



AGM 2025

Chairman's Report 2024/25

It has been an honour to serve as Secretary of The Hedgehogs for the past seven years and, concurrently, as Chairman for the two most recent of these years.

Consistent with our mission to help Farnham's 'people in need', this year we received and considered 67 requests for support. Of these, we agreed donations to help 33 individuals and families, 18 organisations and youth groups with similar objectives to ours and 6 primary schools seeking to subsidise children's participation in extramural activities.

In wider support for the local community throughout the year, as a founding member of the Farnham Support Fund we continued our involvement with it, co-operating with other local charities to provide financial support or assistance to individuals and families in Farnham who find themselves facing difficult circumstances due to financial pressures. We supported Farnham Town Council wherever possible, marshalling at its various public events in the town and providing public address facilities at some of these. Members helped with the delivery of meals for Brightwells Gostrey, a charity providing a centre and services for Farnham's senior citizens and a team of members helped Farnham Town Football Club with the marshalling of spectators at its football matches.

The hire of marquees, sunbrellas and equipment, along with the hire and loan of PA systems and the sale of our 2024 Love Farnham Calendar were again at the fore of our fundraising efforts, between them bringing in some £24k. In other activities:

- for the first time – at least in recent memory - we organised the Farnham Charity Bike Ride, jointly with St Andrews School PTA. Some 550 riders participated and the event raised £6k.
- our mulled wine stall at the Farnham Fireworks, blessed with good weather for once, again proved popular with the crowd and netted £3.4k
- a well-supported Spring Quiz, in its 38th year according to the (Hedgehog) quizmaster, saw us raise £1.5k
- we ran stalls at the Bourne Show and Rowledge Village Fayre with the public enjoying the fun of smashing crockery, and playing games and skittles



- with Naomi House Childrens Hospice we organised an 'Opera in the Garden' to help raise funds for 'Jacksplace', offering local care and respite for young adults.

- as joint organisers (with the Lions) of the Farnham Carnival once again we ran the Carnival Parade which had more entries than in recent years and attracted positive feedback from the public.

- all the while, members wives and partners supported us, pitching in with some of the above activities. In particular, a core of our proactive wives ran a stall at the Farnham Carnival where their Toy and Children's Card Game raised an impressive £1058 and a tea tent in Gostrey Meadow (Music in the Meadow) which also raised a record sum.

Thank you to all members, wives and partners who stepped up to the plate to involve themselves with our various activities and events.

Highlights of our social activities were visits to Kempton Steam Museum and Kew Gardens.

This past year had its moments of sadness as we paid our respects to four members who passed on, each of whom had actively contributed in their distinctive ways to our affairs. On the flip side, we welcomed five new members to The Hedgehogs.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to all for your encouragement and support during the past seven years. Best wishes for the future.

Peter Martindale

30 April, 2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Hedgehogs

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

109286

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 no concerns and 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.

Signed:	Mowens	Date:	27/08/2025
Name:	Markus Owens		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and

guidance for examiners).

here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



THE HEDGEHOGS

Registered Charity Number 109286

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Marquee Hire - Gross	23,309	16,241
less discounts given to local charities	3,287	2,621
Net Income from marquee hire	20,022	13,620
Calendar sales	12,329	16,774
Other fund raising events & activities	40,202	8,251
Donations	7,183	8,631
Membership subs	1,230	1,225
Gift Aid		1,679
Other / sundries	3,862	598
Income from activities	84,828	50,778
Bank Interest	693	614
TOTAL INCOME	85,521	51,392
 EXPENDITURE		
	£	£
Calendar costs	2,325	2,403
Cost of other fund raising activities	10,836	4,252
Marquee repairs & renewals	3,051	1,403
Charitable donations	39,398	53,536
Insurance costs	1,401	3,776
Sundries - web site costs etc	2,756	556
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	59,767	65,926
 TOTAL INCOME	85,521	51,392
less TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-59,767	-65,926
 SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	25,754	-14,534



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Helping local people in need

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	Current Account £	Savings Account	Paypal Account £	Petty Cash £	Total £
Opening balances as at 1 April 2024	4,507	37,323		192	42022
Closing balances as at 31 March 2025	8,152	59,624	0	0	67776
Change in balances	3645	22,301	0	0	25754

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	2025 £	2024 £
Balances as at 31 March	67,776	42,022
Less Outstanding Pledges	15,595	-5,600
Net charitable funds available for dispersal	52,181	36,422

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Treasurer

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Secretary