

Annual report 1.4.24 – 31.3.25

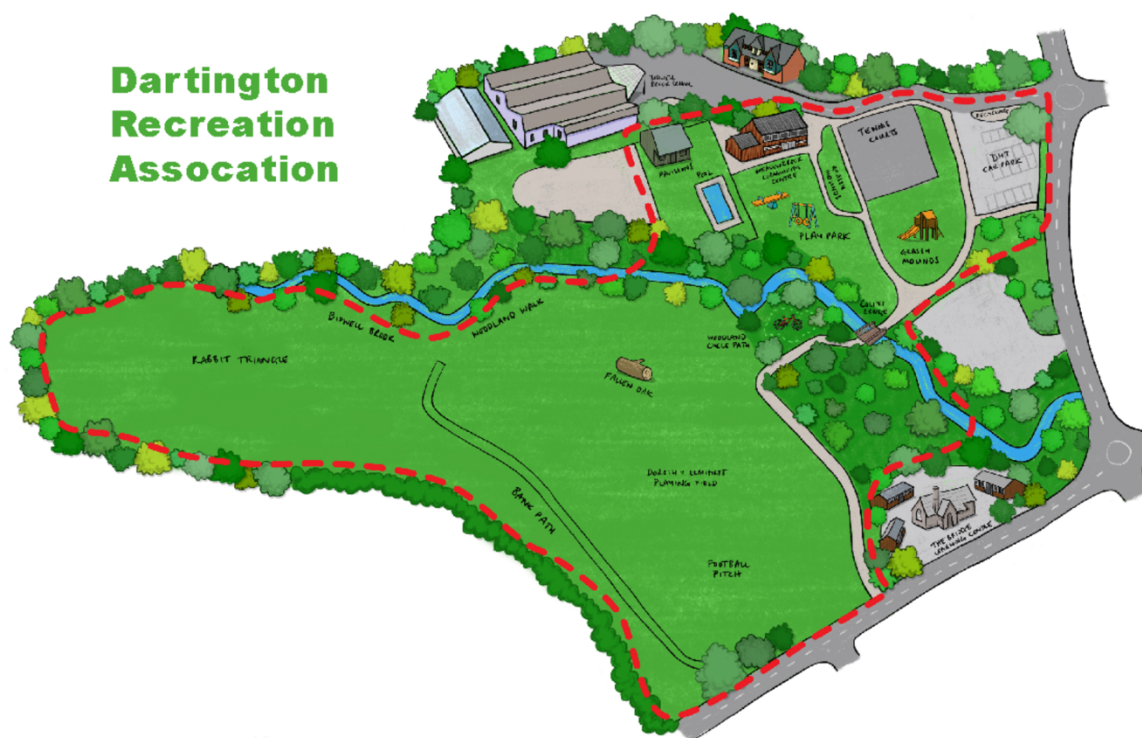
Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method: by election (appointed trustees) and nomination by affiliate clubs (nominated trustees)

Summary of charity objects

To provide or assist in the provision of land and facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dartington and the surrounding area, and of such other area or areas as the trustees may from time to time resolve to invite, for recreation, sport, education or other leisure time occupation of groups and individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.



Summary

The charity has had a very successful year attracting record amounts of funding and welcoming new trustees and volunteers to realise the vision of Meadowbrook as a hub of recreation for all.

Meadowbrook has made a first step to becoming a hub for clean energy with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the pavilions and feasibility work underway to become an energy generation network.



In addition to the well established relationships with Pizzalogica (Meadowbrook's resident pizzeria) and Things Happen Here (Meadowbrook's resident tap room and live music venue), the charity was delighted to welcome Somewhere Sauna to Meadowbrook.

We received the following grants and donations:

Dartington Post Office, via the Nisa community fund - £500 for the baby bike track.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government **£44,833** to install solar panels through Devon County Council's Green Impact Fund as part of the Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal. (**£26,800 received 24/25 and £17933 received 25/26**)

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero **£38,444** for community energy feasibility supported by the Southwest Net Zero Hub. (**£ 25,574 received 24/25 and £12,870 received 25/26**)

Community Resilience Fund - £10,000 to pay for professional services to secure planning permission for the new pool.

Total grants and donations 24/25 = £ 63,488 (£ 30,803 received 25/26)

Restricted donation from Dartington Swimming Pool - **£17,424**

The Dartington Swimming Pool club, an unincorporated association that had for many years overseen the running of the Dartington Swimming Pool, was dissolved in 2024 when the pool was closed for renovation. The club transferred all remaining funds to the DRA to help fund the renovation

General fund raising for the pool -2024/25 **£3342**

Main achievements

The community centre has thrived this year.

Pizzalogica has maintained their reputation for delicious handmade pizzas.

A grant from South Hams District Council for £10,000 (paid to Pizzalogica) matched by **£ 12,352 from DRA** to construct an outside covered area. This has provided welcome shade from the sun and rain and further enhanced the outside area at Meadowbrook.

Due to the age of the boiler a major investment of **£ 16,700** was required to replace the boiler. This caused an unplanned disruption to all users of the centre in the winter months.

Both businesses (THH and Pizzalogica) have created jobs, and are attractive employers to young people.

They have been joined by Somewhere Sauna a wood fired sauna making the sauna experience available throughout the week.

In the summer months, the offering to the community has been enhanced with pop up caterers including the Big Kebaski, which has become a regular member of the Meadowbrook community.

The photograph is from the Extravaganza (our annual fund raiser and community event) and includes the new covered area.



The play area was enhanced by a generous anonymous donation to purchase play equipment.

Meadowbrook comprises the MUGA, accessible play park, rustic bike track and field, which together means that there is a lot to do for children and young people of all ages. On a warm evening the area regularly attracts 200 – 300 people.

Earthjump (local Community Interest Community) continues as a brilliant partner to the DRA running a bike club for under 11s, a coffee club for over 55s and supporting the major project to re-build the swimming pool.



Totnes and Dartington Football Club and Totnes Sub Aqua Club continue to thrive and benefit from the DRA facilities.

Since the closure of the pool, a small group of volunteers have overseen a significant piece of work to secure planning permission for a new larger, heated open air pool. They are now focussed on fund raising for the renovation of the pool and site.

Attracting funding for solar panels of the pool pavilion roof and for feasibility work has been another major step forwards for the pool project. The solar panels and batteries will power new pool air-source heat pumps to provide heating to the pool. In the meantime, they are also supplying our other community services and facilities at Meadowbrook.

Although the majority of the pool compound remains out of the use, a section was fenced off to provide a base for Somewhere Sauna and the pavilion is used by various groups including the footballers and Earthjump to store equipment.

The trustees ran a recruitment drive to attract new talent and capacity to the charity, which resulted in the appointment of 5 new trustees and welcome influx of ideas and energy to sustain the ambitions of the charity.

The trustees are immensely proud of the achievements of the charity this year. Meadowbrook goes from strength to strength as a vibrant hub for recreation and sport and continues to attract more volunteers and organisations wanting to become part of this exciting, inclusive community.

The trustees are grateful to all the support they have had throughout the year including South Hams District Council, Dartington Hall Trust, Dartington Primary School and Dartington Parish Council.

In 2025/26 the trustees will focus on the pool renovation, progressing plans for sustainable energy for the site and enhancing the sustainability of the charity.

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains £22,000 as a reserve. This is sufficient to cover the running costs of the charity for a year.



Financial review

The charity received **£ 157,737** in the period 1.4.24 – 31.3.25.

In the same period, the charity expended **£ 208,196**

General activities surplus of £ 3025. Restricted funds show a £ 53,484 loss but relates to a £20,000 expenditure when *Kompan* donation received in 23/24. Also £30,803 spent in advance of solar panel grants which were received in 25/26.

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of **£36,647**

Note: If accruals accounting rather than current cash accounting would have shown a break-even situation. Recommendation to the Trustees to adopt accruals accounting for 25/26

Trustees

Current

Louise Morpeth, Mark Burton, James Brittain, Amy Stray, Michael Campbell, Richard McKenny, Michela Delamere

Resigned

Mandy Burton, Jan Maddick, Olivia Doherty, Ashish Ghadiali, Helen Tune, Margaret Cushen, Helen Allipaz, Joel Riley

This report was approved by Trustees on 14th October 2025.

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DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION		Charity no. 1168817			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2025					
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	2025	2024
Assets					
Bank & Cash Balances					
Barclays Current	36647	0	0	36647	87106
Debtors					
Accounts receivable	3786	0	0	3786	0
Grant funding	0	0	30802	30802	0
	3786	0	30802	34588	0
Total Assets	40433	0	30802	71235	87106
Liabilities					
Creditors & accruals	3927	0	0	3927	330

Note:

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 21st October 2025 and signed on their behalf by Mark Burton, chair of trustees.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Dartington Recreation Association CIO Charity no. 1168817**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dartington Recreation Association CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:
Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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28th October 2025