

The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House

Charity number 1168835

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2026

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Elizabeth Chillington	Chair	Appointed 10 August 2025
Bill Walton		
Wendy Cook	Membership Secretary	
Paul Betts	Treasurer	
Stephen Brown	Digital Comms. Officer	
Bill Hargreaves		Resigned 12 August 2025
Pat Brown	Secretary	

Charity number 1168835 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

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Bankers

Santander UK plc
2 Triton Square
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London
NW1 3AN

Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO
Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 11 May 2014 as amended on 1 August 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM. In addition the Leeds Grand Theatre & Opera House Limited appoints a representative as trustee. The current representative is Wendy Cook.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2026

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance the arts, in particular film and associated arts for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively by supporting the Hyde Park Picture House as part of the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd by such means as the trustees think fit including by:

Promoting, supporting and participating in the cultural landscape of Hyde Park, Leeds and Yorkshire, particularly through an appreciation and understanding of the art of cinema.

Celebrating the heritage of the Hyde Park Picture House and ensuring its preservation and continued use for cinema and related arts.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the arts and particularly film.

Achievements and performance

The Friends committee has continued to operate with regular meetings throughout the year.

In addition to organising the Annual General Meeting on 10 August 2025 the Committee has met on five occasions (24/3/2025, 2/6/2025, 31/7/2025, 9/9/2025 and 24/11/2025).

For many years one of the primary benefits of Friends membership has been a discounted rate at the cinema box office. When the cinema re-opened after the redevelopment project, it put in place its own membership scheme, aimed at attracting the widest audience possible. As a result of this, the Friends membership scheme has changed, and the role of the organisation is evolving.

It is intended that the Friends organisation will continue to work very closely with the cinema whilst moving towards more specific volunteering-based projects, which both support the cinema and which are in line with the aims and objectives of the Friends organisation.

During the year, the Friends have continued to organise a regular event for those interested in film with a 'First Thursday film club' meet up after a chosen film, for further conversation and to review and discuss the film.

In addition, the Friends have chosen to support a cinema project which involves Asylum seekers, volunteering at the cinema on a regular basis. The Friends have supported the cinema by paying the bus fares of all the volunteers so that they have been able to travel to the cinema for the volunteering work. This is an ongoing project that the Friends continue to support, but which has now come to a close.

Other Friends activities have included the following highlights:

- Supported craft activities and around a Friends screening for Yorkshire Day
- Provided discounted tickets for various cinema screenings
- Held a Christmas screening of the film Tokyo Godfathers
- Supported the cinema in a project to review the archiving materials
- Assisted in the co-ordination of a mural on the cinemas external wall in collaboration with the Leeds born music artist 'Nightmares on Wax'
- Is supporting a cinema project to create some gardening planter boxes around the cinema

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2026

Objectives and activities

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £24, all of which were on unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £22,363.

The trustees have decided to adopt a lower limit and an upper limit for the amount of cash reserves within the organisation. In setting the lower limit the trustees have considered the level of expenses which may be required to cover a period of 12 months without any income and the costs of an orderly wind up of the charity should that be required.

In setting the upper limit, the trustees have considered the maximum amount of cash reserves that it should hold. The policy is in place to prevent the cash reserves of the charity accumulating over time to the point where the Charity could be considered to not be deploying its cash reserves appropriately to meet its charitable objectives.

The lower limit is £2,000

The upper limit is £50,000

Approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 5 April 2026

	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Receipts		
Membership	416	508
Bank interest	220	233
Total receipts	636	741
Payments		
Website	79	80
Accountancy	240	240
Volunteer expenses	341	1,170
Total payments	660	1,490
Net receipts / (payments)	(24)	(749)
Fund balances brought forward	22,387	23,136
Fund balances carried forward	22,363	22,387

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 5 April 2026

	2026	2025
	Total	Total
	£	£
Cash funds		
Cash at bank	22,363	22,387
Total cash funds	22,363	22,387

Liabilities	2026
	£
Accruals	247
	247

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 5 April 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted (general) funds and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

2 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.