



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1st May 2024 To 30th April 2025**

**Charity name: Cowbeech Bonfire Society Charitable Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1163843**

## **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 for such charitable purposes for the benefit of those in Cowbeech and the surrounding area
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	Various fundraising activities throughout the year to include but not limited to Sponsored Walks, Plant Sales, Quizes, Tractor Trundle, Summer Fete, Music weekend, Panto and Fireworks
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees follow the guidance document for raising funds and distributing grants

## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grant Applications are invited and reviewed by the trustees and approved where appropriate
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Without the local volunteers none of the events and activities would be possible.
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	These have been listed above and they are published each year within the Merrie Harriers Pub and the facebook page of the charity

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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	They events were well attended and the weather was kind allowing funds to be distrubuted in a presentation eveing
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Each year a reserve amount to the sum of the cost of the Bonfire and Fireworks event is held, so that event can take place.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000 to £7,000
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	
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:		The Charity Trust is operated as a CIO
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Governance 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	Trustees and committee members are voted in and serve a set term to allow for the positions to be filled by new volunteers over time

### 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	Cowbeech Bonfire Society Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	CBS
Registered charity number	1163843
Charity's principal address	The Merrie Harriers, Cowbeech, East Sussex, BN27 4JQ

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person to appoint
1	Samatha Gleadow	Trustee/Chair		
2	Caroline Cutmore	Trustee/Secretary		
3	Daniel Lord	Trustee		
4	Robert Smith	Trustee		
5	Michael Barrow	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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## 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)		

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Other optional information



## 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)	Samatha Gleadow	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	30/12/2025	



# Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1/5/2024

To

30/4/2025

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Tractor Trundle	745	-	-	745	-
Plant Sale	633	-	-	633	-
Sponsored Walks	591	-	-	591	-
GIQ Weekend	6,335	-	-	6,335	-
Summer Fete	6,131	-	-	6,131	-
Bonfire Night	7,145	-	-	7,145	-
Christmas Event	744	-	-	744	-
Quizzes	640	-	-	640	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,964</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,964</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants	9,500	-	-	9,500	-
General Expenses	1,196	-	-	1,196	-
Insurance	776	-	-	776	-
Tractor Trundle	301	-	-	301	-
GIQ Weekend	3,633	-	-	3,633	-
Summer Fete	2,804	-	-	2,804	-
Bonfire Night	6,571	-	-	6,571	-
Christmas Events	222	-	-	222	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,063</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,063</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,063</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,063</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,099</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>9,977</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,977</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,878</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Year End Funds Available	7,878	-	-
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