

THE ARTS SOCIETY SURREY HILLS
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 28th October, 2025.

Present: Committee: Peter Camp (Chair), Bruce Morley (Vice Chair), Sue Camp, Judy Downing, Marina Dominicus, Lorna Embleton, Gail Gaisford, Anne Heine-Carmichael, Lavinia Shaw-Brown, Claire Townsend.

Apologies: Roger Wilmshurst, Janis Nottingham.

Minutes: The adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd October, 2024 was proposed by Bruce Morley and seconded by Jane Pearce.

Chairman's Report: Peter presented his report. Peter also thanked the committee and all they have done to ensure the smooth running of the Society. He then thanked our members for their continued support. Bruce Morley thanked Peter for all he has done for our society.

Treasurer's Report: Marina Dominicus, (Treasurer) presented her report. In accordance with The Arts Society recommendations, queries regarding the accounts should have been submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the AGM. None were received. Marina expressed our appreciation and thanks for all the work June Price has done for us as Independent Examiner. The approval of Marina's report

Appointment of the Independent Examiner: The reappointment of June Price as our Independent Examiner was announced by Marina. The appointment was proposed by Michiel Dominicus. and seconded by Brenda Morley and approved by a show of hands.

Election of Officers and Committee: Before the election of officers, Peter reminded us that during the year Anne Piper had been co-opted onto the committee. She has been working alongside Gail in order to take over from her as Membership Secretary. The following members were duly elected:

Peter Camp (Chair), proposed by Zoe Childs and seconded by Thelma Mullinger. Marina Dominicus (Treasurer), Claire Townsend (Secretary), proposed by Jennie Turner and seconded by Pam Skuse . The election of the following committee members was proposed by Marion Thomas and seconded by Graham Jelley. Bruce Morley (Vice Chair), Lavinia Shaw-Brown (Programme Secretary). Lorna Embleton (Tours), Anne Piper (Membership), Judy Downing (Visits and Functions), Anne Heine-Carmichael (Young Arts), Gail Gaisford (Publicity), Sue Camp (Website Co-ordinator and Coffee Rota).

A.O.B. None

There being no further business the AGM closed at 10.30 am.

The Arts Society Surrey Hills - Chairman's Report

(Registered Charity No. 281822)

Year Ending October 2026

The Management Committee and Trustees during the year were:

Chairman	Mr P Camp
Vice Chairman	Mr B Morley
Treasurer	Mrs M Dominicus/Mr B Morley
Secretary	Mrs C Townsend
Programme Secretary	Mrs L Shaw-Brown
Membership Secretary	Mrs Anne Piper
Visits Organiser	Mrs J Downing
Tour Organiser	Mrs L Embleton
Publicity	Mrs G Gaisford
Website and Coffee rota	Mrs S Camp
Young Arts	Mrs A Heine-Carmichael
Independent Examiner	Mrs J Price
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc

Dear Member,

This report covers the period from November 2025 until October 2026. This has been an eventful year for our Society. In November 2025, we were notified by the Trustees of Shalford Village Hall that we would be required to move our monthly meetings to a Thursday from January 2027 despite having held our meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month since our first lecture in 1969. The committee faced a choice: agree to change to a Thursday from 2027 or find a new venue which would allow us to continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday each month.

Since a third of our membership lived in Godalming with a further third living in the Guildford/Shalford area we concentrated our search for a new venue in the Godalming area. Fortunately, the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Godalming could offer us the 4th Tuesday each month and had the added advantage of being situated at the edge of the Crown Court car park and it offered preferential rates for local charities benefitting the local community.

We surveyed our members asking them if they approved the proposal to move our venue to the Wilfrid Noyce Hall. We received responses from over 77% of our members and of those 81% supported our proposal. We held our final lecture at Shalford Village Hall in March and our first lecture at Wilfrid Noyce on 28th April.

Although we lost some members at the end of 2025, the move to Godalming has been a great success and we have attracted a number of new members. With the increased capacity available at Wilfrid Noyce we have set a new maximum of 210 for our membership which currently stands at 210 with a waiting list.

One advantage of moving to Wilfrid Noyce was that the hiring cost of the hall is considerably lower than that we were paying at Shalford. We were therefore able to provide complimentary tea/coffee at our lectures. Many thanks to Sue Camp and her team of members for their sterling work each month.

We again held 10 lectures over the course of the year. Highlights included: *Pantomime – When the Fairy's over 50!*; *The Art and Culture of Fin-de-Siecle Vienna*; *Sir Henry Wood – Founder of the Proms*; *The Art of the Cartoonist*; *The History of American Art*; and *Marion Dorn – The Life of a Textile Designer*, demonstrating our wide definition of the "Arts". Many thanks to our Programme Secretary, Lavinia Shaw-Brown, who put together this wonderful programme.

The Special Interest Day (SID) held in November was entitled *1925 Paris Art Decoratifs Exhibition* which was well received.

Our Visits have been equally successful, with thanks to our Visits Secretary, Judy Downing who organised trips to *The Turner & Constable Exhibition at Tate Britain*; *the Marie Antoinette Style Exhibition at the V&A*; and *the Chagall Windows at All Saints Church, Tudeley followed by Ightham Mote*.

Our holiday this year was a five-day visit to the Chateaux, Gardens and Art of Normandy. Many thanks again to Lorna Embleton who put in a lot of time organising this holiday.

Our Young Arts programme, superbly organised by Anne Heine-Carmichael, continues to fund art themed projects in local schools:

Wonersh & Shamley Green School where this year, we funded the purchase of 14 Nassau Fine Art paint boxes (mixed media in metal boxes) – 2 for each year from Reception to Year 6. These will be available to go home with children who may not have access to art materials at home.

St Mark's School, Godalming. We have agreed to contribute to the design and creation of a peace garden for the children.

Jigsaw School, Dunsfold. We have paid for art materials used at the school's Art Workshops.

In December we held a Christmas lunch at Waverley Abbey House which was so successful that we held our Summer Lunch at the same venue in June.

As always, our Society could not function without our hard-working committee members and I'd like to thank them all for their magnificent contributions to the success of our Society. Unfortunately, due to health issues, our Treasurer Mrs Marina Dominicus has not been in a position to fully undertake her role over the last 6 months and we are enormously grateful to her husband, Michiel, for assisting us with treasury matters, including the preparation of our annual accounts. In the light of this, Marina has had to step down from her role as Treasurer and committee member. Many thanks to Marina for the work that she has undertaken on behalf of the Society and we wish her well for the future.

We are extremely grateful that our former Treasurer and current Vice Chairman, Mr Bruce Morley has agreed to take over as Treasurer until the end of our 2026/27 financial year (31st July). This means that we are currently looking for a new committee member who is able to take over from Bruce as Treasurer with effect from 1st August 2027. It is not necessary for the treasurer to hold a professional accountancy qualification provided he or she is numerate and full training will be given in the systems that we use. As a registered charity we cannot operate without a treasurer so it is vital that we are able to appoint someone to that role so that the Society can continue beyond 2027.

We are also sorry that we will lose our Visits Secretary, Judy Downing, who has organised our very successful visits over the last 5 years. Judy will not be seeking re-election as a committee member at our October AGM. In addition to the outstanding contribution to the Society as Visits Secretary, Judy has also organised Christmas lunches and has been the first to help out in the absence of other committee members.

Thanks also to the Wilfrid Noyce team for providing a venue for our functions and thanks to you, our members, for your continuing support. I sincerely hope that you will continue to enjoy your membership over the forthcoming year.

Peter Camp
Chairman

September 2026

THE ARTS SOCIETY SURREY HILLS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

Sadly Marina Dominicus retired as treasurer as from 31 July 2026 due to ill health. I was appointed treasurer as from 1 August for a maximum of 1 year whilst we find a replacement. New members may not be aware that until 31 July 2024 I had been treasurer for over 10 years.

Financially we have had another good year with a surplus of £272. This is lower than 2025 but it was the intention not to achieve such a high surplus again.

The accounts for 2026 show that this was a year of transition, resulting from our decision to move our lecture venue from Shalford to Wilfrid Noyce. This has had a number of financial effects, some one-off but many of them continuing. Revenue and expenditure items impacted directly or indirectly include: refreshments income, projectionist fee and lecture venue hire, audiovisual equipment cost and, as one-off, certain transition expenses.

Subscription income in 2026 was slightly higher than in 2025, at £9,801, reflecting the Committee's decision, late in the year, to lift the maximum membership number from 200 to 205. With our move to the Wilfrid Noyce venue the Committee has decided that this maximum can now be further increased to 210 members. Together with various anticipated other cost and revenue developments this has enabled us, once more, to hold the annual subscription fee for 2027 at the current amount of £49 per person.

In 2026 we had circa 40% more fee paying visitors attending lectures than in 2025 yielding an income of £295, but on the other hand we are now no longer charging for coffee at our lectures so our refreshments income will disappear in future years.

The surplus from Society day trips was lower in 2026, at £549, than in 2025 which produced an exceptionally and unintended surplus of £1001.

The Arts Society Head Office costs increased by £300, and we have already been notified that this will increase again in 2027.

Our lecture venue hire decreased in 2026 to £1,667 from £1,883 in 2025. This was due to lower pricing negotiated at Shalford, together with the current Wilfrid Noyce cost being even lower. Since our move from April we no longer incur projectionist fees.

Our continuing efforts to offer Young Arts sponsorship to our selected local schools did not always lead to expenditure in 2026, thus leading to outgoings of £1,072 in 2026 against £1,610 the year before. We also received an Arts Society area grant of £250 relating to Young Arts.

We hope and expect that the high printing, postage and publicity expenditure in 2026 of £1068 will reduce, in 2027, to an amount somewhat closer to the 2025 figure of £589.

As always I am asking those who pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax and who have not signed our Gift Aid forms, to please do so. This enables us to reclaim 25% of the value of your subscription from HMRC and to keep subscriptions charged as low as

Finally I would like to thank our independent examiner June Price, who has indicated that she is willing to stand again.

If there are any queries or comments on the accounts or this Treasurer's Report please contact me at bruce_morley@hotmail.com or on 01403 824099.

Bruce Morley
September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
Income & Expenditure (£)
Year ended 31 July 2026

			2026	2025
INCOME				
Subscriptions - 205 members (2025 - 199)		9,801.40		9,769.50
Gift Aid refunds		<u>1,587.64</u>		<u>1,493.21</u>
			11,389.04	11,262.71
Visitors fees			295.00	210.00
Refreshments			350.00	462.70
Society visits	Income	7,269.00		8,950.00
	Expenditure	<u>-6,720.07</u>		<u>-7,948.90</u>
			548.93	1,001.10
Society functions	Income	3,109.00		2,061.00
	Expenditure	<u>-3,091.00</u>		<u>-2,036.50</u>
			18.00	24.50
Special interest days	Income	1,755.00		1,880.00
	Expenditure	<u>-1,322.41</u>		<u>-1,339.79</u>
			432.59	540.21
Area grant for Young Arts			250.00	
Sundry income			<u>34.04</u>	<u>101.26</u>
			<u>13,317.60</u>	<u>13,602.48</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Lecture fees and expenses			4,144.34	4,082.01
Projectionist fees			340.00	475.00
Depreciation of equipment			317.53	128.33
Hire of lecture venue			1,666.60	1,882.90
Shalford to Wilfrid Noyce transition			285.25	
The Arts Society - fees and expenses			3,391.16	3,091.36
Young Arts sponsorship			1,071.99	1,610.00
Printing, postage and publicity			1,067.87	589.14
Donations			150.00	150.00
Other expenses			<u>610.41</u>	<u>392.23</u>
			<u>13,045.15</u>	<u>12,400.97</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year			<u>272.45</u>	<u>1,201.51</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31 July 2026 (£)

	2026	2025
FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment	5,307.97	5,702.49
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-3,018.83</u>	<u>-4,987.81</u>
	2,289.14	714.68
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	8,571.24	7,830.75
Loan - Patricia Fay Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Debtors and payments in advance	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,742.50</u>
	12,621.24	13,573.25
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and receipts in advance	-1,300.00	-950.00
	<u>13,610.38</u>	<u>13,337.93</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Opening balance	13,337.93	12,136.42
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	272.45	1,201.51
	<u>13,610.38</u>	<u>13,337.93</u>
Closing balance		

P Camp
Chairman

P Camp

B Morley
Treasurer

B Morley

Date 15/9/26

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Trustees of The Arts Society Surrey Hills are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2026. They consider that neither an audit nor an independent examination is required this year to comply with the the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

However the Society's Constitution requires such an independent examination and I have carried this out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and in such a way as to comply with the requirements of the Act. This examination includes a review of the accounting records

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

1. which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with those records have not been met; or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to reach a proper understanding of those accounts.

J Price
Independent Examiner

J Price

Date 15th Sept 2026