



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/02/2024 Period start date to 31/1/2025 Period end date

Charity name: The Independent Baldock Beer Festival Charitable Trust

Charity registration number: 1163540

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide grants and donations for such charitable purposes for the public benefit in Baldock and the surrounding area as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.
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 charities main fund-raising activities consist of the running of beer festivals and associated events of varying sizes and formats in Baldock.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are fully aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and the charities Objects (as stated above), fully reflect this understanding.

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 charity relies on unpaid volunteers (iro 30/40 at any large annual event) to both enable events to take place and to make them financially successful (see below)

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	The charity and the events it organises are entirely run by unpaid trustees/volunteers. Ordinarily events are run each year and surpluses are generated which are allocated as the trustees see fit to either: Reserves, General (donation) Fund or Hardship (donation) Fund. Each year the trustees make donations/grants to other charities, unfunded/funded community groups/organisations as the trustees see fit. Each year the trustees also receive requests for donations/grants from other organisations/groups and the trustees make such grants as they see fit. The trust has made such donations/grants in every year in which it has operated.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity does not set formal objectives on an annual basis but does seek to achieve a certain level of financial surplus on its events to ensure that it can make donations/grants on an annual basis. Each event is considered separately.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity does not currently invest any of its funds outside of its current account with its bankers (Barclays)

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was able to hold 3 events in the year. All the events were successful and generated financial surplus's in accordance with budgets and expected margins. The charity's cash at bank position as at 31/1/25 was £51,709 allocated as: Reserve £30,000, General Donation Fund £17,541 Hardship Fund £4048, and Expense Accruals £120
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The reserve was initially established given the trustees concerns regarding the following factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The main annual fund-raising event is weather dependant; a wet weather event may give rise to a loss. 2) The costs of running the main annual event have risen to the point where cash flow immediately prior must be managed very carefully, the reserve is integral to that 3) The trust has moved its storage/equipment to a new permanent location and has established The Baldock Community Centre as a viable location for future events. In addition, it has raised funds at other events in Baldock . <p>The adequacy or otherwise of the reserve is reviewed annually</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As at 31/1/2025 the reserve is £30,000
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	

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	<p>The principal risks facing the charity are deemed to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Not being able to find suitable locations at which financially successful events can be held in the future 2) The reserve is reduced (via a poor event) to a point which has a negative impact on cash flow immediately prior to large events 3) Other events in the town which conflict (date wise) and which restrict the trustee's ability to stage financially successful events <p>These risks are considered to be ongoing but vary in magnitude year on year</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	<p>The only constitutional provisions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Every trustee must be a natural person 2) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee if he or she is under the age of 21 years or disqualified from acting 3) In selecting an individual for appt as a charity trustee, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIOs 4) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
		The charity has a network of contacts with other organisations in Baldock who organise and run events in the town. The

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	trust may from time to time lend its equipment to those organisations and the trustees often volunteer to assist with the running of those events
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	There are no formal relations with other parties however, several trustees are members of other organisations that run events in Baldock and one trustee is currently a local councillor

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Independent Baldock Beer Festival Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	Baldock Beer Festival (BBF), Baldock Community Charitable Fund
Registered charity number	1163540
Charity's principal address	11 Church Street, Baldock, Herts SG7 5AE

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	Brent Copsey	Treasurer		
2	Stuart Johnston			
3	Mathhew Geere			
4	Paul Edwards			
5	Dr Duncan Stacey	Secretary		
6	Kathryn Stacey			
7	Tara Geere			
8	Katharine Copsey			
9	Donald McKenzie	Chair		
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11	Alastair Willoughby			
12	James Willoughby	Trust Officer/Vice Chair		
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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
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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.

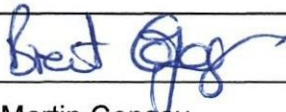
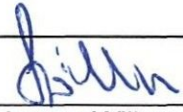
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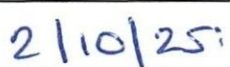
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Date		

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The Independent Baldock Beer Festival Charitable Trust

Income & Expenditure a/c

Final 31/1/25

Accounts yr ending 31/1/25

	Annual Total	Non event related	May BBF	Balstock	Oct Fest
Total income	68,151	19	40,972	12,632	14,528
Total Wet sales	43,847		24,426	12,098	7,323
Total Food sales	5,475		4,580		895
Pitch fees rec'd	0				
Festival glass sales	4,298		4,298		
Eco Cup Sales	534			534	
Entrance fee/Ticket sales	12,482		7,417		5,065
Sponsorship	0				
Public donations (raffles etc)	1,496		251		1,245
Cover post event sales	19	19			
Total operating expenditure	60,181	6,255	32,590	6,494	14,842
Wet total cost of sales (net of closing stock donations)	17,662		8,680	4,409	4,573
Food total cost of sales (net of closing stock donations)	2,474		2,147		327
Stillage/Bar Hire	768		768		
Table/Chair hire	935		0		935
Van hire (inc fuel)	625		625		
Toilet hire	552		552		
Event Insurance	1,059		620		439
Stationary/print/advertising	285		225		60
Premises hire/pitch fees	4,000		2,000	500	1,500
Premises carpet clean	380		380		
Licence fee	35	14	21		
Skip Hire	108		108		
Web Site hosting costs (not event specific)	122	122	0		
PayPal fees	0		0		
Security	2,130		1,914		216
Consumables/Sundries/Misc	1,054	199	342		513
Responders (Hearts Services)	543		543		
Fuel (vans)	24		24		
CO2 GAS	173		48	125	
Fire prevention hire	0		0		
Staff/volunteers subsistence (during/post)	478		387		91
PRS licence inc back duty	319		319		
Bands	5,100		2,300		2,800
Stage hire/backline/sound engineers	3,095		2,310		785
SUM UP Card transaction fees	993		624	195	174
Wrist bands	117		117		
Ticket tailor fees	134				134
Paypal fees	95				95
Kids entertainment	150		150		
Festival glass	2,476		2,476		
Disposable Plastic glasses	239		0	239	
Eco Cups	0		0		
Donations: May BBF	4,910		4,910		
Donations: Balstock	1,026			1,026	
Donations: Ocktoberfest	2,200				2,200

Donations: Other in yr (not event specific)	5,920	5,920			
	0				
Gross operating surplus	7,970	-6,236	8,382	6,138	-314
Surplus %	12%		20%	49%	-2%
Total capital expenditure					
Balance sheet					

Assets

Current assets: cash at bank	c/f	51,709
Cash in hand	c/f	
Credit note Belgian brewer		
Fixed assets: cy expenditure	c/f	

Fixed assets: b/f	c/f	18,293
Heras panels etc	b/f	190
Containers at Brandles	b/f	5,152
Counter top chiller	b/f	150
Container shelves	b/f	120
Lager dispense kit	b/f	2,637
Steins/jugs (number given away 10/23)	b/f	4,834
Strong Box	b/f	169
Commando splitters	b/f	73
Drum Kit partial replacement	b/f	195
Mono laser printer	b/f	125
Glass washer	b/f	840
Floor fans	b/f	90
Lighting kit (trans/leads/tower lights)	b/f	569
Bravilors	b/f	40
Chest Freezer w/o 31/1/23	b/f	
Bins/barrels	b/f	244
Gas cylinders w/o 31/1/23	b/f	
Green Crates	b/f	229
Exit signs 50% w/o 31/1/23	b/f	57
Drum kit and stool	b/f	280
Drum kit fittings 2017	b/f	124
Floor safe (gym cupboard) w/o 31/1/23	b/f	
Ice Cream Freezer	b/f	175
Bar fittings	b/f	375
Gas Griddle	b/f	370
Stage	b/f	450
Water Softener	b/f	95
Tower Lights	b/f	267
Lager Dispense	b/f	443
		70,002

Liabilities

REPRESENTED BY:

Accumulation fund b/f 31/1/24 (full a/c's)	62,032
less asset w/o (Steins)	
Gross operating surplus 2024	7,970
Prepaid income	
Expense accruals	
Balance c/fwd	70,002

nb : Belgian Brewer credit note £754.85
non payable credit against future orders



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

The Independent Baldock Beer Festival Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163540

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 31/ 01/2025

**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:

19/11/2025

Name:

CLIFFORD S. JONES

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

A.C.C.A.

Address:

15, PINNOCKS LANE,
BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE,
SG7 6DL.

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.