

Annual Report of the Trustees of The Gibbon and Buckland Charity for 2025

Registered Charity Number 307682

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to support education within the parish of Benenden by way of grants to the local primary school and to students living in the Parish under the age of 25 in further education or training.

Achievements and performance

The charity has adopted policies aimed at fulfilling its objectives; these policies were successful during the year. In planning the charity's activities, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The trustees met three times during the year.

Presentation Bibles with the charity bookplate inscribed with their name were given to each Benenden Primary School year six pupil.

37 grants were made to individual students totaling £21,075. £2000 was donated to the Primary School to assist in developing their outside learning area.

The long-standing lease with KCC for the Gibbon School House ended on 30th June, with KCC unable to deliver up vacant possession of the entire property to the Trustees. Negotiations took place, and compensatory payments by KCC were agreed, to mitigate the consequences to the charity of the lack of vacant possession. Following extensive discussion at a Special meeting, the decision was taken that it was in the best long-term interests of the charity to sell the building. Two Estate Agent valuations were obtained, with a range of £700,000- £750,000. An offer of £750,000 from the existing tenant was received and accepted, and exchange of contracts took place in December. A report was obtained from Lambert & Foster, Chartered Surveyors, confirming that price was the best reasonably obtainable, in accordance with the Charities Act.

Financial Review

The Charity's financial situation has been adversely affected by the termination of the lease and resulting loss of KCC rental income. The loss in income has been somewhat mitigated by £9108 received in previously owed KCC invoices. Expenditure on professional fees was increased because of the property sale, but £5118 of costs incurred in 2025 are to be reimbursed by KCC as part of the compensation agreed, as well as £11,700 to reflect lost rental income (and a further £4042 of costs incurred by the charity in 2026).

The charity's reserves comprise the funds used to establish the charity and retained income. It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted income funds, which are free reserves of the charity. In addition to a cash balance of £27,679 we maintain a Voluntary Sinking Fund at a level which provided contingency for major costs involved in repairs to the Gibbon building or the ending of the lease. This stands at £62,123 at year end. To the extent that the fund is not needed, it will be used as carried forward income to be used for the charity's purposes on a basis to be agreed at the next trustees' meeting.

Fixed Assets.

A small sliver of land adjoining the property to the west of the Gibbon School House was valued at £1500 by Lambert & Foster, Chartered Surveyors, and sold to the owners of the neighboring property

who had been utilizing the strip for some years. This delivered a net capital receipt of £1440 in December following deduction of indemnity insurance costs.

Income was derived from rent paid by the tenant (KCC), outstanding invoices owed by the tenant and interest on reserves.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the 1985 scheme of the charity commission (as amended by Trustees' resolution dated 17 November 2010), and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Trustees are recruited and appointed from members of the local community who wish to assist the charity and in accordance with the Scheme. Care is taken to ensure an appropriate range of skills is represented.

The trustees meet twice a year to agree the broad strategy including grant making, investment, reserves and risk management. Further trustees' meetings may be called at other times during the year as the need arises, as took place in July to decide the future of the Gibbon School House. The day-to-day administration of the trust is undertaken by the Clerk who invoices the Charity annually for work carried out.

New trustees are either nominees of public bodies or coopted. New trustees undergo a short induction programme and training is made available dependent on the needs of the trustee.

Reference and Administrative details

Principal Address: Random Acres, Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst, TN18 5AD

Trustees are:

Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Simon Brown	Chair		
David Harmsworth		Until Nov 2025	
Mary Cruse			Nominee of Rector
David Barnes		Until April 2025	
Janet Beattie			Primary School Governors
Anthony Fullwood		Until Oct 2025	
Julie Lewis			Parish Council
Guy Hagan		From July 2025-ongoing	PCC

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


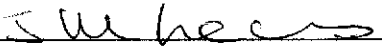
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position

Date

	
Simon Michael BROWN	Julie Maryhenics
Treasury (Chair)	Trustee
22/4/26.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gibbon & Buckland Charity

307882

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
KCC rent payments	14,250	-	-	14,250	28,500
Recovery of professional fees	9,108	-	-	9,108	-
Lloyds Bank interest	469	-	-	469	476
BlackRock interest	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,809
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,687	-	-	26,687	31,785
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	10,000	1,440	-	11,440	-
Sub total	10,000	1,440	-	11,440	-
Total receipts	36,687	1,440	-	38,127	31,785
A3 Payments					
Grants to students	21,075	-	-	21,075	25,000
Grants to Primary School	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Bibles	285	-	-	285	317
Professional Fees	14,534	-	-	14,534	10,741
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37,894	-	-	37,894	38,058
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
BlackRock Shares	-	-	-	-	-
BlackRock Accumulation Units	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,809
Sub total	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,809
Total payments	40,754	-	-	40,754	40,867
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,067	1,440	-	- 2,627	- 9,082
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,305	-	-	30,305	39,387
Cash funds this year end	26,238	1,440	-	27,678	30,305

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Lloyds Bank Treasurers	9,783	1,440	-
	Lloyds Bank Business Instant	6,406	-	-
	Lloyds Bank 32 day notice account	10,049	-	-
	Total cash funds	26,238	1,440	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	BlackRock Charities Voluntary Sinking Fund	unrestricted	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Gibbon School House	restricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Simon M. Brown	Simon Brown	22/4/26	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Gibbon and Buckland Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/25

**Charity no
(if any)**

307682

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Thomas Richard Jones

Date:

26-3-2026

Name:

THOMAS RICHARD JONES

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

Address:

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CHANDLER ROAD

BEVERLEY. TN17 4ET

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None