

STANBRIDGE AND TILSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 1109805

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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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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Email: bookings@sandtca.co.uk

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
Stephen John Waters	Trustee	11 February 2025
Kika Dabbs	Trustee	25 June 2025
Gary Jones	Trustee	25 June 2025

Key Management Personnel:

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

Volunteers: 20

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 April 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Association for the year ended 30 April 2025, 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 four members. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document. During the financial year and the subsequent period, the Board underwent significant changes with three new Trustees appointed in 2025. The Board extends its gratitude to former Trustees who stepped down during this period.

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 2025 saw significant investment in the charity's physical assets. The Trustees are pleased to report that grant funding of £22,508 was secured during the year, enabling essential repairs and renewals to the village hall totaling £19,177. This investment ensures the continued availability of safe, fit-for-purpose facilities for the local community.

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Hall lettings generated £28,971 (2024: £32,750). The reduction reflects a return to pre-pandemic usage patterns and the temporary closure of some facilities during repair works. Football pitch fees amounted to £2,500 (2024: £5,000) following a reduction in team registrations.

Fundraising

The charity held fundraising events during the year generating £2,888 (2024: £2,720) at a cost of £2,046 (2024: £1,962). 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 £57,203 (2024: £40,894). Total expenditure was £50,717 (2024: £33,075). The charity generated a surplus of £6,486 (2024: £7,818 surplus).

The significant increase in income is attributable to grants received during the year, which offset a reduction in lettings income and football pitch fees.

Reserves Policy

The charity maintains a financial reserves policy. At 30 April 2025, total funds stood at £60,369 (2024: £53,883). 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 reserves equivalent to approximately 14 months of operating expenditure 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. Stabilize and grow hall lettings and football pitch income
2. Seeking further grant funding for ongoing maintenance and improvement projects
3. Explore Gift Aid recognition with HMRC to maximize the value of donations
4. Continuing to develop the volunteer base
5. Ensure robust governance through the newly constituted Trustee Board

Approved by the Trustees on: 16th Feb 2026

Signed: 

Name: Neville Lidford

Role: Trustee

Signed: 

Name: Kika Dabbs

Role: Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Association

Year ended 30 April 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025, 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 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Hall Lettings	28,971	28,971	32,750
Fundraising Events	2,888	2,888	2,720
Donations and Grants	22,508	22,508	29
Football Pitch Fees	2,500	2,500	5,000
Bank Interest	337	337	394
TOTAL INCOME	57,204	57,204	40,893

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EXPENDITURE

Hall Running Expenses	23,648	23,648	24,243
Repairs and Renewals	19,177	19,177	1,043
Fundraising Events	2,047	2,047	1,962
Field and Pitch Maintenance	5,844	5,844	5,828
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	50,716	50,716	33,076
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	6,488	6,488	7,817
Total funds brought forward	53,883	53,883	46,065
Total funds carried forward	60,371	60,371	53,882

Note: Minor rounding differences arise from original data presentation. The surplus of £6,486 per original accounts reconciles to £6,488 above due to rounding of constituent parts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 April 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Lloyds Bank Current Account		13,994	17,844
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account		26,375	36,039
Fixed Term Deposit Account		20,000	-
		60,369	53,883
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		60,369	53,883
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		60,369	53,883


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THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

Unrestricted funds	2	60,369	53,883
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		60,369	53,883

Approved by the Trustees on 16th Feb 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 
Name: Neville Lidford
Role: Trustee

Signed: 
Name: Kika Dabbs
Role: 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 recognized when 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 recognized when received or when entitlement conditions are met.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognized 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 capitalize 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 recognized in the balance sheet.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hall Lettings	28,971	32,750
Football Pitch Fees	2,500	5,000
Fundraising Events		
- Events income	2,888	2,720
- Less: direct costs	(2,046)	(1,962)
Net fundraising income	842	758
Donations and Grants	22,508	29
Bank Interest	337	394

Donations and grants include a significant award received during the year to support capital repairs to the village hall.

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hall running expenses (utilities, cleaning, insurance)	23,648	24,243
Repairs and renewals	19,177	1,043
Field and pitch maintenance	5,844	5,828
Fundraising event costs	2,046	1,962
	50,715	33,076

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.

6. TAXATION

The charity is not recognized 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.

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7. FUNDS

All funds held at 30 April 2025 are unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the charity.

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	53,883	57,204	(50,716)	60,371

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 reconstituted with the appointment of Kika Dabbs and Gary Jones on 25 June 2025. Stephen John Waters was appointed on 11 February 2025. No other material post balance sheet events have occurred.

END OF REPORT