VENTNOR FRIENDS OF WIGHT HORTICULTURE

REGISTERED CIO No. 1174571

President: Mike Fitt OBE

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3rd July 2025

The Green Room, Salisbury Gardens, Dudley Road, Ventnor PO3 1EJ
at 7.00 pm

You are invited to join the Committee from 6.30pm for refreshments and to view the 'Secret Art'

Please send apologies to
The Hon Sec, Jenny Parker 01893 730668 secretary@vfwh.org.uk

If you wish to put forward any resolutions to the AGM, please notify Val Pitts: chairman.vfwh@gmail.com 07887 848449 no later than 27tJune 2025

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Trustees 2023/2024

Dr Peter Coleman
Mrs Jennifer Parker
Mrs Sally Peake
Mrs Valerie Pitts
Mr Timothy Woodcock

Executive Committee

Val Pitts	Chairman
Peter Coleman	Vice-Chairman
Tim Wooodcock	Hon Treasurer
Jenny Parker	Hon Secretary
John Bagshawe	
Anne Hornett	Membership and Events
Sally Peake	Events (to July 2024)
Bridgette Sibbick	Events
Rosemary Stewart	Communications to (July 2024)
Ros Whistance	Ventnorensis
Jessica Lewis	Webmaster and IT adviser

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 17.7.2024.**
   The chairman will invite approval by a show of hands.

3. **Matters Arising.**

4. **Chairman's Report on behalf of The Trustees for the year from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.**

5. **Hon Treasurer's Report.**
   Approval invited by a show of hands.
   Appointment of Independent Examiner

6. **Membership Report.**

7. **Appointment of Trustees of VBGFS**
   Tim Woodcock and Peter Coleman are retiring and not seeking re-election.
   Sally Peake, Bridgette Sibbick and Anne Hornett are seeking election as Trustees.

8. **Election of Officers and Committee for CIO**
   Peter Coleman and Tim Woodcock have retired from the Committee.
   Sally Peake was co-opted back to the Committee in April.
   The Committee would like to propose Valerie Pitts for election as Chairman, Bridgette Sibbick, as Hon Treasurer and Jenny Parker as Hon Secretary.
   Election of other members of the Committee: John Bagshawe, Ros Whistance, Anne Hornett, Jess Lewis and Sally Peake.

   Approval invited by a show of hands.

9. **Resolution to amend the constitution**
   Please see attached document

10. **Any Other Business**
    Items for discussion submitted by members in writing by 26 June 2025

Meeting Closes

Resolution: To revise the constitution with respect to the number and type of charity trustees

This is a non-regulated change to our constitution which does not require prior approval by the Charity Commission

It is proposed to replace Clause 12 Charity trustees sub-clause (3) Number of trustees Option 2

(a) There should be:
Not less than 3 nor more than 11 elected trustees
1 ex-officio trustee and not more than 3 nominated trustees
(b) There must be at least 3 charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
(c) The maximum number of charity trustees that can be appointed is as provided in subclause (a) of this clause. No trustee appointment may be made in excess of these provisions.

with Clause 12 (3) Option 1

(a) There must be at least 3 charity trustees, if the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
(b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. No trustee appointment may be made in excess of these provisions.

Adoption of this amendment will automatically change the following **Clause 13. Appointment of charity trustees** by removing the provision for the Curator of Ventnor Botanic Garden to be a charity trustee by virtue of holding that role.

The provisions for appointing elected trustees are unchanged.

Note 1: the present curator has not acted in the role of ex officio trustee. With the previously approved changes to our charitable objects and sphere of operation, it is no longer appropriate to retain this ex officio role.

Note 2: there was no provision made in the current constitution for the appointment of nominated trustees. Adoption of the proposed resolution will remove this anomaly.

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VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDEN FRIENDS' SOCIETY
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 17 July 2024

St Catherine's Church Ventnor at 1900 hrs.
32 Members present.

Before the start of the AGM, Val Pitts, Chairman gave a report of the Harold Hillier award 2024 presentation to Simon and Debs Goodenough. This had taken place earlier as they were unable to attend the AGM. Mike Fitt, President then presented the annual RHS Award to Bridgette Sibbick "for going over and above for the Society during the year".
Sally Peake then made a presentation on behalf of the Society to Rosemary Stewart on her retirement from the Committee.

Val Pitts **Opened the AGM and welcomed 32 members.**

Apologies were received from 24 members: David & Kay Grist, Colin & Patricia Smith, Maureen & Nigel Cooke, Ruth Hilton, Tim Huband, John & Dee Sichel, Rob Mew, Malcom & Liz Groves, Brian & Frances Lucas, Diana Herzog, Chris Parker, Nick Parker, Tom Parker, Richard & Audrey Greenleaf, Phil & Lindy LeMay, Elizabeth Marsden .

The Minutes of the AGM held on 20.4.23 were approved by a show of hands.

Matters Arising and Chairman's Report.
Val Pitts explained that her report, which had been circulated, listed the activities of the Society over the year and that "the way ahead for the friends" would be a separate agenda item. It was noted that, despite the cessation of the gift aid programme, the cost of employing a part-time gardener to support volunteers had been paid to the CIC.

The Financial Report and Annual Accounts up to 30 September 2023
The Treasurer's report and accounts had been circulated. The net worth of VBGFS at 30.9.23 was £77,864

Membership Report
Anne Hornett reported membership numbers to have gone down from 301 to 268 (which includes 4 new members).

THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE FRIENDS
Peter Coleman Vice Chairman reported the difficulties faced since the last AGM. Despite the banning of our Chairman and a former Chairman from the garden, our support financially and through volunteering has continued. He explained the CIC's threat of legal action in claiming the intellectual property rights of the name Ventnor Botanic Garden and removing permission for VBGFS to use it in any way. How, even with excellent legal advice, it was impossible to negotiate

with the CIC and to avoid costly legal action it was agreed to change the name, branding and objects of VBGFS. This will need the approval of the members.
Val Pitts then took over to present several possible actions to move forward including winding up the Charity and finding a way forward. She then outlined possible ways to continue to support education in horticulture on the Isle of Wight. Importantly, this would not exclude donating funds to the CIC at Ventnor Botanic Garden but requiring formal application according to the Charity Commission's rules.
Peter Coleman then took questions from the members. The views expressed covered a wide range of reactions to the news including: A reminder that the Garden is leased to the CIC and what support is there from the County Council as the owners. An offer of support from Ventnor Town Council, who with limited funds, need help to run projects to promote horticulture with all its benefits for the community. Other comments included "This feels like complete capitulation", "Why can't you just get on with the CIC?". Peter Coleman answered the question "What will happen with the volunteers" by stressing that the volunteers are a separate group and the Committee have no wish for the garden to fail. This was confirmed by Sally Peake who said she had stepped away from the Committee as a conciliatory gesture which had no effect. John Harrison a long-time member of VBGFS and Chairman of The Isle of Wight Garden Society also a CIO, supported the idea of an evolving, Island wide society. He offered advice and help with the process of the change.
He suggested a resolution to change the name excluding the words Botanic and Garden followed by a time limited consultation period and a member's working party to finalize the options for a new name.
Peter Coleman then proposed an informal vote to change the name of VBGFS excluding the words Botanic and Garden which was unanimous (2 abstained).
Ros Whistance raised the question of "why are we keeping all this from the press" which has support within the membership. Peter Coleman reiterated the risk of further legal action and therefore the potential of expensive legal fees.
Mike Fitt President confirmed his support for the evolution of The Society. He said he has set up a professional gardeners' group which should lead to possible projects for the Society particularly in supporting apprentices across the Island. He went on to say he could not understand how individuals could be banned from a public amenity.
He also asked the members to show their appreciation to the Trustees and Committee for all the work involved in dealing with the ongoing dispute.

Mike Fitt, President, took over the chair to oversee the elections.
He took the opportunity to thank the Committee and Trustees for the continuing support for horticulture and particularly in the training of apprentices.

Appointment of Trustees of VBGFS Sally Peake and Tim Woodcock resigned by rotation and Sally Peake did not seek re-election. Tim Woodcock, Jenny Parker, Val Pitts and Peter Coleman were elected as Trustees.

Election of Officers for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Rosemary Stewart and Sally Peake retired and are not seeking re-election.
The rest of the Committee were elected: Jess Lewis, who was co-opted to the Committee during the year as webmaster and IT advisor, Chairman Val Pitts, Vice Chairman Peter Coleman, Hon Treasurer Tim Woodcock, Hon Secretary Jenny Parker, Editor Ventnorensis Ros Whistance, Membership Secretary Anne Hornett, Events Bridgette Sibbick and John Bagshaw.

The AGM was closed

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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting – 12 December 2024
At The Green Room, Salisbury Gardens, Ventnor PO38 1EJ

17 Members were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed the members and declared the meeting quorate**.**

Apologies were received from:
John Bagshawe, Jess Lewis, Tim Woodcock, Mary Arnold, Margaret Bateman, Rita Thomas, Maureen &Nigel Cooke, Brian Morris, Rosemary Stewart, Ian Pratt, Malcolm & Liz Groves, Ruth Hilton, Pam Edwards, Steph Toogood, Dorothy & Nick Rootes, Jan Morris, Ruth Barrell, Matthew Rivers and Tricia Reeves.

The Chairman outlined the reasons for the change of name and widening of the Objects of our Charity. Following approval of the wording for the 2 resolutions by the Charity Commission these were put to our members for a vote.

Changes to the Constitution

Resolution 1: To change the Charity's registered name to 'Ventnor Friends of Wight Horticulture'

Passed unanimously

Resolution 2: To approve a revised set of Objects submitted to and approved by the Charity Commission to read precisely as:

'The objects are for the public benefit to promote education in botany, horticulture, ecology and environmental science across the Isle of Wight, and in furtherance of the objects in particular but not exclusively by: (a) stimulating interest and advancing knowledge through a variety of events and activities including walks, talks, outings and workshops (b) supporting students in pursuing a career in horticulture in particular but not exclusively by awarding grants (c) supporting appropriate projects or initiatives as the trustees see fit for the advancement of public mental and physical health and well-being in parks and gardens in Ventnor and elsewhere on the Isle of Wight'

Passed unanimously

There followed an informal discussion between the members about the difficulties faced with the CIC at Ventnor Botanic Garden and how the Charity could now move forward, particularly by supporting horticultural education, which may include apprenticeships, across the Island.
It was noted that Ventnor Botanic Garden is not precluded from support.

The stress caused to the Chairman and members of the Committee was acknowledged.

The Meeting was closed.

Chairman
16th December 2024

VENTNOR FRIENDS OF WIGHT HORTICULTURE

REGISTERED CIO No. 1174571

The Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended September 30th 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 30th September 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities SORP 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

Ventnor Friends of Wight Horticulture, until December 2024 known as Ventnor Botanic Garden Friends' Society, is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity Number 1174751) established in September 2017 following the winding up of the previous body which was first established as a registered charity in 1996. As a membership organisation, the work of the Society is overseen by a Committee of Trustees with further elected and co-opted Committee members.

Ventnor Friends of Wight Horticulture is an affiliated member of The Royal Horticultural Society, the national garden charity for Great Britain.

Achievements and Performance

From October 2023 to September 2024 we continued to support Ventnor Botanic Garden with a large donation to VBG CIC to cover the cost of the part-time employment of a skilled trainer/mentor to facilitate the support of Volunteers within the Garden, and who contributed to the work of the Garden in many other ways until her retirement in May 2024. The Friends' Society received no appropriate application this year from VBG CIC for the purchase of trees and shrubs or other financial assistance.

A small volunteer task force of members continues to assist Ventnor Town Council with the ongoing maintenance of flower beds at the entrance to their Council office building. This enhances the public's enjoyment of that area and also serves to raise awareness of the Charity.
Fund raising activities included several plant sales, soup lunches and donations at walks and talks. We are very grateful for the large input of time by all those Members that makes these events possible.

Two issues of *Ventnorensis*, our highly-valued, colourful and informative magazine for members, were produced. The re-designed website continued to be a promotional tool for the Society, along with regular e-mails for members.
Consideration of the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) has been reviewed to ensure compliance and a review of Governance continued.

We subscribed to a number of Botanical and Horticultural Societies on behalf of VBG and donated their Journals to the Curator and his team. In addition we funded an achievement award for a horticultural student at the Isle of Wight College. Friends' activities continued to support and

encourage retention of the Garden volunteers.

Additional activities, which are part of our educational objects in addition to being fund-raising events, were organised for the benefit of members and were also open to members of the public. These included another very successful lecture cycle under the title 'Café Botanique', several Botany Club walks and a well-supported coach trip to West Dean Gardens.

Throughout the year we were engaged in a drawn-out exchange of letters with solicitors representing Ventnor Botanic Garden CIC which started with a pre-action letter in October 2023 alleging intellectual property rights over the words 'Ventnor Botanic Garden' and with demands to remove them from our name. We were supported by excellent legal advice from an IP specialist on a *pro bono* basis in countering the claims and denying various allegations against us. It became clear, however, that the CIC was unwilling to engage in meaningful negotiation through mediation. In the hope of deterring the CIC from pursuing further action and in order to re-focus on positive charitable activities, we proposed a change of name and amendments to the constitution to enable us to carry out our objects more widely on the Isle of Wight. The situation was explained fully to members at the AGM held in July 2024 and by letter thereafter. A new name was agreed with Members' participation and we began the process of making the changes, following required procedures and with the Charity Commission's prior agreement.

Val Pitts

Chairman

On behalf of the Trustees
June 24th 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ventnor Botanic Garden Friends Society CIO			Charity No. 1174751		
Accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/10/2023	To	Period end date	30/09/2024	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £		Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	7,629	120	-	7,749	10,510
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	6,680	-	-	6,680	6,031
Investments	793	226	-	1,019	786
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15,102	346	-	15,448	17,327
Resources expended (Note 4)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6,429	-	-	6,429	4,387
Charitable activities	14,315	-	-	14,315	10,870
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	2,506	-	-	2,506	2,761
Total	23,250	-	-	23,250	18,018
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	(8,148)	346	-	(7,802)	(691)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	(8,148)	346	-	(7,802)	(691)
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(8,148)	346	-	(7,802)	(691)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	(36,461)	13,913	-	(22,548)	(21,857)
Total funds carried forward	(44,609)	14,259	-	(30,350)	(22,548)

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Section B Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £		Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	33
Debtors (Note 6)	337	-	-	337	5,493
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 8)	47,465	20,086	-	67,551	74,918
Total current assets	47,802	20,086	-	67,888	80,444
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)	828	-	-	828	2,580
Net current assets/(liabilities)	46,974	20,086	-	67,060	77,864
Total assets less current liabilities	46,974	20,086	-	67,060	77,864
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	46,974	20,086	-	67,060	77,864
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 9)	-	20,086	-	20,086	24,987
Unrestricted funds (Note 9)	46,974	-	-	46,974	52,877
Revaluation reserve				-	-
Total funds	46,974	20,086	-	67,060	77,864

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
T.W. Woodcock	T.W. WOODCOCK	22.6.25
V.J. Pitts	V.J. PITTS	22.6.25

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds		Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	1,594	120	-	1,714	4,310
	Gift Aid	1,185	-	-	1,185	1,257
	Legacies	500	-	-	500	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	4,350	-	-	4,350	4,943
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other		-	-	-	-
	Total	7,629	120	-	7,749	10,510
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Café Botanique	1,366	-	-	1,366	2,043
	Thenford	2,105	-	-	2,105	-
	Other Fund-raising Events	1,266	-	-	1,266	3,708
	West Dean	1,086	-	-	1,086	-
	Adverts in Ventnorensis	35	-	-	35	280
	The Head Gardener	822	-	-	822	-
	Total	6,680	-	-	6,680	6,031
Income from investments:	Interest income	793	226	-	1,019	786
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	793	226	-	1,019	786
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		15,102	346	-	15,448	17,327

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)	Donations to Education Fund £120 and Gift Aid thereon £Nil.

Note 4 Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds		Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-
	Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-
	Staging fundraising events	5,333	-	-	5,333	4,387
	Fudraising agents	-	-	-	-	-
	Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-
	Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-
	Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-
	Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
	Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-
	Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-
	Legal & Professional fees	1,096	-	-	1,096	-
	Total expenditure on raising funds	6,429	-	-	6,429	4,387
=	Donations to Garden	13,223	-	-	13,223	9,479
	Website and computer costs	811	-	-	811	858
	Print, Post and stationery	121	-	-	121	358
	Education Support	-	-	-	-	-
	Subscriptions	160	-	-	160	175
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	14,315	-	-	14,315	10,870
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other	Ventnorensis - Editorial, Print, Postage	1,837	-	-	1,837	2,089
	Bank charges		-	-	-	4
	Public & Employers Liability Insurance	80	-	-	80	75
	Trustee & Officers Insurance	552	-	-	552	502
	Other	37	-	-	37	91
	Total other expenditure	2,506	-	-	2,506	2,761
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		23,250	-	-	23,250	18,018

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's fees	-	-
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	-	-

Note 6 Debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
Prepayments and accrued income	302	1,341
Other debtors	35	4,152
Total	337	5,493

Note 7 Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade creditors	239	213	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	589	2,349	-	-
Other creditors	-	18	-	-
Total	828	2,580	-	-

Note 8 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	67,551	74,918
Other	-	-
Total	67,551	74,918

Note 9 Charity funds

9.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances c/wd £
General	U	General activities	22,450	13,996	(23,250)	5,247	(3,002)	15,441
Tropical House	R	Tropical House works	5,247	-	-	(5,247)	-	-
Foundation	U	Unspecified projects	30,427	1,106	-	-	-	31,533
Education	R	Education and training	19,740	346	-	-	-	20,086
		Total Funds	77,864	15,448	(23,250)	-	(3,002)	67,060

9.2 Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount

9.3 Designated funds

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount

Note 10 Transactions with trustees and related parties

10.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False) — TRUE

10.2 Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False) — TRUE

10.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) — TRUE

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDEN FRIENDS SOCIETY – CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	30th September 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1174751
Set out on pages	1 - 10 (remember to include this page number if additional sheets)		

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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: [signature] **Date:** 22. June 2025

Name: Mr R E Sims

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Retired Company Accountants
Address:	35 Caws Avenue
	SEAVIEW, Isle of Wight
	PO34 5JT

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).