

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

		Period start date			Period end date		
From		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
		1	Sept	2024	To 31	Aug	2025

**Section A Reference and administration details**Charity name Other names charity is known by Registered charity number (if any) Charity's principal address  **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	Derek Mitford Blake	Chairman		Management Committee
2	Samantha Jane Lawrence	Vice Chair		"
3	Karen Ann Barnes	Secretary and Treasurer		"
4	Heather Christine Bryans	Trustee		"
5	Janet Ann Hailstone	Trustee		"
6	Cheryl Ann Hooper	Trustee		"
7	Henry Roper Swanton	Trustee		"
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds Bank Plc	38 Blue Boar Row, Salisbury, SP1 1DB
Independent Examiner	Tim Sainsbury	16 South Street, Wilton, SP2 0JS

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Scheme Dated 10 October 1980

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees and Management Committee elected at AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISHES OF SOUTH NEWTON AND GREAT WISHFORD, THE AREA OF BENEFIT, FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provision of Village Hall, sports ground, open space, children's play area and associated activities.

Activities this year included:

Weekly Bingo, Christmas and Easter family bingo  
Breakfast Mornings  
Annual Stofest Music Festival.  
Youth Football

Hall hires included:

Fitness – Happy Hearts  
Able Hands  
Valley Arts  
Clubercise  
Band practice

Private parties – Children, Funeral Teas, Eid celebrations, Christenings  
Corporate training days for local businesses  
Charity walks  
Polling days

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

N/A

N/A

See Chairman's Report in Section D

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Activity was higher than the previous year.

Fund raising continued:  
Clothes collection  
Textile Bank  
Ink cartridge recycling  
Aluminium can recycling  
Donated book sales  
Breakfast mornings  
Christmas Fayre

### Chairman's Report 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

A very good evening ladies and gentleman; nice to see so many of you here this evening and welcome to the 2025 AGM.

### Overview of events for the year

Our successful 200 Club is managed by Heather Bryans and Janet Hailstone. It was specifically created to fund the play area and may not be used for other purposes. This year, we have replaced the play bark. It was very hard work on a boiling hot couple of days. We are in the process of purchasing new metal fencing which Barney Lawrence has offered to powder coat and this will be fitted when the weather is kinder. While the fencing is expensive, it will outlast most of us! Heather is always looking to increase membership of the 200 Club so please do join up and benefit the children's play area.

Tuesday Bingo Evenings are managed by Cheryl Hooper and Janet Hailstone and enjoyed by many, not only villagers. They also organise the very popular Easter and Christmas Bingo events which are attended by people from all over the area and make an excellent profit for us.

Breakfast Mornings on the last Saturday of the month are a real highlight and we now often have over forty people enjoying the get together. Janet and Rob the chief cooks, ably assisted by many of the committee.

Unfortunately, the six a side did not happen in June and this weekend used to be a major fund raiser for us.

Stofest 2025 expanded to a two day event. A Family Fun Day on the Friday afternoon, then fabulous music from the bands, all of whom played for free again. Great BBQ, Refreshments and a couple of food vans for the first time, plus a full Beer Tent offering as well as the Gin Bar. All managed by our very hardworking committee with lots of family and friends who always pitch in.

Stofest was the brainchild of Barney and Sam Lawrence and has grown every year. People join us from far and wide and it is a fantastic event. Just remember, the organisers who never get to enjoy the weekend or watch and listen to the music! A huge thank you to all of you; especially Barney and Sam and their friends and workers who help set up and support the event. Also, thank you to our sponsors who make a significant contribution.

### Our Accounts

My sister Karen ably assisted by my brother in law Gordon, have continued to deal with our finances since before lockdown. It was meant to be a temporary appointment! They are rigorous in their management of our hard earned money. Karen has changed several contracts with the agreement of the committee to ensure we obtain cheaper deals and are always on the lookout for grants or funding opportunities, sadly fewer and fewer at the moment. Karen will talk you through the accounts which I know balanced to the penny again. Our Honorary Auditor Tim Sainsbury has agreed to continue with the audit for us and has approved the accounts. Thank you.

### The Future of the Recreation Centre and Village Hall

I stated last year that our vision was to renovate the village hall to create more modern and up to date facilities for all our community. The old hall had been condemned and was no longer in use and the inability to cope with the rapid expansion of the Football

Club. Well, a lot can change in a year!

Regrettably, we had to give notice to leave to the Football Club. Not a decision that was taken lightly and was a very stressful time. It also had a financial impact.

We have, however, been fortunate that several local parents took up the challenge and have worked tirelessly to create the newly formed South Newton and Wishford FC for local children. They are now fully accredited by the Football Association. There has been great feedback from local parents that once again, there is local football. Congratulations to everyone involved. Your village hall committee hope to work alongside the football team and perhaps we may well have a six a side tournament in 2026!

Having condemned the old village hall we were going to demolish it as part of the old planning permission. After an approach by the Forsaken Guardians MCC, we were able to agree to them renovating the premises and put in place a hire agreement with a break clause. Their monthly hire fee is very welcome revenue. Also, they do a tremendous amount of fund raising for charity.

We are underway with some of the works to the village hall. I must give a special mention to Paul Routledge, Mark Jones and Ashley Blake who have given their time for free in helping me with the redecorations. This has saved us a great deal of money.

We hope that during the next financial year that we shall be able to undertake the cladding of the village hall. However, we also have to consider work to the trees on our boundary which need attention and will be very expensive.

#### Thank You

To your hardworking Committee and all our family and friends. Without you, we would not be able to operate the Village Hall and also to everyone who comes along and supports our events and donates time, money and effort.

Everyone makes a huge contribution; I just wish to mention Barney and Sam Lawrence for what they do for the community. Thank you both. When I looked out at the kids playing a friendly in the pouring rain on Sunday, the pitch looked like Wembley Stadium! Barney takes the grass cutting very seriously!

Finally, a personal thank you from me as your Chairman.

Derek M Blake

Chairman

20th October 2025

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Separate reserves are held for:  
 Multi-Surface Fund raising, specifically to fund the children's play area  
 Hall Extension Fund Raising – specifically for updating the hall.  
 General Fund Raising and Hall Running (historic arrangement for two) should be viewed as one fund for contingency.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

The Hall Running account is in deficit – the history of this relates to the initial building and setting up of the hall and it running in deficit for many years since the 1980s

**Treasurer and Secretary Report**

Our fund raising efforts saw some spectacular results during the year, especially Stofest 2025. But, this year we have also spent considerable sums on the play area and continue with upgrading the village hall. Also, costs have increased substantially, electricity and food which I know has impacted on everyone too. We have enjoyed another very successful year and continue to be busy with events although hall bookings income is down on last year.

**Grants**

None.

**Income and Expenditure****Hall Running Account**

Lettings income for the New Hall £7544 and the Old Hall £nil. Against this, our electricity costs were £3712.39. Last year, we voted to raise the Football Club rent to £1,000.00 after several years during Covid when we charged a token sum. The increase in rental was based upon the 1990 annual rent uprated by inflation and taking into account the huge increase in teams to fourteen. Unfortunately, the rent was received in early September last year which represents the previous year 2023/2024. The football club failed to pay their rent for 2024/2025.

The Equipment and Repairs, has seen a reduction in expenses from £15655.87 to £2021.95 this year.

**General Fund Raising**

Fundraising raised a net sum of £21020.25.

Highlights include the following; Bingo £2429.50, Breakfast Mornings £2028.37, Football Tournament catering £nil and Stofest 2025 £12,110.97 plus Stofest 2025 donations of £2130.00.

Against these figures, we spent £10,870 on the new loo block for football and events.

**Multi Surface**

The 200 Club has provided an income of £1178.00. The annual ROSPA inspection cost £112.80 and despite the great efforts to repair the slide, after the third vandal attack a new slide had to be purchased at a cost of £1439.03. The new bark and signage cost £4353.15. For the financial year this represents a deficit of £4726.98 but one has to remember that the 200 Club exists to maintain the play area and grounds for the children. Heather and Janet are always on the lookout for new members to join the 200 Club.

**Balance Sheet**

Turning to the balance sheet, this now reflects the changes that I have outlined and the sums in the bank account and the NS&I account. Our Auditor suggested that we consider transferring more funds to the NS&I account. However, this has not been done given that we shall have a number of large outgoings during 2026.

**The Future**

While our income has been dented by the impact of the football club departure, we shall hope to see a positive return during 2026. A monthly hire fee will now be received from the Forsaken Guardians MCC following the huge amount of work they have undertaken and if the new football club are able to run a six a side we will benefit from the long standing agreement of the village hall undertaking the catering. We are very fortunate to have our hard working committee members and friends and family, without whom we would not be able to continue. However, we are all getting older and must attract and engage new people to help this community thrive.

Fundraising efforts continue and a huge thanks to everyone involved donating their time, their staff, cake making, providing food for the Breakfast Mornings and raffle prizes.

**Honorary Auditor**

Our Honorary Auditor Tim Sainsbury has suggested again that we consider a further deposit to the NS&I account. Also, that we make a transfer to the Hall Extension Fund Raising Account from general funds.

Again, our income has breached the £25,000 sum and therefore, we have to comply with the Charity Commission requirements. We publish our accounts, an Annual Trustees Report and our Honorary Auditors Certification on the Charity Commission website.

Tim Sainsbury has once again taken on our audit as Honorary Auditor and has signed off the accounts for the year 2024/2025. We are very grateful to Tim and a vote of thanks for this.

Karen Barnes

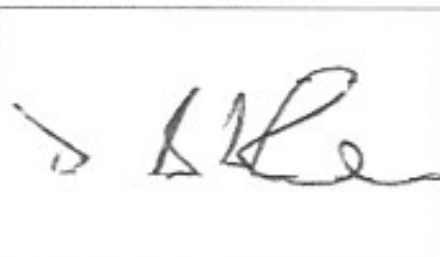
22nd October 2025

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Derek Mitford Blake

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

24th October 2025

**South Newton and Wishford Recreation Centre**  
**Charity Number 1113143**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2025**

		2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Freehold Property		£1,978.60	£1,978.60
	Cricket Square & Outfield Purchased 1975		
Buildings & Equipment		£45,876.84	£45,876.84
	Built 1981		
Extension to Property		£7,469.50	£7,469.50
	Built 1997		
Multi Surface Area		£32,826.63	£32,826.63
	Built 2005		
		<b>£88,151.57</b>	<b>£88,151.57</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
NS&I Account		£58,801.65	£58,217.88
		<b>£58,801.65</b>	<b>£58,217.88</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		£84,244.17	£82,392.45
Cash in Hand			
Floets			
Debtors - prepaid/amounts due			
		<b>£84,244.17</b>	<b>£82,392.45</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>			
		<b>£231,197.39</b>	<b>£228,761.90</b>
<b>Financed By</b>			
Gifted Capital			
	Donated by Committee 1981	£16,870.14	£16,870.14
Capital Grants Received			
	New Hall Build	£26,764.50	£26,764.50
	Multi Surface	£16,967.46	£16,967.46
		<b>£43,731.96</b>	<b>£43,731.96</b>
Accumulated Reserves			
	Fund Raising	£151,536.67	£142,238.24
	Hall Running	-£57,177.25	-£55,041.29
Multi Surface Fund Raising		£18,986.68	£23,713.66
Hall Extension Fund Raising		£57,249.19	£57,249.19
		<b>£231,197.39</b>	<b>£228,761.90</b>



**South Newton and Wishford Recreation Centre**  
**Charity Number 1113143**  
**Year Ended 31st August 2025**

**Hall Running Account**

Income		2025 Net	2024 Net
	Income    Deposit Refunds		
General Lettings Old Hall		£0.00	£270.00
General Lettings New Hall	£8,319.00	£7,544.00	£8,006.25
Precept/South Newton Parish Council		£1,200.00	
Club Rents - Football- for 2024 paid late		£1,000.00	
		<b>£9,744.00</b>	<b>£8,276.25</b>
Expenditure			
	Cost		
Ground Rent		£145.00	£145.00
Water		£326.82	£276.39
Grass Cutting & Field Maintenance			£360.00
Mower Repairs			£105.50
Performing Rights Society		£138.19	£165.16
Insurance		£2,888.89	£2,601.48
Heat/Light Old Hall	£1,066.10		
Heat/Light New Hall	£2,646.29		
Heat/Light total		£3,712.39	£3,659.05
Equipment and Repairs			
General		£1,179.95	£38.37
Electrical works and report			£3,679.32
CCTV			£3,217.12
New Doors			£8,114.80
Kitchen		£67.00	£206.76
Fencing			
Maintenance		£411.50	
Plaque		£100.00	
Internet		£236.42	£379.50
WCC - Lottery Licence		£20.00	£20.00
Secretarial/Treasurer Expenses & Stationery		£7.00	
Cleaner		£1,590.00	£1,590.00
Waste Disposal		£1,036.72	£478.44
ACRE Subscription		£50.00	£50.00
		<b>£11,879.96</b>	<b>£25,066.89</b>
<b>Profit/Loss for the Year</b>		<b>-£2,135.96</b>	<b>-£16,810.64</b>
<b>Accumulated Reserves at 1st September 2024</b>		<b>-£55,041.29</b>	<b>-£38,230.65</b>
<b>Accumulated Reserves at 31st August 2025</b>		<b>-£57,177.25</b>	<b>-£55,041.29</b>

**South Newton and Wishford Recreation Centre**  
**Charity Number 1113143**  
**Year Ended 31st August 2025**

**General Fund Raising Account**

			2025 Net	2024 Net
<b>Income</b>				
	Income	Event Expense		
Bingo	£508.00		£508.00	£261.60
Bingo Events - Easter, Christmas	£2,026.50	£105.00	£1,921.50	£1,756.00
Breakfast Mornings	£3,118.87	£1,090.50	£2,028.37	£2,173.28
Stofest	£21,493.21	£9,382.24	£12,110.97	£8,149.91
Stofest Donations	£2,130.00		£2,130.00	£995.00
Football Tournament Catering			£0.00	£4,576.44
Fayres - Spring and Christmas	£237.00	£10.35	£226.65	£549.56
Quiz Night			£0.00	-£100.00
Caravan Club catering				
Clothes Charity			£68.20	£171.00
Textile Bank			£166.50	£109.50
Aluminum Cans			£66.30	£93.36
Donations			£359.00	£2,901.90
Book sales			£6.00	
Charity Football Match			£807.84	
Cartridge Recycling			£37.15	£21.35
Interest - NS&I			£583.77	£446.97
	#####	£10,588.09		
			<b>£21,020.25</b>	<b>£22,105.87</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
New Loo Block for football			£10,870.00	
Charity Football donation to hospice			£851.82	
			<b>£11,721.82</b>	
<b>Fund Raising for the year</b>			<b>£9,298.43</b>	<b>£22,105.87</b>
Accumulated Reserves at 1st September 2024			£142,238.24	£142,238.24
Transfer to Hall Extension Fund				
Accumulated Reserves at 31st August 2025			£151,536.67	£142,238.24

**Hall Extension Fund Raising Account**

	2025	2024
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accumulated Reserves at 1st September 2024	£57,249.19	£57,249.19
Transfer from General Fund Raising		
Accumulated Reserves at 31st August 2025	£57,249.19	£57,249.19

**South Newton and Wishford Recreation Centre**  
**Charity Number 1113143**  
**Year Ended 31st August 2025**

**Multi Surface Fund Raising Account**

**Income**

	Income	Expense	2025 Net	2024 Net
200 Club	£2,580.00	£1,402.00	£1,178.00	£1,333.00
			<b>£1,178.00</b>	<b>£1,333.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Play Safety - ROSPA Inspection			£112.80	£106.80
New slide and gate			£1,439.03	
New bark and signage			£4,353.15	
Clear up costs				£103.31
			<b>£5,904.98</b>	<b>£210.11</b>

<b>Fund Raising for the Year</b>			<b>-£4,726.98</b>	<b>£1,122.89</b>
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<b>Accumulated Reserves at 1st September 2025</b>			<b>£18,986.68</b>	<b>£23,713.66</b>
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

South Newton and Wishford Recreation Centre

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1113143

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2021.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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:**

**Date:**

17/04/2025

**Name:**

Timothy John Sainsbury

**Address:**

16 South Street, Wilton, Wiltshire, SP2 0JS

**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).

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