



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 07 2024	To	30 06 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Alan Bretherton	Chairman	Full Year	Trustees of RCBP
2	Paul Neanor		Full Year	Trustees of RCBP
3	Stephen Gilder		Full Year	Trustees of RCBP
4	Tim O'Leary	Treasurer	Full Year	Trustees of RCBP
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Christopher Ward	33 Nether Road
		Cavendish
		Sudbury, Suffolk
		CO10 8BU

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed as part of the constitution of Rotary Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees after consultation with RCBP Council

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- 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

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and

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)

projects designed to help people in other lands.

5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

The Charity work undertaken by the club adheres to the five sections described above, both in terms of contributions made to individuals and organisations.

In addition to the contributions described below, members of the club are involved in vocational work. During the year to 30th June 2025, our regular fundraising activities continued, with the bulk of the Trust Income coming from the monies raised by the Extra Mile Challenges Cycle Event and the St George's Day Golf. However, 2024-25 also saw the biennial Raft Race and some new fundraising events which raised considerable amounts for their chosen charities – a cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats (LeJoG) by two of our members (a one-off fundraiser), a Carols in the Chapel ticketed event (potentially annual) and a production of Godspell in conjunction with a local theatre.

Major donations from the above events were made to Tibbs Dementia Foundation (£9,647 in total from LeJoG, Carols and Godspell), Bedford Hospitals Charity (£4,011 from the Raft Race and Carols), Schoolreaders (£3,500, using funds from the 2023-24 St George's Day Golf but donated in August in order to benefit from it being doubled via a Radio 4 Appeal), Dine With Us (£3,500 from 2024 and 2025 St George's Day Golf), FACES (£3,000 from St George's Day Golf) and Movember (£2,068 from Carols).

In addition, the Trust made its usual, and one ad hoc, donation to Shelterbox (£2,145), Rotary Foundation including End Polio Now (£2,200) and Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama (£1,000), as well as smaller amounts to 16 other charities.

The Trustees, in making decisions about the activities and charitable donations, have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

N/A

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the 2024-25 year, conscious that 2025-26 could be the last of the Extra Mile Challenges (EMC) cycling event (in its current format at least), whilst we still benefited from the two regular fund-raising events which RCBP either run or are involved in - the annual St George's Day themed Golf Day in April and the annual EMC cycling event in September - as major sources of income, 3 new events were introduced which boosted our income significantly. These were a cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats (LeJoG) by two of our members (a one-off fundraiser), a Carols in the Chapel ticketed event (potentially annual) and a production of Godspell in conjunction with a local theatre.

Out of the total income of £32,476, the total raised from the regular two events this year was £12,083 (2023-24: £16,630).

It was decided that the St George's Golf Day income of £7,016 would not all be specifically allocated to one charity, rather £3,000 would go to Dine With Us and £3,000 to FACES.

The income from Extra Mile of £5,066 was used in the main to cover the multiple smaller donations / speaker fees.

The one-off LeJoG cycling event raised £5,175, of which £5,000 was donated to Tibbs Dementia Foundation.

A highly successful new event, Carols in the Chapel, took place in December 2024 and raised £6,147, which was largely donated to Tibbs Dementia Foundation (£1,711), the Bedford Hospitals Charity (£1,711) and Movember (£2,068), the latter being a higher amount to meet the Movember organisation's deadline for donations.

Another new venture was the production of Godspell at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre which raised £2,936 for Tibbs Dementia Foundation.

Every 2 years, there is a Raft Race organised by RCBP and held as part of the Bedford River Festival. The event was held in July 2024, so in this 2024-25 year, and raised £2,300 for the Bedford Hospitals Charity.

From these main income streams, plus donations from members and other donations and reserves, the Trust made total donations of £38,249 (2023-24: £14,557), although £3,500 of this year's donations related to £3,000 and £500 raised from the 2024 St George's Golf Day for Schoolreaders and Dine With Us, respectively.

In addition to the major donations listed above and in section C, we donated £1,148 to Project 229, £1,000 to Bedford Blues (Disabled Stand Project), £670 to SMART CJS, £516 to Bedford Sports Foundation and £500 each to Rotary Fun Day (aka Kids Out), Road Victims' Trust, Faith in Queen's Park and Rotary District D1260 Mercy Ships Appeal, plus donation of under £500 totalling £1,844 to 8 other charities.

As well as these donations, our Community/Vocational Committee provided many hours of volunteering support to various homeless charities, special schools and the Tibbs Dementia Foundation allotment. The International Committee continued to support Lend With Care and the Youth Committee supported several events in conjunction with Rotary District and the other Bedford-based Rotary Clubs.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity normally intends to carry forward reserves of between £10,000 to £15,000 annually. The year-end bank balance was £11,194 – there were no uncleared cheques (cheques are rarely used now). Whilst the Trustees and Council are in agreement that we may wish to reduce this in the next year or two to £5,000 to £7,500 in reserve, this reduction is pending the results of the future of the Extra Mile Challenges (EMC) cycling event.

The EMC has already taken place in September 2025, however, it will be last event in its current format (organised by the Rotary Clubs of Bedford Park and Milton Keynes Grand Union), so, after the expected large amount of income in March 2026, the future of this income stream is currently unknown.

Going forward, we still expect to run the St George's Day Golf event in April 2026 and another Carols in the Chapel event is scheduled for December 2025.

The Trustees will continue to mitigate against the impact of the likely loss in 2026-27 of the large EMC income-stream by carrying a reserve to provide charitable funds during the next 2-3 years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.


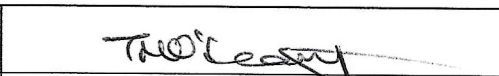
Section F

Other optional information

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)	Mr. THOMAS PATRICK WEANER	TIMOTHY MICHAEL O'LEARY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE CHAIR.	TRUSTEE / TREASURER
Date	13/11/25.	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/07/2024	To	30/06/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
St George's Day Golf event	7,016	-	-	7,016	6,767
Carols in the Chapel event	6,147	-	-	6,147	-
LeJoG cycling event	5,175	-	-	5,175	-
Extra Mile Challenges cycling event	5,066	-	-	5,066	9,854
Godspell event	4,079	-	-	4,079	-
Raft Race event	1,160	-	-	1,160	1,000
Christmas Card amnesty	1,033	-	-	1,033	1,095
Jan Kuszlewicz memorial donations	798	-	-	798	-
RIBI District Grants	765	-	-	765	-
Sundry donations	495	-	-	495	1,331
Bikes for Ukrainians	-	-	-	-	466
Wine Tasting event profit	274	-	-	274	-
Honorary Member donations	200	-	-	200	197
Receipts of less than £250	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,208	-	-	32,208	20,710
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,208	-	-	32,208	20,710
A3 Payments					
Donation - Tibbs Dementia Foundation	9,647	-	-	9,647	590
Donation - Bedford Hospitals Charity	4,011	-	-	4,011	-
Donation - Schoolreaders	3,500	-	-	3,500	5,500
Donation - Dine With US	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
Donation - FACES	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Donation - Movember	2,068	-	-	2,068	-
Donation - Project 229	1,148	-	-	1,148	-
Donation - Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Donation - Bedford Blues	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Donation - SMART CJS	670	-	-	670	850
Donation - King's Arms Project	0	-	-	-	620
Donation - Bedford Sports Foundation	516	-	-	516	-
Donation - Rotary District Fun Day	500	-	-	500	500
Donation - Road Victims Trust	500	-	-	500	-
Donation - Faith in Queen's Park	500	-	-	500	-
Donation - Rotary D1260 Mercy Ships Appeal	500	-	-	500	-
Donation - Bedford Magistrates Court mock trials event	358	-	-	358	-
Donation - Impakt	250	-	-	250	-
Donation - FDAC Support Ltd	250	-	-	250	-
Donation - Bedfordshire Crimebeat	250	-	-	250	-
Donation - Bedford Sea Cadets	250	-	-	250	-
Donation - Ukrainian Christmas Convoy	250	-	-	250	586
Donation - Azalea Trust	0	-	-	-	250
Donation - Bedford & District Audio News	0	-	-	-	250
Donation - Mobility Trust	200	-	-	200	-
Sundry donations under £200	36	-	-	36	36
Shelterbox	2,145	-	-	2,145	2,375
Rotary Foundation	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,000
End Polio Now	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,000
Charity event expenditure - Carols in the Chapel	219	-	-	219	-
Charity event expenditure - Godspell	1,213	-	-	1,213	-
Sundry donation transfer between bank accounts	8	-	-	8	-
Bank account commission fees	88	-	-	88	-
Unpresented cheques last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,777	-	-	39,777	14,557
Total payments	39,777	-	-	39,777	14,557
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,569	-	-	- 7,569	6,153
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,763	-	-	18,763	12,610
Cash funds this year end	11,194	-	-	11,194	18,763

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Trust account	11,194	-	-
	Trust no.2 Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,194	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Rotary Club of Bedford Park

On accounts for the year
ended

30 June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1143918

Set out on pages

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(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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13-10-2025

Name:

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL WARD

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

Address:

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CAVENDISH, SUDBURY
SUFFOLK CO10 8BU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.