

Annual Report of the Trustees of The Gibbon and Buckland Charity for 2024

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 twice during the year.

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

43 grants were made to individual students totaling £25000. £2000 was donated to the Primary School to assist in their library refurbishment

Significant repairs have been carried out to the Gibbon Building by KCC, and Listed Building Consent attained in order to regularise the modern skylights and the replacement store ceiling.

Financial Review

The Charity's financial situation has remained largely unchanged in 2024. Whilst the cash balance is lower than the previous year end, the short fall is entirely accounted for by £9108 in unpaid KCC invoices, for which payment is anticipated shortly. A significantly increased number of grant applications were received as compared to 2023.

The charity's reserves comprise the funds used to establish the charity and accumulated 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 £30,305 we maintain a Voluntary Sinking Fund at a level which provides contingency for major costs involved in repairs to the Gibbon building or the ending of the current lease. This stands at £68213 at year end.

Fixed Assets. The property was last valued at £260,000 on 20 July 2006 by Lambert & Foster, Chartered Surveyors, on the basis of it being let to Kent County Council.

Income is derived wholly from rent paid 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. 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

All Trustees have acted for the whole year. They 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	Clerk		
Mary Cruse			Nominee of Rector
David Barnes			PCC
Janet Beattie			Primary School Governors
Anthony Fullwood			
Julie Lewis			Parish Council

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

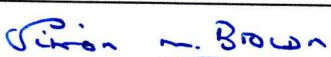
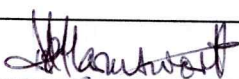
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position

Date

	
SIMON MICHAEL BROWN	DAVID ANTHONY HARMSWORTH
Chair of Trustees	Trustee
9/4/25.	

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gibbon & Buckland Charity

307682

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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	28,500	-	-	28,500	21,375
Recovery of professional fees	-	-	-	-	6,258
Lloyds Bank interest	476	-	-	476	306
BlackRock interest	2,809	-	-	2,809	2,433
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,785	-	-	31,785	30,372
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,785	-	-	31,785	30,372
A3 Payments					
Grants to students	25,000	-	-	25,000	16,800
Grants to Primary School	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Bibles	317	-	-	317	248
Professional Fees	10,741	-	-	10,741	1,638
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,058	-	-	38,058	18,686
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
BlackRock Shares	-	-	-	-	10,000
BlackRock Accumulation Units	2,809	-	-	2,809	2,433
Sub total	2,809	-	-	2,809	12,433
Total payments	40,867	-	-	40,867	31,119
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,082	-	-	- 9,082	- 748
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,387	-	-	39,387	40,135
Cash funds this year end	30,305	-	-	30,305	39,387

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Lloyds Bank Treasurers	519	-	-
	Lloyds Bank Business Instant	9,703	-	-
	Lloyds Bank 32 day notice account	20083.21	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,305	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
	BlackRock Charities UK Bond Fund		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Gibbon School House	Voluntary Sinking Fund	-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
Simon Brown		Simon Brown		9/4/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Gibbon and Buckland Charity

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/24

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 31/12/2024

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:

Date:

1st March 2025

Name:

THOMAS RICHARD DAWLINGS

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

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