

Legal Requirement

As in previous years, there is now a legal requirement for this report to include a statement on two points:

A statement by the charity trustees as to whether they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission;

- *A report of those activities undertaken by a charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.*

The first is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits.

Our constitution is very clear

- a) *To promote benefit to the inhabitants of Hurstpierpoint and neighbourhood (hereinafter called "the Area") without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.*

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings

The focus of our activities remains the providing of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation. This benefits, children, young people and adults in cultural activities, education sport and general village activities.

We welcome all children, young people and adults regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances living in Hurstpierpoint and its neighbourhood. We plan to continually review our working practices to ensure openness, clarity and availability, to both new and existing individuals and associations.

Centres do not run themselves they require a huge amount of work much of which is never visible.

The management of the booking system has now moved to the Parish Council. While there were a few problems initially, it would appear that clients have accepted the move. The Hallmaster system has required a great deal of input and indeed advice from our side to Hallmaster. The invoicing system is not as efficient as hoped and we are in the process of reviewing the best way forward.

This committee does put in many hours to ensure that the centre runs efficiently and I would like to thank each and every member with special thanks to both Andrew Hair and Patrick Haworth.

We as a committee, have a duty to constantly review whether the Centre is meeting the needs of the local population both now and in planning for the future.

We have set up a sub-group to critically examine the current building, both in terms of its overall structure and décor and attempt to predict its anticipated use over the next twenty years. The group is currently in the process of approaching local users and residents to identify these potential needs. The group has also enlisted the help of George Baxter, a local architect.

The committee has identified the need to move its current Charitable status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) but will require approval from West Sussex County Council to do so. One of the key advantages will be the increased legal protection this will provide to future Trustees.

The Trustees are committed to ensuring that the Village Centre continues to be viewed and used as a Community Amenity.

Michel Olszewski
Chair of Trustees
June 8, 2018

HURSTPIERPOINT VILLAGE CENTRE ASSOCIATION							
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT							
for the year ended 31 March 2018							
INCOME				2018		2017	
Lettings				36025		38356	
Parish Council & Education Suite Rent				5850		6195	
Affiliation Fees				0		360	
Donations/Legacy				0		500	
Building Society & COIF Interest				939		322	
TOTAL				42814		45733	
EXPENDITURE							
Gas				1958		2261	
Electricity				3381		3763	
Cleaning				7613		6500	
Repairs & Maintenance				8747		4862	
Water Charges				1558		2334	
Insurance				2320		2247	
Printing postage etc.				70		97	
Licence Fees & subscriptions				971		1040	
Depreciation				0		0	
Cost of Fire Procedures				894		224	
website/hallmaster				6502		2816	
Sundry				1379		323	
TOTAL				35393		26467	
NET SURPLUS				7421		19266	
Transfer to Sinking Fund				10000		10000	
BALANCE TO ACCUMULATED FUND				2579		9266	
BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR				129256		119990	
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD				126677		129256	
HURSTPIERPOINT VILLAGE CENTRE ASSOCIATION							

Balance sheet at 31 March 2018							
				2018			2017
FIXED ASSETS							
Leasehold Land & Buildings		469206				481888	
Write off over lease term		12682				12682	
			456524				469206
Furniture & Fittings at Cost		10855				10855	
Additions		0				0	
Less total Depreciation		10855				10855	
			0				0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			456524				469206
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors & Prepayments		7575				10120	
Cash at Bank		15412				7193	
COIF Deposit		4104				19104	
Shawbrook Bank		85733				70000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			112824				106417
TOTAL ASSETS			569348				575623
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors and accrued charges		1340	1340			2353	2353
TOTAL NET ASSETS			568008				573270
FINANCED BY							
Parish Council Grant		415014				427696	
less annual write down		12682	402332			12682	415014
Accumulated Fund b fwd		129256				119990	
Deficit/Surplus for year		2579				9266	
Accumulated Fund Carried forward			126676	rounded			129256
Sinking Fund		brought forward	29000			19000	
		addition	10000			10000	
		carried forward		39000			29000
TOTAL			568008				573270
patrick haworth 31/05/2018							

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of the Hurstpierpoint Village Centre Association

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st March 2018

Respective responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner

The association's committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association 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 you as an executive committee concerning 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord to the accounting records and comply with the 2011 Act, have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MH Hayden
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Dated 6th June 2018