

Objects of the Charity

The main object of the charity is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing golf.

Organisation

Gilling Castle Golf Club is managed by the Club Committee, which is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee Members through the period were:

Keith Holloway (Chair & Sec.)	Peter Simpson
Bruce Baker (Capt.)	Mike Skehan
Andy Bucklee	Adrian Smith (Handicap Sec.)
Betty Gilbert	Pat Thompson (Social Sec)
Ian Henley (Treasurer)	Margaret Warriner
Steve Hustwick	Keith Harrison (Vice Capt)

Progress during the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The Club played a full programme during the year. Despite early season poor weather and repeated course closures; and a further decline in membership to 88; the year end achieved a surplus of £1909; a welcome return to profit following the loss of £2532 last year. This has been made possible by an increase in green fee income (£5048), which has more than compensated for the loss in membership income (£4646). A membership campaign targeting an increase in women membership at the club is delivering new members, and it is anticipated that the club's membership will exceed 100 in 2025/6.

As reported last year, Ampleforth Abbey Trustees sold Gilling Castle and 93 acres of land, including the golf course, to The Timeless Collection Holdings Ltd / Stonehouse Projects, and a detailed planning application to North Yorkshire Council was successful during the year. The refurbishment of the castle and its transition to 35 rented houses and apartments will commence during 2025, with a 4 year anticipated build period to completion. There is no direct adverse impact of the development programme on the golf club. The responsibility for grounds maintenance of the golf course was successfully moved to Stonehouse Projects "in house" team and the club has been reassured by the new owner, that the status quo will remain for the remaining term of the lease.

The Club operates and has a full suite of updated Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy, a formal disciplinary procedure, and fully complies with the recommendations of Golf England.

The accompanying accounts cover the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Plans for the future

The Club is able to meet its lease obligations by way of course contribution to the new owners. The agreed annual CPI inflator was applied in 2024, as in the previous year. The Club hopes to improve membership numbers by prudent membership and course green fee management, which continues to position the Club as accessible, at a low comparative entry cost, when compared to neighbouring golf courses.

Conclusion

The year has been one of change management to the new owners and their operational plans. The outlook for the rest of the lease period looks stable, and the Club seeks to continue to improve the playing experience, whilst maintaining financial sustainability, and offering the local community a low cost entry point to play golf, meet other like minded people, and contribute to addressing rural isolation and improved health outcomes through participation in golf.

GILLING CASTLE GOLF CLUB**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025**

2024		2025
£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
38620	PAVILION - Cost brought forward	38620
-	- additions in year	-
-20085	- depreciation to date	-21630
18535		16990
CURRENT ASSETS		
38432	Cash at bank and on hand	42462
93	Stock on hand	0
102	Sundry Debtors	110
38627		42572
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	Sundry Creditors	125
	Deferred income - prepaid fees	366
		491
38627	NET CURRENT ASSETS(LIABILITIES)	42081
57162	TOTAL NET ASSETS	59071
GENERAL FUND		
59694	Balance brought forward	57162
-2532	Surplus/deficit for the year	1909
57162	Balance carried forward	59071



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

ANNEX D TO
MINUTES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ampleforth College Golf Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1093793

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of form CC16a

**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 matter has come to my attention

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

Signed:

Date:

Apr 2025

Name:

John G Chisholm

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

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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