



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 April 2024 To: 31 March 2025

Charity name: Clare Castle Country Park Trust

Charity registration number: 1160965

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To preserve, protect, maintain and improve the physical and natural environment of Clare Castle Country Park for public benefit, interest and enjoyment, including by providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving their conditions of life.</p> <p>To advance the education of the public concerning the history and heritage of Clare Castle Country Park and its physical and natural attributes and heritage.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trust has continued to maintain the Park and its buildings and taken steps to make improvements within the resources available without changing the peaceful nature of a country park.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The trust does not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Trust has supported 3 local schools in undertaking activities in the park, as well as making the park available for community events such as a Party in the Park and a National Town Cryer event.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have contributed around 2k hours during the year. Without their support the Trust would not be able to provide the excellent facilities and environment that it does.
Other		Nothing further to report

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The country park provides a haven of tranquillity for both local residents and visitors to the town of Clare.</p> <p>The Trust facilitates the provision of a space for community events and gatherings, both formal and informal, as well as maintaining the heritage of an ancient monument and Clare's historic railway station.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Trust was established by way of a constitution document.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointments are for 4 years. There are to be Eight trustees. Two trustees appointed by Clare Town Council. Two by supporters Two by continuing trustees with Town Council Approval Two by continuing trustees without town council approval

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Clare Castle Country Park Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/a
Registered charity number	1160965
Charity's principal address	Park Office Malting Lane Clare Sudbury Suffolk

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust remains in a very positive financial position with reserves to ensure the country park and ancient monument can be maintained for the foreseeable future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust's policy is to hold at least 12 months income as a reserve. This is necessary to ensure maintenance of the ancient monument and other buildings, as well as the natural environment, to a safe standard and in line with proper conservation practices.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,042,760
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The principal source of income is from parking revenue.</p> <p>Other important sources are donations and income from rental of properties on site.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Trust has no specific policy. It retains funds in secure cash based accounts, with almost all funds covered by the FCSC scheme
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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	Neil Bagshaw			Town Council
2	Richard Holmes		Appointed 1/2/25	Town Council
3	Gary Brown			Trustees
4	Kevin Price	Finance Trustee		Trustees
5	Susan Eyre			Trustees (TC Support)
6	Andy Brader			Trustees (TC Support)
7	Cathrine Merch-Chammon	Chair		Supporters
8	Sherralyn Drury			Supporters
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/a

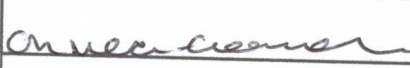

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Cathrine Merch-Chammon	Kevin Price
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Finance Trustee
Date	23/9/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK TRUST

Charity No
(if any)

1160965

Annual accounts for the period

Period start
date

01/04/2024

To

Period end
date

31/03/2025

Section A


Statement of financial activities

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		11,519	23,610	-	35,129	24,403
Charitable activities		100,482	-	-	100,482	109,889
Other trading activities		33,207	-	-	33,207	30,944
Investments		7,522	-	-	7,522	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	152,730	23,610	-	176,340	165,236
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	99,151	70,355	-	169,506	181,125
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total	11	99,151	70,355	-	169,506	181,125
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		53,579	- 46,745	-	6,834	- 15,889
Net income/(expenditure)		53,579	- 46,745	-	6,834	- 15,889
Transfers between funds	11	- 391	391	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		53,188	- 46,354	-	6,834	- 15,889
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	11	211,095	824,831	-	1,035,926	1,051,815
Total funds carried forward	11	264,283	778,477	-	1,042,760	1,035,926

CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK TRUST		Charity No	1160965	
		Company	CE003745	
Annual accounts for the period	Period start date: 1 April 2024		To period end date: 31 March 2025	
Section B		Balance sheet		

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	8	12,898	773,477	-	786,375	823,744
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		12,898	773,477	-	786,375	823,744
Current assets						
Stocks		1,852	-	-	1,852	2,698
Debtors	9	28,745	-	-	28,745	38,655
Cash at bank and in hand		231,607	6,087	-	237,694	212,550
<i>Total current assets</i>		262,204	6,087	-	268,291	253,903
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	11,906	-	-	11,906	-
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>		250,298	6,087	-	256,385	253,903
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		263,196	779,564	-	1,042,760	1,077,647
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	10	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or (liabilities)</i>		263,196	779,564	-	1,042,760	1,077,647
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	11		778,477		778,477	824,831
Unrestricted funds	11	264,283		-	264,283	211,095
<i>Total funds</i>	11	264,283	778,477	-	1,042,760	1,035,926

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KEVIN BURT	23/9/25

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance:

with



the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

and with



the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Note 2

Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants payable without performance conditions
Support Costs**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 3

Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
Analysis					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	8,519	1,710	-	10,229	7,889
	General grants provided by government/other charities	3,000	21,900	-	24,900	6,319
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	10,195
	Total	11,519	23,610	-	35,129	24,403
Charitable activities:	Ancillary trading income	93,413	-	-	93,413	96,758
	Other	7,069	-	-	7,069	13,131
	Total	100,482	-	-	100,482	109,889
Other trading activities:	Fundraising events	677	-	-	677	593
	Letting and licencing arrangements	30,805	-	-	30,805	27,145
	Sponsorships and social lotteries	1,725	-	-	1,725	3,206
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	33,207	-	-	33,207	30,944
Income from investments:	Interest income	7,522	-	-	7,522	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	7,522	-	-	7,522	-
TOTAL INCOME		152,730	23,610	-	176,340	165,236

Note 4

Expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:				£				£
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditure on charitable activities:

Depreciation and impairment	679	50,267	-	50,946	-	50,267	-	50,267
Green space service level agreement	14,595	-	-	14,595	16,186	-	-	16,186
Green space maintenance	10,297	2,623	-	12,920	16,913	-	-	16,913
Building maintenance - building	4,102	-	-	4,102	4,936	-	-	4,936
Building maintenance - toilets	14,702	-	-	14,702	15,880	-	-	15,880
Car park service level agreement	5,868	-	-	5,868	6,047	-	-	6,047
Expenditure on projects NLHF	-	17,465	-	17,465	2,754	-	-	2,754
Overheads	48,908	-	-	48,908	68,142	-	-	68,142
Total expenditure on charitable activities	99,151	70,355	-	169,506	130,858	50,267	-	181,125

Other

	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

99,151	70,355	-	169,506	130,858	50,267	-	181,125
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Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets fund	50,267	-	-	50,267	50,267	-	-	50,267
General fund	50,243	-	48,908	99,151	56,789	-	68,142	124,931
Other	2,623	17,465	-	20,088	-	5,927	-	5,927
Total	103,133	17,465	48,908	169,506	107,056	5,927	68,142	181,125

Note 5 **Details of certain items of expenditure****Fees for examination of the accounts****Independent examiner's fees****Assurance services other than audit or independent examination****Tax advisory fees****Other fees**

This year £	Last year £
1,200	5,000
-	-
-	-
950	1,000

Note 6

Paid employees

Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	26,547	35,127
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	477	1,241
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	27,024	36,368

Expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

This year nil	Last year nil
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Expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

This year nil	Last year nil
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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

This year True	Last year True
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Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity.

This year £	Last year £
None	None

Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	3
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	3	3

Note 7

Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense

This year	Last year
£	£
477	1,241

The basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

All relate to general overheads within unrestricted funds.	All relate to general overheads within unrestricted funds.
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Note 8

Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Property improvements £	Play equipment £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
At the beginning of the year	935,258	39,687	106,684	1,081,629
Additions	-	-	13,577	13,577
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	3,905	3,905	-
At end of the year	935,258	35,782	124,166	1,095,206

Depreciation and impairments

Basis	Over the lease term	Straight line	Straight line	
Rate	until the year 2045	10 years	10 years	
At beginning of the year	187,034	17,891	52,960	257,885
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	35,630	3,578	11,738	50,946
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	222,664	21,469	64,698	308,831

Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	748,224	21,796	53,724	823,744
Net book value at the end of the year	712,594	14,313	59,468	786,375

Revaluation

All fixed assets are recognised at cost.

Capital commitments

Contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

This year	Last year
£	£
-	14,370

Note 9

Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

	This year	Last year
	£	£
	4,309	22,401
	21,285	11,941
	3,151	4,313
Total	28,745	38,655

Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

	This year	Last year
	£	£
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

Note 10

Creditors and accruals

Analysis of creditors

Accruals for grants payable

Bank loans and overdrafts

Trade creditors

Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants

Accruals and deferred income

Taxation and social security

Other creditors

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
112	7,839	-	-
-	-	-	-
11,006	30,257	-	-
-	-	-	-
788	3,625	-	-
Total 11,906	41,721	-	-

Deferred income

This year	Last year
5,640	7,544
Car park permits and hall hire paid in advance	Car park permits, hall hire and sponsorship paid in advance

Reason why income is deferred.

Note 11 Charity funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Amalgamate into one fund £	Fund balances carried forward £
Fixed Assets	Restricted	Lottery funded fixed asset purchases	823,744	-	50,267	-	-	773,477
Locality	Restricted	A historic fund who's purpose is now unknown	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-
ASDAN	Restricted	Outdoor training for students following a limited academic curriculum	87	-	-	-	-	-
National Lottery	Restricted	For various improvements to the park	-	16,900	17,465	87	-	-
Donations for benches	Restricted	Memorial benches in the park	-	1,500	2,220	565	-	-
Donations for trees	Restricted	Memorial trees / plaques in the park	-	210	403	720	-	-
West Suffolk Council	Restricted	For footpath maintenance within the park	-	5,000	-	193	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total Restricted Funds			824,831	23,610	70,355	391	-	778,477

Water	Unrestricted		21,818	-	-	-	-	21,818	-
Other	Unrestricted		9,524	-	-	-	-	9,524	-
Castle Walls	Unrestricted		1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
The Old Goods Shed	Unrestricted		2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	-
General Fund	Unrestricted		176,753	152,730	99,151	391	-	34,342	264,283
Total Unrestricted Funds			211,095	152,730	99,151	391	-	-	264,283

Note 11 Charity funds (cont)

Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Fixed Assets	Restricted	For the purpose of acquiring fixed assets	870,106	-	50,267	3,905	-	823,744
Locality	Restricted	A historic fund who's purpose is now unknown	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
ASDAN	Restricted	Outdoor training for students following a limited academic curriculum	87	-	-	-	-	87
Total Restricted Funds			871,193	-	50,267	3,905	-	824,831

Water	Unrestricted		21,818	-	-	-	-	21,818
Other	Unrestricted		13,037	6,319	5,927	3,905	-	9,524
Castle Walls	Unrestricted		1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
The Old Goods Shed	Unrestricted		2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
General Fund	Unrestricted		142,767	158,917	124,931	-	-	176,753
Total Unrestricted Funds			180,622	165,236	130,858	3,905	-	211,095

Note 11

Charity funds (cont)

Transfers between funds

This year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	Transfer Locality restricted fund to the unrestricted General Fund as a very historic fund with little chance of any contact from the grantors	- 1,000
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	Transfer ASDAN restricted fund to the unrestricted General Fund as a very historic fund with little chance of any contact from the grantors	- 87
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	From unrestricted General Fund to pay for surplus spend on National Lottery funded improvements to the park	565
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	From unrestricted General Fund to pay for surplus spend on memorial benches	720
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	From unrestricted General Fund to pay for surplus spend on memorial trees and plaques	193
	Total	391

Last year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	From unrestricted General Fund to pay for fixed asset additions in the year	3,905
	Total	3,905

Note 12 Transactions with trustees and related parties**Trustee remuneration and benefits****This year**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

Transactions with related parties**This year**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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Charity registration number: 1160965

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To preserve, protect, maintain and improve the physical and natural environment of Clare Castle Country Park for public benefit, interest and enjoyment, including by providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving their conditions of life.</p> <p>To advance the education of the public concerning the history and heritage of Clare Castle Country Park and its physical and natural attributes and heritage.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trust has continued to maintain the Park and its buildings and taken steps to make improvements within the resources available without changing the peaceful nature of a country park.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The trust does not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Trust has supported 3 local schools in undertaking activities in the park, as well as making the park available for community events such as a Party in the Park and a National Town Cryer event.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have contributed around 2k hours during the year. Without their support the Trust would not be able to provide the excellent facilities and environment that it does.
Other		Nothing further to report

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The country park provides a haven of tranquillity for both local residents and visitors to the town of Clare.</p> <p>The Trust facilitates the provision of a space for community events and gatherings, both formal and informal, as well as maintaining the heritage of an ancient monument and Clare's historic railway station.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Trust was established by way of a constitution document.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointments are for 4 years. There are to be Eight trustees. Two trustees appointed by Clare Town Council. Two by supporters Two by continuing trustees with Town Council Approval Two by continuing trustees without town council approval

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Clare Castle Country Park Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/a
Registered charity number	1160965
Charity's principal address	Park Office Malting Lane Clare Sudbury Suffolk

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust remains in a very positive financial position with reserves to ensure the country park and ancient monument can be maintained for the foreseeable future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust's policy is to hold at least 12 months income as a reserve. This is necessary to ensure maintenance of the ancient monument and other buildings, as well as the natural environment, to a safe standard and in line with proper conservation practices.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,042,760
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The principal source of income is from parking revenue.</p> <p>Other important sources are donations and income from rental of properties on site.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Trust has no specific policy. It retains funds in secure cash based accounts, with almost all funds covered by the FCSC scheme
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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	Neil Bagshaw			Town Council
2	Richard Holmes		Appointed 1/2/25	Town Council
3	Gary Brown			Trustees
4	Kevin Price	Finance Trustee		Trustees
5	Susan Eyre			Trustees (TC Support)
6	Andy Brader			Trustees (TC Support)
7	Cathrine Merch-Chammon	Chair		Supporters
8	Sherralyn Drury			Supporters
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/a

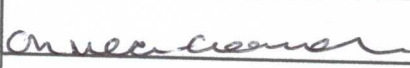

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Cathrine Merch-Chammon	Kevin Price
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Finance Trustee
Date	23/9/25	