



TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 April 2025

Register Charity Number

1168821

Correspondence Address

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Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the members of the Wokingham Fireworks Charitable Trust. The following were Trustees for the period under review and at the date of the report :

D. Gold
R. De Quidt

A. Finch
T. Dunn

G Mortimore

Governing Document

CIO - Foundation Registered 18 August 2016 as amended 9 May 2023

Object Description

' The advancement of such purposes as are exclusively charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees determine, in particular by the provision of grants for the public benefit.'

Principal Activity

The provision of a safe and affordable annual fireworks display for the local residents with the profits arising therefrom being distributed to local charities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.



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Achivements and Performance

Financial Activities

The profitability of the fireworks display is highly dependent on the weather.

The 2024 event generated total revenue of £83,926 and a surplus before grants and donations of £43,671. A total of £41,500 was donated to local charities, via the members of the charity and also 2 charities nominated by local Mayors. The surplus after donations will be used to increase reserves of the organisation which are intended to support future events.

Future Plans

The 2024 event was a great success and the charity plans to continue holding annual fireworks events for the benefit of the local community and local charities. Prior to filing this report a further event has been held in November 2025, which has seen a similar level of attendance and allowed similar levels of charitable donations to be made. It is the intentions of the Trustees that a further event be held in 2026 and annually thereafter. The Trustees continue to assess the quality of each event and feedback received so that planning and the format of future events continues to be refined to enhance the enjoyment of those attending and the level of funds raised for local charities.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves serve three purposes:

- * to mitigate the financial losses of a firework event having to be cancelled at very short notice.
- * to underwrite a further event the following year after a cancelled event.
- * to provide funds to meet charitable donations in the ensuing year.

The current costs of staging a fireworks event is c. £38,000. In the case that an event needs to be cancelled at very short notice, the Trustees are of the opinion that the majority of costs could be deferred and allocated to a future event. Inevitably there are some costs committed that could not be recovered in this way, and the Trustees feel that a reserve fund of £16,000 provides sufficient cover for the likley costs of an abortive event in one year. The level of reserves continues to be kept under review and will be increased as the Trustees deem appropriate.

The Reserves currently stand at £16,889, (2024 - £14,718) which, because of the above reasons, are deemed sufficient.



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Going Concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operational existence for the foreseeable future. For that reason the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern bases of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and the results for the period. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to :

- * select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Trust.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to take due care of the funds under their stewardship.

Independent Examiner

J.E. Matthews FCA has been re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

The Trustees have approved the Trustees Report.

Signed by:

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T Dunn
Trustee
26-Feb-2026
Date.....



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 April 2025

		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
	Note				
Receipts					
Fund Raising	2	83,926		75,847	
Bank Interest		-		-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			83,926		75,847
PAYMENTS					
Cost of Charitable activities	3	41,500		36,000	
Cost of Fund Raising	2	40,255		37,152	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			81,755		73,152
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)			<u>2,171</u>		<u>2,695</u>
Reconciliation					
			£		£
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward			14,718		12,023
Surplus/(Deficit) in year			2,170		2,695
Cash at bank and in hand at carried forward			<u>16,889</u>		<u>14,718</u>



STATEMENT OF ASSESTS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 April 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Bank and Cash balances		16,889	14,718
		16,889	14,718
Net Assets and Liabilities		16,889	14,718

The attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year to 30th April 2025 are approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed by:

Tim Dunn

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T Dunn

Trustee

26-Feb-2026

Date.....

**YEAR ENDED 30 April 2025****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

2 FUNDRAISING

	£	2025 £	£	£	2024 £	£
	INCOME	COSTS	NET	INCOME	COSTS	NET
2024 Fireworks event	83,926	40,255	43,671			
2023 Fireworks event				75,847	37,152	38,695
	83,926	40,255	43,671	75,847	37,152	38,695

3 Charitable donations

	2025 £	2024 £
Wokingham Lions	10,000	8,650
Rotary Club of Wokingham	10,000	8,650
Rotary Club of Easthampstead	10,000	8,650
Windsor Forest Unicorn Club	10,000	8,650
Thames West Unicorn Club	-	-
Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs (Mayors Charity)	-	700
Woodley Pilot Light Trust (Mayors Charity)	-	700
Share Wokingham (Majors Charity)	750	-
First Days (Mayors Charity)	750	-
	41,500	36,000

The Donations referenced above are made in accordance with the Charity's Constitution which requires the surplus arising from annual firework event to be distributed evenly to the 4 Service Clubs who are the members of the Charity. Each Service Club, will then use funds received to make donations to local causes as agreed in advance of the fireworks event and as publicised prior to and during the event.



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YEAR ENDED 30 April 2025**4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The Trustees write off in the year of purchase the cost of any equipment required for the presentation of the fireworks display. Any costs are therefore included in Fund Raising Costs - see Note 2 above. No fixed assets are shown on the Balance Sheet.

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION and TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trust has no employees and it does not pay remuneration or expenses to its Trustees.

6 MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Trust has no management expenses.

7 TRUSTEES

No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the Trustees or to people connected with them. No transactions were undertaken by or on behalf of the Charity in which a Trustee or a connected person has a material interest.

8 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

No examination or other fees were paid (2024 - £nil).

9 ENDOWMENT OR RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity does not have any endowment or other restricted income funds.

10 INVESTMENT ASSETS

The Charity does not have any investment assets.

11 OTHER DISCLOSURE ISSUES

The Charity does not have any commitments not provided for in the accounts.

The Charity has not given any guarantees.

The Charity has not received a loan secured on any of its assets.

At the year end the Charity did not have any contingent liabilities.

The Charity does not receive any grants or subsidies.

30 April 2025**1168821****INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOKINGHAM FIREWORKS CHARITABLE TRUST****YEAR ENDED 30 April 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wokingham Fireworks Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 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 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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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J E Matthews FCA
Independent Examiner
Whitecroft
East Horsley KT24 5HH
26-Feb-2026

Wokingham Fireworks Charitable Trust

Fireworks Income and Expenditure Account for 2024 Event

	2024 Event		2023 Event	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
ADVANCE SALES				
Online sales	75,450		66,982	
Commission payable on online sales	(6,249)		(5,670)	
TOTAL ADVANCED SALES		69,201		61,312
EVENT INCOME				
Tickets and glow products	2,375		2,895	
Torches	3,500		3,500	
TOTAL EVENT INCOME		5,875		6,395
OTHER INCOME				
Sponsorship	5,750		5,750	
Donations	-		-	
Caterers	1,600		1,190	
Fair	1,500		1,200	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		8,850		8,140
TOTAL INCOME		83,926		75,847
EXPENDITURE				
Fireworks	19,602		17,820	
Programme, posters & flyers design/printing	-		241	
Parking enforcement	500		500	
Insurance PLI	1,954		1,917	
Town banner erection	696		503	
Web Site and programme postage	640		140	
Van costs	260		272	
Skip hire	221		176	
Stakes and Barriers	-		-	
Refunds and postage (Manual)	-		-	
Field public address	708		732	
Wifi	587		-	
BLSAR & 41 Club	3,220		3,340	
Fence hire	4,470		4,506	
Luminous glow products and torches	2,666		3,992	
Toilet hire	1,704		1,622	
PPL & PRI Licenses	964		-	
High Vis jackets	-		-	
St Sebastian's Band and Piper	420		400	
Other sundries	65		337	
Presentation night expenses	829		-	
Tractor services	250		200	
Storage facility	386		357	
Advertising	42		30	
Sanitiser	-		-	
Signage	-		-	
Bank charges	70		68	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		40,255		37,152
EVENT SURPLUS		43,671		38,695