John Raymond Butler		2012-10-01
John Richard Carter		2016-06-07
NICHOLAS CHOATE		2024-09-02
PETER DENIS MACE		2023-06-28
Rev JONATHAN REID SWINDELLS		2025-03-01

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Narrative in support of 2025 accounts

We are now seeing regular use from several and disparate groups who include the Local Museum, Art Groups, Quilters, local musicians, health groups, Messy Church and several, albeit ad-hoc, users, using our facilities. The Dance Hut dancing school for youngsters goes from strength to strength now generating in excess of £10k per annum.

Rental income from the Cottage, Physiotherapist and Mini Bus Association was **£17352** compared to £16784 in 2024.

Overall, Income for 2025 was **£40440**, compared with £37101 in 2024.

Regular expenditure for 2025 **£20668** would appear to compare unfavourably with £18689 in 2024, but this is distorted by the change in 2024 of the method of payment of insurance. A more appropriate comparison would show insurance costs of £4392 in 2025 relative to £4389 in 2023 and not £2522 in 2024.

On the face of the Financial Statement, it would appear that we are cash rich (surplus £6456 in 2025 (£4353 in 2024)) However, External decoration costs expected to be circa £11000, delayed due to ill-health are now planned for 2026, We have been advised by the local Primary School, that there will be a Spike in requests for grants in early 2026. New staff in the school has meant that there has been a delay in raising Grant requests (hence the lower than usual grants awarded (£3361 in 2025, £5844 in 2024)), but that the present economic climate has increased the dependence on charities like ours with more requests coming forward.

Ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of old buildings relate in the most part to repairing rotten woodwork, roofing and condensation, not to mention the need to update electrical systems.

In line with our stated goals, we continued to support the education of local youngsters, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

On 1st March 2025, Rev Jonathan Swindells became a Trustee and Chairman of the Charity.

Hooper & Downer Educational Foundation

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Income Account	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Rents	40,032.41	36,676.27
Interest	<u>407.03</u>	<u>424.50</u>
	40,439.44	37,100.77
Grant from HDC Sussex Community award	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	£40,439.44	£37,100.77
<u>Payments Account</u>		
<u>Charitable Payments</u>		
Grants	3,360.58	5,843.28
<u>Other Payments</u>		
Secretarial Services & Caretaking	7,844.78	7,998.71
Property expenses	16,396.65	11,313.66
Dilapidations	6,421.98	7,592.36
	30,663.41	26,904.73
Asset /Investment Purchases	0.00	0.00
Total External Payments	34,023.99	32,748.01
Net cash surplus/(deficit) for the year	6,415.45	4,352.76
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January	23,449.62	19,096.86
Net cash receipts/(payments) for the year	6,415.45	4,352.76
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 December	29,865.07	23,449.62
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,930.60	9,523.57
Lloyds Current Account	19,934.47	13,926.05

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Freehold Property - The Old School	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Investments		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	66,916.82	68,247.41
Current Assets		
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,930.60	9,523.57
Current Account - Lloyds Bank	<u>19,934.47</u>	<u>13,926.05</u>
	29,865.07	23,449.62
Total Assets at 31 December	1,196,781.89	1,191,697.03
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Narrative in support of 2024 accounts

Our income has now polarised onto ten regular users, who include the Local Museum, Art Groups, Quilters and local musicians but it is encouraging to see several, albeit ad-hoc, users, using our facilities.

Without question, however, the largest regular user continues to be the Dance Hut dancing school from whom we derive in excess of £8k income.

Property income from the Cottage, Physiotherapist and Mini Bus Association was **£16784** compared to £15034 in 2023.

Overall, Income for 2024 was **£36676**, compared with £34545 in 2023 which included an increase of £801 on Hirings.

Regular expenditure for 2024 **£18689** would appear to compare reasonably with £18255 in 2023, but this is distorted by the method with which Ecclesiastical Insurance collects premiums, 12 monthly now, five times per annum previously. Indeed, taking Insurance out of the equation, Expenditure rose from £13866 in 2023 to £16167 in 2024.

On the face of the Financial Statement, it would appear that we are relatively cash rich (surplus £4353 in 2024 comparing favourably with a deficit of £3560 in 2023) but:-

Ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of old buildings relate in the most part to repairing rotten woodwork, roofing and condensation, not to mention the need to update electrical systems. A programme of regular review has been implemented and in 2025, the possible redecoration of the building (last carried out in 2017 and 2018) will take place.

In line with our stated goals, we continued to support the education of local youngsters, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and as such, awarded £5844 (2023 £4896) to meet their needs.

In September and in line with our constitution, a new Trustee was added (Mr Nicholas Choate) being the new Headmaster of Storrington Primary School.

In February 2025, we look forward to welcoming and adding our new Rector as a Trustee.

Hooper & Downer Educational Foundation

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income Account		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Rents	36,676.27	34,125.16
Interest	<u>424.50</u>	<u>420.02</u>
	37,100.77	34,545.18
Grant from HDC Sussex Community award	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	£37,100.77	£34,545.18
Payments Account		
<u>Charitable Payments</u>		
Grants	5,843.28	4,896.02
<u>Other Payments</u>		
Secretarial Services & Caretaking	7,998.71	6,750.91
Property expenses	11,313.66	11,518.46
Dilapidations	7,592.36	14,939.50
Fees and administration expenses/Covid Rent Refund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	26,904.73	33,208.87
Asset /Investment Purchases	0.00	0.00
Total External Payments	32,748.01	38,104.89
Net cash surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,352.76	-3,559.71
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January	19,096.86	22,656.57
Net cash receipts/(payments) for the year	4,352.76	-3,559.71
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 December	23,449.62	19,096.86
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,523.57	9,099.07
Lloyds Current Account	13,926.05	9,997.79

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Freehold Property - The Old School	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Investments		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	68,247.41	64,808.45
Current Assets		
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,523.57	9,099.07
Current Account - Lloyds Bank	<u>13,926.05</u>	<u>9,997.79</u>
	23,449.62	19,096.86
Total Assets at 31 December	1,191,697.03	1,183,905.31
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

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As alluded to in 2022, the cross-section of groups using the Old School facilities has changed significantly. The ever increasing use by Dance Hut, youngster dancing, has become a mainstay generating in excess of £8k in 2023.

Other users, including Art, Quilters, Musicians and adhoc bookings account for circa £6k, while the Storrington Museum is £4.8k.

Rental income from the Cottage, Physiotherapist and Mini Bus Association was £15034 compared to £14226 in 2022.

Overall, Income for 2023 was £34545, compared with £32790 in 2022.

With regard to regular expenditure, Insurance increased 11%, but other costs were within anticipated bounds.

Expenditure on Property delapidations rose significantly, with £4008 being incurred on roofing maintenance and £2850 on planned decoration to the Cottage together with carpeting of £1370, but unplanned expenditure of £1062 to external drains, and £3240 for a new boiler in the cottage. Overall, the premises cost £14940 to maintain.

In line with our stated goals, we continued to support the education of local youngsters, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and as such, awarded £4896 to meet their needs.

Two new trustees were added, Mr D Cowdray and Mr P Mace, who replace Mrs J Randall and Mr P Levin.

In view of the changes to the Trustees, it was appropriate to revisit the Trusts Governance files and records. As a result, the Trustees have produced a more comprehensive rules and record collection/retention process which will permit a much more efficient charity entirely based upon best practice.

Finally, it was decided by the Trustees to revalue the Old School property and to show it in the accounts at a more current valuation. As such, the historic valuation of £134,000.00 has been brought more into line with the valuation for insurances purposes, namely £1,100,000.00. The property is valued at £1.8m for insurance.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income Account	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Rents	34,125.16	32,706.50
Interest	<u>420.02</u>	<u>83.87</u>
	34,545.18	32,790.37
Grant from HDC Sussex Community award	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	£34,545.18	£32,790.37
<u>Payments Account</u>		
<u>Charitable Payments</u>		
Grants	4,896.02	3,645.51
<u>Other Payments</u>		
Secretarial Services & Caretaking	6,750.91	6,915.85
Property expenses	11,518.46	9,948.27
Dilapidations	14,939.50	1,441.43
Fees and administration expenses/Covid Rent Refund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	33,208.87	18,305.55
Asset /Investment Purchases	0.00	8,000.00
Total External Payments	38,104.89	29,951.06
Net cash surplus/(deficit) for the year	-3,559.71	2,839.31
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January	22,656.57	19,817.26
Net cash receipts/(payments) for the year	-3,559.71	2,839.31
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 December	19,096.86	22,656.57
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,099.07	8,679.05
Lloyds Current Account	9,997.79	13,977.52

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Freehold Property - The Old School	1,100,000.00	134,000.00
Investments		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	64,808.45	57,794.45
Current Assets		
CCLA Investment Deposit	9,099.07	8,679.05
Current Account - Lloyds Bank	<u>9,997.79</u>	<u>13,977.52</u>
	19,096.86	22,656.57
Total Assets at 31 December	1,183,905.31	214,451.02
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

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Narrative in support of 2022 accounts

We are seeing a gradual return to pre-pandemic activity levels, albeit by a slightly different cross-section of groups. Many of the pre-pandemic Art groups, Bridge Club and so on, have discontinued, but the levels of activity seen with youngster dancing, particularly Lucy Peacock Dance Hut, have exceeded all expectations. As such, our income from Hall hirers was £18249 compared with £10452 in 2021.

Overall, income levels were up £8140, £32707 in 2022, compared with £24567 in 2021.

Expenditure on regular Property upkeep increased in line with increased activity levels, but we benefited from entering a fixed price utility tariff which ends in April 2023, at which time, we may well experience disproportionate increases to our costs.

We are aware that some dilapidations to areas of roofing will need remedial work soon, and it is in anticipation of this ongoing maintenance to premises, that we transferred £8000 to our CCLA Investment Fund, which was valued at ££57399 at Year End.

Requests from local students, from Primary school age to those at University, for assistance in their educational journey, were met, and amounted to £3646 during the year.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income Account		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Rents	32,706.50	24,566.96
Interest	<u>83.87</u>	<u>1.04</u>
	32,790.37	24,568.00
Grant from HDC Sussex Community award	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	£32,790.37	£24,568.00
Payments Account		
<u>Charitable Payments</u>		
Grants	3,645.51	2,316.99
<u>Other Payments</u>		
Secretarial Services & Caretaking	6,915.85	5,623.71
Property expenses	9,948.27	8,805.82
Dilapidations	1,441.43	9,117.20
Fees and administration expenses/Covid Rent Refund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	18,305.55	24,046.73
Asset /Investment Purchases	8,000.00	0.00
Total External Payments	29,951.06	26,363.72
Net cash surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,839.31	-1,795.72
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 January	19,817.26	21,612.98
Net cash receipts/(payments) for the year	2,839.31	-1,795.72
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 December	22,656.57	19,817.26
CCLA Investment Deposit	8,679.05	8,595.18
Lloyds Current Account	13,977.52	11,222.08

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Fixed Assets		
Freehold Property - The Old School	134,000.00	134,000.00
Investments		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	57,794.45	54,681.55
Current Assets		

CCLA Investment Deposit	8,679.05	8,595.18
Current Account - Lloyds Bank	<u>13,977.52</u>	<u>11,222.08</u>
	£22,656.57	£19,817.26
Total Assets at 31 December	214,451.02	208,498.81
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

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