



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/08/2024

Period start date To 31/07/2025

Period end date

Charity name:The Sonning Common Millennium Green Trust

Charity registration number:1071050

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To maintain and enhance the Millennium Green, Sonning Common, as an informal open space for the benefit of local residents
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The principal responsibility is the maintenance of the paths, gates and other accesses, hedges woodland, grassed areas, wildflower beds, lavender beds so that the people of Sonning common – walkers cyclists, dog owners, wildlife lovers – can enjoy the Millennium Green in peace and safety.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had full regard for the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. All decisions taken by the trustees, and all the expenditure agreed, have been dictated by the awareness of the need to manage the Green for the maximum benefit of the residents.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the maintenance work - such as some mowing, watering, weeding, clearance etc - is undertaken by volunteers. Where necessary,

		contractors are used on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis. All the trustees and officers are volunteers .
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Millennium Green is used on a daily basis by wide cross-section of the people of Sonning Common. Its proximity to the Abbeycrest care home means that its residents are often taken around in wheelchairs, or walk the paths themselves. For many people it is a place for contemplation and the quiet enjoyment of the plants and flowers and wildlife. Others – runners, cyclists, serious walkers – use it for exercise. Many people regularly express their appreciation of it as an asset to health and spiritual wellbeing; and the trustees are at all mindful of that contribution, and the need to see that it is maintained.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period under review, the charity's reserves were £191,049.48 compared with £48,768.76 at the same time the previous year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The considerable increase in the reserves resulted from the sale – approved by the Charity Commission – of a small strip of land to a housing developer to enable access to a new development. The majority of the sum has been invested in such a way as to provide an annual income to cover the Trust's foreseeable regular spending. Should exceptional expenditure be required – as, for instance, on the provision of extra path and the repair and upgrading of the existing path in Spring 2026 – that is covered.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£191,048.48
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of income in the future will come from the invested reserves, with donations playing a much smaller part than in the past
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	?Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	?Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected from volunteers

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Sonning Common Millennium Green Trust
Other name the charity uses	NONE
Registered charity number	1071050
Charity's principal address	The trust itself does not have a registered address. The chairman's address is 27 Wood Lane, Sonning Common, Reading RG4 9SJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Thomas Fort	Chairman		
2	Derek Wilmot	Treasurer		
3	Christopher Brown			
4	Keith Settle			
5	Keith Whitelaw			
6	Roy Proctor			
7	Sheila Walker			
8	Ann Richardson			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NIL
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NIL
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NIL

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Thomas Fort

Thomas Fort	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairman

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Date

11/05/2026

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SONNING COMMON MILLENNIUM GREEN
Accounts for year ended 31 July 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	2025		2024
<u>Income</u>			
Donations	109.00		119.00
Land Sale	148,500.00		0
Wayleave	42.10		40.16
Bank Compensation	0		200.00
HMRC	0		22.21
	<u>£148,651.10</u>	/	<u>£381.37</u>

Expenditure

Maintenance	1444.00		2438.00
Insurance	402.77		393.30
Legal Fees	4500.00		0
Bank Charges	23.61		0
Equipment	0		249.00
Administration	0		24.00
	<u>£6370.38</u>	/	<u>£3104.30</u>

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Balance Sheet

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Represented by:

Bank Current Account	41,049.48	/	48,768.76
Bank Savings Account	150,000.00	/	0
	<u>£191,049.48</u>	/	<u>£48,768.76</u>

Auditors' Report

I have examined the books and records presented by the Treasurer and confirm that the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance therewith.

Date: 30 October 2025

Signed by:

J West AAT

Jill West

Treasurer:

Derek Wilmot

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Thomas Fort

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