



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day31	03	Year2024		Day1	04	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Marshland and District Community and Sports Centre

Other names charity is known by

Marshland Hall and Tearoom

Registered charity number (if any)

1155766

Charity's principal address

156-158 Smeeth Road

Marshland St James

Wisbech, Cambs

Postcode

PE14 8JB

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	David Gathercole			
2	Jeremy Wilkinson			
3	Neil Watson	Treasurer		
4	Tim Jones			
5	John Askew			
6	Josh Green			
7	Brian Long			
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person. (b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO: - if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or - if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 12(1)(e) of the constitution. (c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee

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.

Board of Trustees with certain powers delegated to an Operational Committee which in turn also delegates to (a) a further committee responsible for the organising of fundraising and entertainment events and (b) a committee responsible for the oversight of construction

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, the provision of facilities for sports, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants, and to establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community and Sports Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the objects

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)

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers make a large contribution towards the running and promotion of the community centre. They help in the tearoom, Farmers Market, organisation and new activities. Keeping the garden beautiful. Promoting the provision to new users and groups. Finding new ways to enhance the provision and generally engaging with the public at large. Volunteer support is essential to the running of the facility

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Community Centre known as Marshland Hall is a success. "Beating heart of the community" by means of a main hall, meeting room, sports changing rooms and Tea Room. Members of the wider community are hiring the facility for the following:

(This list is not exhaustive)

Karate

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Parties of all kinds for all ages

Book launch

Fund raising events for our charity

Farmers Market

Soft play for the under 5's

Short mat bowls

Book Club

Art Club

Princess Parties

Blood doner sessions

Many activities are provided as taster session in the first instance to promote and find sustainability Increased usage as the area discover the splendid facilities available. The Tearoom has proved a social success, volunteers support the operation of the tearoom five days per week, providing a meeting place for all. The volunteers enjoy working with the Tearoom supervisor running the Tearoom daily, meeting and serving the customers.

Hire of the main hall and meeting room has seen an increase in bookings over the period

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

During the year the Charity determined its policy for holding reserves which have now come into play during a normal trading year..

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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)	<i>S Askew</i>	
Full name(s)	Susan Askew	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Volunteer and Committee Member	
Date	18/02/2026	

Marshland St James and District Community And Sports Centre
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 5 April 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants etc.	5,000	25,585
Donations	2,532	7,815
Fundraising Events	28,203	27,621
Trading Income	71,612	53,655
Interest Received	2,672	1,402
	<u>110,019</u>	<u>116,078</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Building work		
Light, Heat, Cleaning Etc	23,695	21,055
Fundraising Expenses	1,031	3,267
Salaries	17,178	11,079
Telephone	4,066	2,254
Printing & Stationery	177	607
Trading Expenses	58,721	43,951
Insurance	2,733	2,737
Repairs & Renewals	11,321	38,706
Bank Charges	91	40
Sundry Expenses	1,715	1,391
	<u>120,728</u>	<u>125,087</u>
Loss	<u>(10,709)</u>	<u>(9,009)</u>

Marshland St James and District Community And Sports Centre

**Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts
to Marshland St James and District Community And Sports Centre**

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

P J Medcalf
Chartered Certified Accountant

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18 February 2026