



Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary

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SNORS ANNUAL REPORT STATEMENT 2024/25

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Section 1: Charity Commission Reporting Requirements

Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Charities are required to prepare and return the following information annually to the Charity Commission: -

- Trustees Annual Report – prepared by Trustees
- Receipts and Payments Accounts – prepared by Trustees
- A Statement of Assets and Liabilities – prepared by Trustees
- An Audit or Independent Examination of the Accounts

Section 2: Trustees Annual Report 2024/25

Charitable Objectives

For the public benefit to relieve the suffering and distress of older and special needs rabbits in need of special care and attention by reason of sickness, neglect and mistreatment and in particular to provide an end of life sanctuary for the reception, care and treatment of such animals and to educate the public in their care throughout England and Wales.

Main Activities/ Objectives

The Charity was formed in April 2015 and registered with the Charity Commission in August 2015.

- To give end of life love, care and companionship to rabbits in need of an experienced home environment which would otherwise not be re-homeable
- Only re-home from reputable rescues (we are unable to take rabbits from the general public)
- Ensure rabbits are given appropriate and prompt medical treatment by a qualified veterinarian
- Not to allow suffering and ensure that once our rabbits have no quality of life, with veterinary agreement, we will have them humanely put to sleep
- Only take in rabbits where space and funds allow
- Actively fundraise to cover our veterinary costs
- Communicate the rabbit welfare message via our Facebook posts
- Provide advice and support to the general public on rabbit welfare matters
- To be open and transparent in what we do
- To enjoy, love and respect the rabbits in our care

All the Trustees declare and respond to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements

In its milestone 10th year, the charity has undergone many changes. Unfortunately, along with a significant drop in income, we had major expenditure, with the building project to move SNORS to new location. For the first time ever this resulted in a much larger expenditure than income, therefore decreasing out overall net assets.

The decrease in income of around £14k, is mainly attributable to a reduction in grants from the previous year, this is despite many applications being submitted. This is indicative of the tough climate charities currently face. We were however delighted to receive one grant of £1,000 from the Animal Protection Trust.

Decisions made in 2023/24 regarding investments came to fruition in this reporting year as one fixed term savings account matured allowing us to purchase infrastructure. A number of large cabins, runs, paving and electrics were installed giving the charity three fully equipped large areas, well exceeding the RWAf minimum sizes for accommodation, allowing for lots of space for enrichment for the rabbits in our care.

We received incredible support from the public again this year, however, due to the ongoing financial crisis we experienced another drop in donations of around £1.5k. Only time will tell whether the future is sustainable for SNORS and the Trustees will need to continue to manage our funds carefully.

We still have one remaining easy access savings account invested at higher interest rates than our current account provider, this is accessible should the Trustees need to draw on these funds, so as to make best use of its financial resources.

The Trustees continue to acknowledge a lack of funds for its long term Building Fund goal of premises for the charity, and this initiative has continued to be put on permanent hold, as its not foreseeable in the current climate.

We have continued to provide support to members of the public who require advice on their own rabbits with special needs, this is taking more of our time, but proving extremely rewarding.

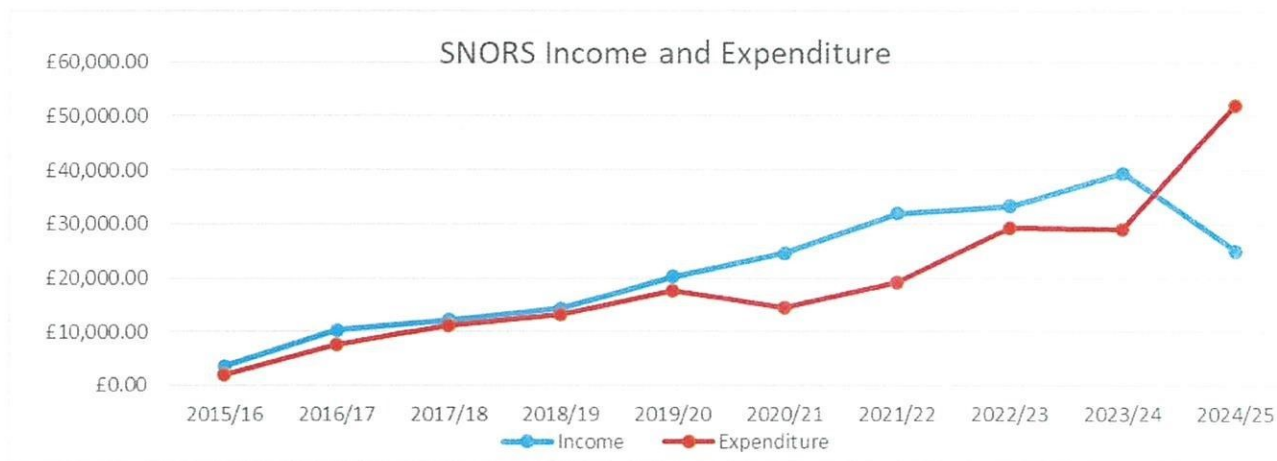
Trustees

There was no change to Trustees this financial period.

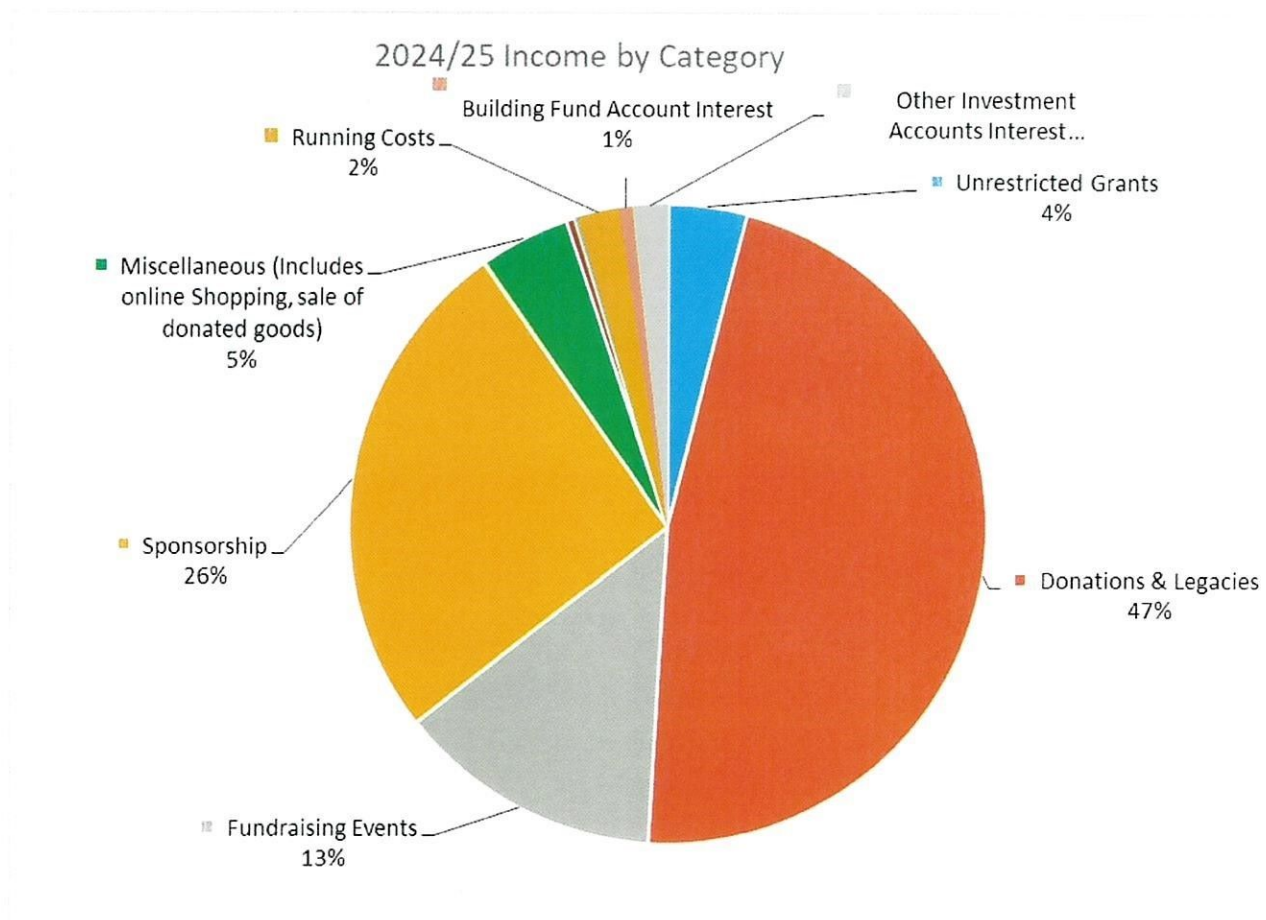
Financial Review

Financial Performance – The total income for 2024/25 was £25,412.02 including savings account Interest and the expenditure was £51,998.65 resulting in an overall net balance for the year of -£26,586.63, a deficit, which resulted in use of our maturing savings investments.

The charity's overall net assets at the end of 2024/54 was £20,321.71 (see breakdown below).

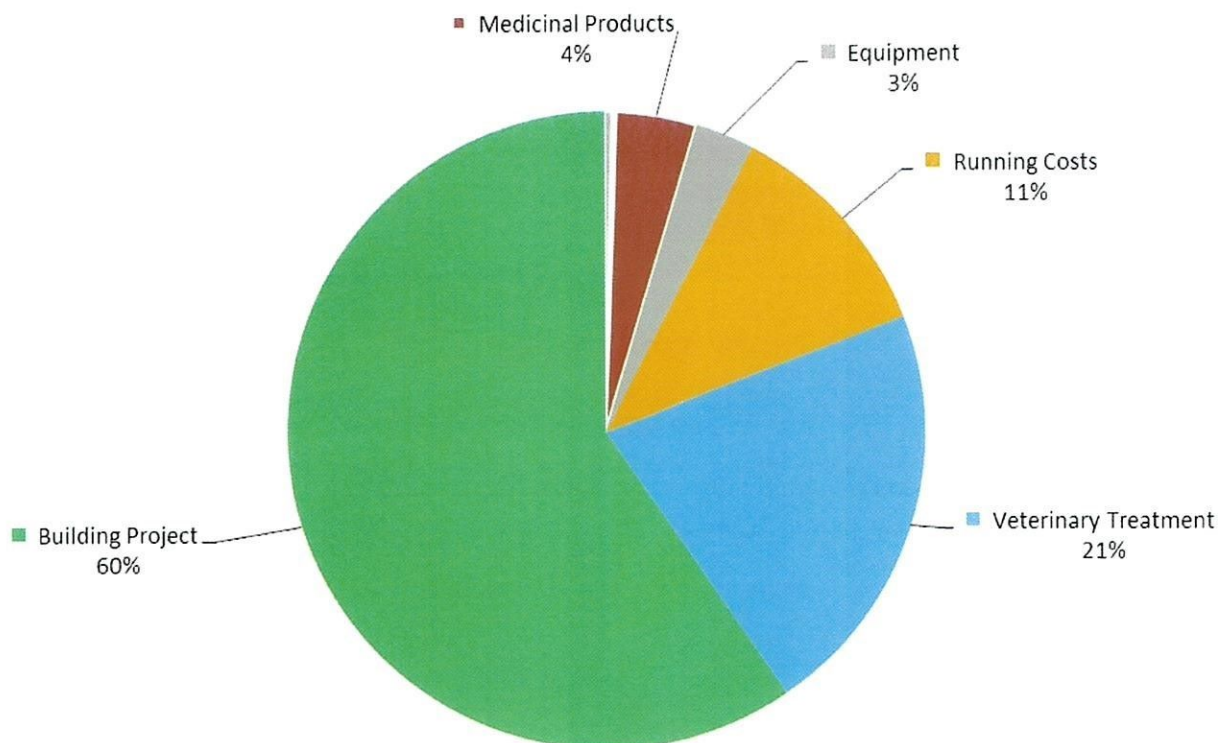


The significant drop in income from grants has had a huge impact on the funds available to SNORS this year, so Trustees have agreed to assess its income streams and identify where potential changes can be made.



The overall total expenditure for the charity changed this year from veterinary treatment, medicinal products and equipment. The building project was our most significant spend at 60%. The actual spend on veterinary care dropped from the previous year, due to keeping rabbit numbers down as we moved charity location and focussed on building the infrastructure at the new location to house the rabbits which took the majority of the Trustees and volunteers time.

2024/25 Expenditure by Category



BREAKDOWN OF FINANCES 31/3/25

Current Account Balance

£9,695.81

INCLUDES:

- UTB Savings Account 120 days' notice 1 year fixed rate ACCOUNT CLOSED

- £10,549.09 transferred back to current account on 9/7/24 (includes interest of £367.58)

Building Fund Savings Account Balance

£184.69 (£10,088.77 transferred back to current account on 26/6/24, interest total of £184.69 on the account)

UTB Savings Account 2 year fixed rate

£10,441.21 (includes interest of £441.21)

TOTAL NET ASSETS end of 2024/25

£20,321.71

We are planning to use the remaining £587 restricted funds LUSH UK charity pot scheme on tarpaulin sheets for the outdoor runs, which, due to supplier difficulties, have yet to be purchased.

We have not yet received gift aid for this financial year.

Reserves Policy –

Trustees monitor the charity's income and expenditure on a monthly basis enabling careful management of its finances by using the reserves policy. This ensures that there are sufficient reserves to continue to support the rabbits in the charity's care for the remainder of their lives.

The Trustees have agreed that £400 per rabbit will be held in reserve, we will keep this figure continuously in review. When charity funds drop near to its reserve the charity will take no additional rabbits into its care until the Trustees have reviewed its financial position. We believe this is required to maintain our high standard of care.

Section 3: Receipts and Payments Accounts

The Trustees have agreed that SNORS will prepare its accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. This is permitted under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 for small charities where the gross income does not exceed £250,000.

The accounts have been completed using the Charity Commission standard proforma spreadsheet (CC16a) which provides analysis of the incoming and outgoing cash for the year 2024/25.

The Trustees believe our accounts to be a true and fair representation of the charity's income and expenditure for the year 2024/25.

Section 4: A Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets: Numerous items were purchased this financial year by the charity for its charitable purpose. Those purchased are listed below in full: -

Name	Purchase	Amount
Building Fund Project	2 x cabins, fencing/ level changes, paving and electrics installation. 2 large runs including peripherals	£30,972.01
Nesty Nook (Jane King)	Wooden boxes for cabin 3	£320.00
Printerland	Laser Printer	£286.80
Amazon UK	Keter storage unit for hay	£130.00
Amazon UK	Keter Storage unit for hay	£125.00
Evergreen Nebulisers Ltd	Nebuliser	£112.50
Kenwood Ltd	Oil filled radiator	£104.50
Petnap Ltd	Heatpad and 2 x covers	£74.95
V. Cookson	Rug for bunnies	£45.82
Amazon UK	2 x shires hay bale bags	£43.16
Amazon UK	Growing trays for cultivation of rabbit forage	£30.95
Switchbot	Temperature monitor for cabins	£30.59
V. Cookson	Storage trolley for medication	£30.00
Ikea Ltd	3 x small rugs	£29.00
Ikea Ltd	3 x small rugs and 2 x fleeces	£25.20
LEPRO	Camping light safety use at night	£20.88
PetNap	Metal heat pad - reconditioned.	£20.00
B&M	Washable mats	£18.00
Dunelm	2 x plastic storage boxes	£16.00
Home Bargains	Mop	£12.99
B&M	Herb containers	£12.00
B&Q	Lock for runs	£10.00
V. Cookson	Storage trolley for medication	£10.00
B&M	Cable ties	£4.00

Aldi Stores	Dustpan and brush	£3.58
Amazon UK	Bottle top waterers for cultivation of rabbit forage	£3.09

For the purpose of Charity Commission reporting, an 'asset' is an item that is going to be used over multiple years - such as computers, printers, etc.

The top 9 currently most valuable 'assets' the charity holds have been included on the annual account spreadsheet (due to space on the form). Trustees amended the way assets will depreciate, they agreed that each year an asset will depreciate by 25% of its original value, giving assets a lifespan of 4 years.

Liabilities: The charity has no listed liabilities.

Section 5: An Audit or Independent Examination of the Accounts

This is required where the charity's gross income is over £25,000. As our income for the current financial year is at £25,412.02 including interest earned on the Savings accounts) the Charity has fortunately been offered the services of Philip McGowan, who has independently examined the accounts. Philip is a Chartered Accountant who qualified in an audit and accountancy role, and has since worked in a number of roles in industry, including in the charitable sector.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1163102

Set out on pages

12-13

(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 31/03/2025.

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 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:

Philip McGowan

Date:

15th May 2026

Name:

Philip McGowan

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

FCA

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Nottingham NG9 7GF

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.

Section 6: HMRC Income Tax and VAT

VAT - SNORS are not currently registered for VAT as our charitable turnover is less than £85,000.

Details below are from the Government website: -

- You must register for VAT if your [charity's VAT taxable turnover](#) (the total value of everything you sell that isn't exempt from VAT) is more than £85,000.'
- 'If everything you sell is [exempt from VAT](#), you do not have to register for VAT.'

Being registered with HMRC entitles the charity [to special VAT relief on certain products and services](#). We pay VAT at source at the on applicable products and services and take advantage of the zero rated VAT on medicinal products and medical and scientific equipment, by providing applicable suppliers with a 'declaration' confirming that we are eligible for VAT relief.

From the Government website: -

'Charities do not pay tax on [most types of income](#) as long as they use the money for [charitable purposes](#).



The small proportion of our activities which could be classed as 'charitable trading' is less than 1% of the charity's overall income. We believe this falls under paragraphs 13-15 of the small scale non charitable trading exemption, whereby the charity's annual trading turnover is less than £8,000 or 25% of its total income resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-detailed-guidance-notes/annex-iv-trading-and-business-activities-basic-principles#exemption-for-small-scale-non-charitable-trading>

SNORS sponsorship scheme currently operates within an exemption as no minimum payment is requested and there is no significant benefit provided in return for sponsorship.

We believe SNORS income is exempt from Income Tax.

SNORS carries forward significantly lower total net assets this year as a result of the building project. However, going forward does not expect any significant capital spend. These net assets have accrued with full compliance of the current tax and VAT systems.

<i>Declared as correct on behalf of the Trustees:-</i>	<i>Declared as correct on behalf of the Trustees:-</i>
Name: Christine Hamlin	Name: Sharon Weaver
Dated: 8/5/26	Dated: 8/5/26
SNORS Trustee 	SNORS Trustee & Secretary 



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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-24

To

Period end date
31-Mar-25

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					
Medicinal Products (VAT refund)	0	-	-	-	-
Interest on Savings accounts	993	-	-	993	472
Members' Subscriptions - Sponsorship	6,455	-	-	6,455	5,011
Fundraising Events	3,380	-	-	3,380	4,542
Donations, Legacies, Unrestricted Grants	12,753	-	-	12,753	27,410
Animal Friends Insurance - Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Donated Goods	-	-	-	-	-
Easyfundraising/ Other Income	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,022
Gift Aid Claim	-	-	-	-	1,262
Running Costs	527	-	-	527	96
Medicinal Products	114	-	-	114	-
Equipment (refund)	34	-	-	34	28
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,412	-	-	25,412	39,843
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,412	-	-	25,412	39,843
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities - Veterinary Treatment	11,065	-	-	11,065	18,343
Cost of Charitable Activities - Medicinal Products	2,117	-	-	2,117	1,386
Running Costs - inc PO Box Annual Fee	5,974	-	-	5,974	6,008
Cost of Fundraising Events - postage	214	-	-	214	1,045
Cost of Charitable Activities - Equipment (see section B4)	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,174
Miscellaneous	36	-	-	36	115
Cost of Sponsorship Activities	67	-	-	67	84
Building Project	30,972	-	-	30,972	-
Sub total	£51,999	-	-	51,999	29,155
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,999	-	-	51,999	29,155
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 26,587	-	-	- 26,587	10,688
A5 Transfers between funds	46,322	587	-	46,909	36,221
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,735	587	-	20,322	46,909
Cash funds this year end					

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	Current Account Bank Balance (split into restricted and unrestricted funds)	9,109	587	-
	Building Fund Savings Account (held in account which accrues interest providing 95 days notice given for withdrawal of funds). No restrictions on access.	185	-	-
	UTB Bank 120 notice savings account	-	-	-
	UTB Bank 2 year fixed rate savings account	10,441	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	19,735	587	-
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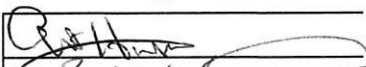
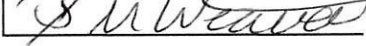
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	2 outdoor cabins, paving and rabbit runs			30,972
	Wooden boxes for cabin 3			320
	Tumble Dryer			292
	Laser Printer			287
	Crate Mats			162
	Daewoo Portable Air Conditioning Unit			155
	Washing Machine			144
	Keter Storage Unit			130
	Keter Storage Unit			125

	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
	Chris Hamlin	08/05/2026
	Sharon Weaver	08/05/2026