

STANBRIDGE AND TILSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 1109805

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Association

Charity Registration Number: 1109805

Registered Office:

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Stanbridge
Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire
LU7 9HY

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Phone: 07988 827601

Governing Document:

Constitution adopted 17 March 2005, as amended 15 June 2005 and 8 August 2005

Area of Benefit:

The Parishes of Stanbridge and Tilsworth, Bedfordshire

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc

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Trustee Board:

Name	Role	Date of Appointment
Neville Lidford	Trustee	17 March 2005
Robert Venn	Trustee	Resigned during 2025
Anthony Briggs	Trustee	Resigned 1 June 2024
David Spikesley	Trustee	Resigned 10 February 2025

Note: The Trustee board underwent significant changes subsequent to this financial year end. Refer to Note 9 and the 2025 report for current Trustee appointments.

Key Management Personnel:

The charity is run entirely by volunteers. No employees are engaged by the charity.

Volunteers: 19

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Association for the year ended 30 April 2024, which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's governing document.

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity is constituted under its governing document, a constitution adopted on 17 March 2005 and subsequently amended on 15 June 2005 and 8 August 2005. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1109805.

Governing Body

The charity is controlled by its Board of Trustees, which comprises up to four members. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document. During the financial year, the Board continued to oversee the charity's operations. Subsequent to the year end, the Board was reconstructed with new appointments.

Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees receive an induction pack comprising the governing document, latest financial statements, recent minutes, and relevant policy documents. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under charity law.

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Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which charity is exposed and confirm that systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks. The charity maintains the following policies, which are reviewed regularly:

- Financial reserves policy and procedures
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Internal risk management policy and procedures
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Serious incident reporting policy and procedures
- Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
- Complaints policy and procedures

Related Parties

The charity does not control any trading subsidiaries and has no connected entities.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objects

The charity's objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

"FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISHES OF STANBRIDGE & TILSWORTH IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT') BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF A VILLAGE HALL, RECREATION GROUND, SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, FOR THE USE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS."

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Beneficiaries

In furtherance of these objects, the charity provides facilities for:

- Children and young people
- Elderly and older people
- People with disabilities
- Other charities and voluntary bodies
- The general public

Activities Undertaken

The principal activity of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a Community Hall, recreation ground, and associated facilities for the benefit of local residents. The hall is made available for meetings, classes, social events, sports activities, and other leisure-time occupations.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the charity's activities are undertaken solely to deliver public benefit to the inhabitants of Stanbridge and Tilsworth without distinction.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Operational Review

The year ended 30 April 2024 marked a significant recovery for the charity. Following a challenging prior year which saw a deficit of £6,816, the charity returned to a surplus position of **£7,818**.

Hall lettings increased to £32,750 (2023: £31,410), representing a 4.3% increase in usage of the village hall facilities. The charity successfully introduced two new income streams during the year: Football pitch fees generated £5,000 following the establishment of formal lettings arrangements **Fundraising Events** generated £2,720 from community events

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Repairs and Renewals

Expenditure on repairs and renewals reduced significantly to £1,043 (2023: £14,027), reflecting that the major capital repairs undertaken in the prior year had been substantially completed. The Trustees consider the charity's facilities to be in good condition following this investment.

Fundraising

The charity held its first formal fundraising events during the year, generating £2,720 at a cost of £1,962, resulting in a net contribution of £758. These events included community fetes and social gatherings. The charity does not employ professional fundraisers or commercial participators. All fundraising is undertaken by volunteers.

Volunteers

The charity is supported by 20 volunteers who give their time freely to assist with hall bookings, caretaking, maintenance, and fundraising activities. The Trustees place on record their sincere gratitude to all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

Total income for the year was **£40,894** (2023: £31,528). Total expenditure was **£33,075** (2023: £38,344). The charity generated a surplus of **£7,818** (2023: deficit of £6,816).

The improved financial performance is attributable to:

1. Increased hall lettings income
2. Introduction of football pitch fees
3. Successful fundraising events
4. Reduced repairs and renewals expenditure

Reserves Policy

The charity maintains a financial reserves policy. At 30 April 2024, total funds stood at **£53,883** (2023: £46,065). All funds are unrestricted and held as cash or cash equivalents. The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be appropriate to meet the charity's commitments and to provide resilience against future income fluctuations.

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Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. With the return to surplus, improving income streams, and no significant liabilities, the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Trustee Remuneration and Benefits

No Trustee received any remuneration, payments, or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were paid to Trustees.

Employees

The charity has no employees.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trustees intend to:

1. Build on the successful reintroduction of fundraising events
2. Maintain and grow football pitch lettings
3. Seek grant funding for future capital repairs and improvements
4. Continue to develop the volunteer base
5. Strengthen governance arrangements

Approved by the Trustees on: 14 February 2026

Signed:  _____

Name: Neville Lidford

Role: Trustee

Signed: 

Name: Robert Venn

Role: Former Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Association

Year ended 30 April 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts under the Charities Act 2011, or with any regulations made under that Act.

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: Saurabh Mishra

Name: Saurabh Mishra, BFP, ACA

Membership No: 5029247

Address: 10 Northwood Gardens, North Finchley, London, N12 9DR

Date: 11/03/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Hall Lettings	32,750	32,750	31,410
Fundraising Events	2,720	2,720	-
Donations and Grants	29	29	28
Football Pitch Fees	5,000	5,000	-
Bank Interest	394	394	90
TOTAL INCOME	40,893	40,893	31,528

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EXPENDITURE

Hall Running Expenses	24,243	24,243	18,634
Repairs and Renewals	1,043	1,043	14,027
Fundraising Events	1,962	1,962	160
Field and Pitch Maintenance	5,828	5,828	5,523
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	33,076	33,076	38,344
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	7,817	7,817	(6,816)
Total funds brought forward	46,065	46,065	52,881
Total funds carried forward	53,882	53,882	46,065

Note: Minor rounding differences arise from original data presentation.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 April 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Lloyds Bank Current Account		17,844	10,420
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account		36,039	35,645
		53,883	46,065
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		53,883	46,065
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		53,883	46,065

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THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

Unrestricted funds	2	53,883	46,065
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TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		53,883	46,065
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Approved by the Trustees on 14 February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

Name: Neville Lidford

Role: Trustee

Signed: 

Name: Robert Venn

Role: Former Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees consider that no material uncertainties exist regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations and grants are recognised when received or when entitlement conditions are met.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Costs are allocated to the appropriate expenditure category based on the nature of the transaction.

Fund Accounting

The charity holds only unrestricted funds. There are no restricted or endowment funds.

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Fixed Assets

The charity does not capitalise fixed assets. All expenditure on repairs, renewals, and maintenance is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year incurred. The charity owns and/or leases land and property, but these assets are not recognised in the balance sheet.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash held at bank and on deposit.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall Lettings	32,750	31,410
Football Pitch Fees	5,000	-
Fundraising Events		
- Events income	2,720	-
- Less: direct costs	(1,962)	(160)
Net fundraising income	758	(160)
Donations and Grants	29	28
Bank Interest	394	90

The charity introduced football pitch fees and formal fundraising events during the financial year, diversifying its income streams.

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall running expenses (utilities, cleaning, insurance)	24,243	18,634
Repairs and renewals	1,043	14,027
Field and pitch maintenance	5,828	5,523
Fundraising event costs	1,962	160
	33,076	38,344

Repairs and renewals expenditure reduced significantly following the completion of major capital works in the prior year.

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTIES

No Trustee received any remuneration, payments, or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were paid to Trustees.

No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charity.

5. EMPLOYEES

The charity has no employees. All work is undertaken by volunteers.

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6. TAXATION

The charity is not recognised by HMRC for Gift Aid purposes. The charity is a registered charity and is entitled to claim charitable tax exemptions on eligible income and gains.

7. FUNDS

All funds held at 30 April 2024 are unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the charity.

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	46,065	40,893	(33,076)	53,882

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

9. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end, the Trustee board was reconstructed with the appointment of new Trustees. Stephen John Waters was appointed on 11 February 2025, followed by Kika Dabbs and Gary Jones on 25 June 2025. The charity continues to operate with a full complement of Trustees.

END OF REPORT