

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. 2018-2019
The Charles Hunt Centre
Age Concern (Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux)
Charity No. 206901

This report is prepared on behalf of, and agreed with the Trustees of the above Centre.

Over the past year we have experienced a steady decline in membership, mainly due to either death or moving away. There has been however a few new members joining, but not sufficient to maintain a healthy financial situation. More people are needed to have lunches and prevent waste, at present numbers of 8 or 10 seems to be the norm, which is not a viable position, however there are days when 20 plus attend which makes the work of the cooks more rewarding. The general situation is not helped by people not understanding the plans of the local authority, and translate this to mean that the Centre is either closing, is already closed or is being demolished. Such hearsay is rapidly passed round and does nothing to maintain our membership. The Trustees do their best to assure members or enquirers that the Centre is alive and kicking, and any change in the future "may" be a relocation to new purpose built premises close by. Every means is being employed to champion the Centre, the Internet, Facebook, Our Web site, local publications, but most of all through word of mouth.

Various plans have been or are being implemented to improve the general appearance or attractiveness of the Centre. The loft area was cleared of accumulated rubbish, only leaving around 30 chairs to be disposed of. The relocation of the general office is working well and the old office is now available for alternative use. In conjunction with this, it was decided that the corridor and old office should be redecorated, as long overdue. To improve the appearance more and to encourage its use the corridor and office will be carpeted and vertical blinds fitted in the office. This will enable us to advertise its use to interested parties for meetings etc and provide extra income.

The everyday activities at the Centre continue but with varying levels of attendance from 8-10 for kurling and short mat bowls to around 40 for Movement to Music. Line Dancing has now been discontinued. Singing sessions or Craft sessions for DSES on a Friday afternoon are very often very disappointingly attended.

We still provide a Toenail cutting service now moved to Mondays at a very reasonable cost of £10 to our members. Hearing Aid batteries are available on the third Thursday in the month.

The Hall continues to be used by a number of outside organisations which provide the Centre with a very welcome income. Most of these users are now issued with keys on a temporary basis to enable them to open and close the Centre without Centre staff being involved on their designated dates. These include; WI, Bonfire Society, History Society, Organ Club, Photographic Society, HOPS, to name just a few.

The ever present problem of shortage of members and volunteers is still with us and is the cause of serious concern. Though the Centre is generally self-financing, it is still running at a small annual loss. This situation can only be supported for so long, and only be remedied by an increase in income. Every effort is being made by the Trustees to minimise our expenditure by savings in every way possible, and this is already showing positive results. As every year, a "Thank you" lunch was enjoyed by around 45 volunteers at the Kings Head at Horsebridge.

There have been no outings organised from the centre in the past year basically due to the small uptake or lack of interest. However a group of members enjoyed a holiday for a few days in Bournemouth.

There were two "Fayres" over the year, but the return, though very welcome, was rather disappointing, a sign of the times possibly.

Fundraising activities seem to have dwindled to the very welcome Bingo evenings, all other efforts having faded away. Greeting cards produced by Di Carpenter provide a very welcome income, as also the sale of Knitting wool.

After serious consideration it was decided to increase the price of membership of the Centre to £14 per year, but the price of meals will remain at £5 for members and £6 for visitors, with the customary reduction for staff on duty on the day. The price of Tea and Coffee will stay at £1.50 per mug or cup.

The Christmas Lunches will be held on Wednesday the 11th December and on Tuesday the 17th December. The cost of the Christmas Lunch will be £8 per person, and the booking list will be available just prior. It is hoped to give some form of priority to our regular lunch participants.

The date of the Christmas Fayre is to be Saturday 23rd December. Contributions of goods for the Fayre will be gratefully received and may be brought in at any time and given to shop staff.

The Accounts of the Centre have been collated, and examined by an authorised accountant, to be submitted to the Charity Commission in due course together with a copy of this report. Every effort is being made by all concerned to minimise the costs involved in the operation of the Centre, and a big Thank You to everyone for the effort to reduce our deficit.

My grateful thanks for the backing and support received from my fellow Trustees, volunteers and members, but especially to Sally Stanton as Centre Manager who is running the Centre wonderfully, sometimes under very trying circumstances. Though I did not expect to still be Chairman I feel it a great privilege and honour, a duty I will carry on until someone is prepared to take over the role.

Many thanks to all who have taken the trouble to attend this Annual General Meeting and look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

Charity Registration Number: 206901

Age Concern Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended

5 April 2019

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Age Concern Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux Examiner's unqualified report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Age Concern Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux
I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2019 set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act ; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Steve Maiden, ACA
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Dated:

Age Concern Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 5 April 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
Receipts		
Catering	19,217	18,925
Café	8,681	7,372
Membership	2,521	3,160
Outings	6,475	1,679
Wool	1,568	1,512
Shop - Clothing	3,157	3,408
Nail Cutting & Chiropody	3,991	3,454
Bowling	939	1,082
Kurling	861	513
Donations & Legacies	4,167	6,148
Donations - Hall	3,655	3,305
Move to Music	2,013	1,689
Friday Club	614	449
Grants & Donations		9,411
Fund Raising Activity	5,310	5,347
Interest received	356	848
Total receipts	63,525	68,302
Total payments (see analysis on page 3)	(69,479)	(76,332)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(5,954)	(8,030)
Fund balances at 6 April	129,602	137,632
Fund balances at 5 April	123,648	129,602

Age Concern Hailsham, Hellingly & Herstmonceux
Receipts and Payments Accounts (continued)
For the year ended 5 April 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Payments		
Catering goods	7,378	7,242
Meat	4,468	4,536
Veg	1,445	1,325
Hygiene Consumables	774	434
Friday Club	689	407
Fund Raising Activity	700	595
Miscellaneous	559	100
Wool	1,594	1,005
Healthcare - Chiropody	512	480
Move to Music	0	0
Bowls	9	0
Advertising	450	680
Gifts & samples	0	0
Kitchen equipment	0	0
Wages	15,900	15,900
Tax & NI	3,574	4,286
Pension	415	214
Water rates - waste	317	394
General rates	1,011	982
Water rates - fresh	634	373
Electricity	3,211	2,946
Gas	2,439	1,594
Travelling	140	1,320
Outings	5,955	1,703
Office Stationery	370	548
Telephone & fax	571	669
Internet charges	0	143
Computers & software	1,866	9,041
Accountancy	0	0
Bookkeeping	798	720
Repairs & renewals	2,304	7,953
Cleaning products	5	156
Premises expenses	0	(247)
Cleaning services	7,439	7,163
Fire safety	494	328
Alarms	1,005	307
Gas services contract	0	747
TV Licence	149	183
Bank charges	60	60
Donations	190	65
Training	0	0
Insurance	2,054	1,980
Hall decorations	0	0
Total payments	69,479	76,332

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 5 April 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash Funds		
CAF Bank Current Account	7,291	2,863
NatWest Bank Current Account	0	6,738
Barclays Base Rate Account	81,287	80,964
Gold CAF Account	31,530	35,497
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	120,108	126,062
Other Assets		
Catering Stock	1,250	1,250
Jeans Shop Stock	960	960
Cleaning materials/Consumables/Stationery	780	780
Wool Stock	550	550
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	3,540	3,540
Liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
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Net current assets	123,648	129,602
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Retained Funds	123,648	129,602
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The financial statements were approved by the board on

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