



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2023

Charity name: Farndon Community Trust

Charity registration number:1163372

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To maintain and manage Farndon Community Club for the benefit of the residents of Farndon and surrounding communities and in the interest of social welfare to provide for those residents facilities to advance educational recreational and leisure activities.
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	Please see the paragraph on main achievements of the Club below.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Public benefit is discussed every year at a Trustees meeting and all the Trustees are aware of the principle of public benefit, understand its importance and consider it when making decisions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Club would not be able to function without its volunteers who are instrumental to the ongoing success of the Club. The contributions that they make are varied and individual, but together provide the support

		that the Trustees need, and both groups work together well. All the Trustees volunteer at events too.
Other		

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>Sports -The Community Club and its surroundings provided a sporting venue for many organisations in the village over the year. These include Netball games and practice, and an annual event, both women's teams and a mixed team who have entered national level competitions, Tennis, Football – at times there are up to 4 teams who play or train on the football pitch, Outdoor bowls, Pilates, Functional Physio, Karate, Children's dance and gymnastics. Cycling Clubs use our facilities, almost 20 events took place over the year based at the Club. All these sports show how vital our club is in supporting both the physical and mental health of the community, assisting in maintaining wellbeing and good health.</p> <p>Culture and Social Activities – At the start of the year the building had two rooms that could be hired out, the main hall and the studio but unfortunately in January 2023 it was discovered that the roof trusses above the main hall had warped badly, and the roof could no longer be considered safe, therefore the main hall had to be closed. This will be explained in more detail in the section relating to uncertainties. The room hire charges are used to help pay for the running costs of the hall. The community room was therefore upgraded quickly by the volunteers to provide a second room that could be hired out for smaller events, independently of or at the same time as the studio. Over the course of the year the rooms have been hired for children's birthday parties, adult birthday parties, christenings, children's summer camp, art classes, which are now very popular and expanding, two theatre productions, the Trustee meetings, the Events Committee meetings, band practice, and a local management company and a local company both hired the studio for meetings with their clients/staff. A dementia workshop was also held in our studio, as well as CPR defibrillator training (there is a defibrillator on the outside of the building). First Aid courses</p>

		<p>were held at the Club, as well as Dog First Aid. A local dog trainer holds classes 3 times a week from the premises. It can be seen that the hall plays an important part in village life supporting a very wide variety of uses.</p> <p>Events - In addition to hire income the Trust also holds events in the Club to raise money towards its upkeep. These events are very popular with the community and are also aimed at being affordable. A bonfire night fireworks display and bonfire was well attended, four car boot sales took place on the field, an annual quiz took place, a music quiz was well supported, a Gingo bingo took place near Easter, the 6 Nations rugby tournament was screened at the Club and a Beer and Music Festival was successful in raising a significant amount of money. Several of our hirers wanted to help with the fundraising and held their own events at and for the Club which was very much appreciated. Many of the local people turned out for the Coronation event which was a great success. At nearly all these events the bar is opened to enhance the funds that are raised for our charity. These large social events are a great opportunity for the village to come together and enjoy the Club and what it offers, they are well supported and enjoyed by the village.</p>
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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		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continued its successful fundraising and was able to continue to operate, MUGA income was increased, the surplus on events increased and grants and donations were increased. Because of the closure of the main hall its income was reduced from the previous year, this is evidenced in the hire fees being lower and the bar profit being reduced too. Without capital grants to contribute to replacing the roof and structure of the Club the future of the Club looks uncertain.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	£10,000 is held as an emergency fund to enable the Club to continue to meet financial obligations for a period if the Club became unable to operate and obtain income. A sinking fund for the MUGA is being accrued to cover the cost of replacing the playing surfaces and infrastructure in the future.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The main hall roof being unsafe has been a great disappointment to the Trustees. The Club had benefitted from a range of improvements taking place over the preceding years, and the premises had become far more sustainable and presentable than previously. The year was spent in fundraising, applying for grants, and having the building surveyed. At the end of 2023 we were still working towards identifying the full costs of the project and the Cheshire West and Chester Council significant grant awarded under levelling up funding unfortunately had to be declined as we couldn't guarantee being able to spend it within the tight budgetary timescale. At the end of 2023 we were anticipating being able to identify the full costs early in the new year and to becoming 'project ready' to enable all funding opportunities then to be explored with the aim of getting the project underway as soon as possible. The main hall hire and bar previously generated most of the income for the Club, so its closure greatly reduced the opportunities for raising further money. Several of our bigger events ceased, such as Blues Nights, Ballroom dancing, Modern Jive nights, Line Dancing, Walking Netball and one of

		the weekly Pilates classes had to stop.
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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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
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	Election by members or appointment

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	Farndon Community Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1163372
Charity's principal address	Farndon Community Club Sibbersfield Lane Farndon Chester CH3 6NX

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	Deborah Molony	Chair	Until 1.10.23 then Secretary	
2	John Hillyer	Vice Chair		
3	Gillian Nove	Chair	From 1.10.23	
4	Alison Gresty			
5	Dan Spry			
6	Rob Caddy			
7	Rob Gresty			
8	Hilary Williams	Secretary	Until 1.10.23	
9	Linda Twydell	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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

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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)

D M Molony

Full name(s)

Deborah M Molony

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

08.09.2024

FARNDON COMMUNITY TRUST - Summary Account to 31st December 2023	
OPENING BALANCE 1st Jan 2023	£ 32,526
INCOME	
Bar Profit	£ 6,024
Grant and Donations	£ 25,562
Surplus on Events	£ 12,280
Hire Fees	£ 10,093
Bowlers	£ 360
Muga	£ 16,111
Footballers	£ 849
Interest Income	£ 223
Other Income	£ 4,890
TOTAL INCOME	£ 76,392
EXPENDITURE	
Wages, Tax & NI.	£ 1,168
<u>Premises</u>	
BT	£ 453
Cleaner	£ 2,089
Electricity	£ 9,107
Fire Service	£ 225
Insurance	£ 2,625
Lease to FPC	£ 4,296
Chester Rates	£ 408
TV Licence	£ 158
Water Rates	£ 2,574
Waste and Skip	£ 1,357
Total Running Costs	£ 23,292
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Bowlers	£ 253
Muga exp	£ 568
Hall repair final invoice to Dunham	£ 2,047
Final invoice for heating	£ 1,366
TFR Muga Ringfenced to raise the roof	£ -
Footballers	£ 880
Muga transfer to sinkfund account	£ -
Survey fee paid by FPC and Ch West	£ 5,340
TFR to Raise the roof fund	£ -
TFR Reserves to Deposit Account	£ -
New waste system pump	£ 3,468
Sundry Items	£ 1,849
Total Other Expenditure	£ 15,771
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 40,231
SURPLUS FOR YEAR TO 31st December 2023	£ 36,161
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REPRESENTING	

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Barclays funds	£	47,248
Bowlers fund	£	508
Ring fenced for refurbishment of club	£	10,341
Ring fenced Muga balance	£	3,551
Ring fenced FFC Farndon pitch hire	£	119
Ringfenced Muga quiz matchfunding	£	884
Ringfenced Football foundation grant	£	3,200
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As at 31st December 2023

Barclays reserves Deposit Account	£	10,009
Barclays Muga Sinking Fund seperate Account including interest	£	13,575
Barclays Raise the Roof Separate Account including interest	£	23,665
Bowlers Fund includes £58 from year end 21 and £343 from year end 22		
Muga ringfenced includes £2,436 from year end 22		
Raise the roof includes £120 from previous year		
Footballers includes £150 from year end 2022		

We have reviewed the above accounts with the records and explanations supplied to us and we believe the above accounts represent a true and fair view of the workings for the year.

C Roscoe FMAAT on behalf of Roscoe Accountants
27th February 2024

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