

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

### **Aims of the Charity**

To promote the conservation, protection & improvement of the natural and physical environment by mobilising volunteers & raising awareness of local issues, taking care to include all members of the community.

### **Objectives, strategies and activities for the year**

Main activities are improving the environment as well as highlighting environmental issues. Regular activities include Litter Picking, Dog Fouling awareness & education, maintaining public green areas including flower beds. We aim to develop the capacity & skills of disadvantaged sections of the community, to help them to participate more fully in local society.

We also carry out fundraising activities, chief amongst them is our annual Crawcrook Fair to raise money to cover the installation and running costs of the annual Christmas lights in the villages.

In May 2023 we took on a 35-year lease of the old bowling pavilion and green in Crawcrook Park, we have commenced the refurbishment of both community assets and have started a community café.

## **2. Public Benefit Statement**

We aim to provide improvements in the villages of Crawcrook and Greenside to the benefit of the community. We also seek to develop the skills and confidence of members of the community by offering volunteering opportunities.

## **3. Policy on Grant Making**

## **4. Policy on Social Investment**

## **5. Contribution by Volunteers**

We are volunteer run and led, with volunteers drawn from the local community. Our initiatives and activities are drawn from the local community.

## **6. Achievements and Performance**

Our regular Litter Picking events have encouraged a large number of people to get involved

both at the event and individually, using our equipment, at times more suitable to themselves resulting in the villages being noticeably cleaner, with residents aware of the part they can play. Open spaces have improved greatly through our volunteers maintaining the flower beds both in the park and along the roadsides, throughout the year. Many residents, especially the elderly, comment on how lovely it looks. The opening of a new community café has drawn additional volunteers and facilitated learning of new skills. We have seen an increase in the number of volunteers through all these areas.

## **Evaluation and outputs**

### **7.Fundraising**

Our funds are raised from a variety of sources, namely, donations, community events and activities and applying for grants.

### **8. Investments**

### **9. Financial review**

#### **Review of the year**

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £12,320 (2022: £54,238) and expenditure of £33,013 (2022: £31,800). There was an operating deficit of £20,693 (2022: £22,438).

At 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 the Charity had net assets of £12,157 (2022: £32,850).

#### **Reserves policy/No reserves reason/Going concern**

The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £12,157 (2022 £32,850), prudent for the Charity at this time taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually. Unrestricted funds at the year end were £3,403.

### **10. Risk Management**

The funds are held to cover a minimum of 6 months of operational & planned community projects, in the event of any unexpected loss of income or unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

### **11. Plans for future periods**

The trustees intend to continue to deliver the key activities and aims of the Charity. In particular the Charity will continue with delivering litter picking in the villages, green space maintenance, refurbishment of the pavilion and green including running a community café from the pavilion building. The charity will also continue fundraising activities to deliver the annual Christmas lights provision and will seek further grant funding where appropriate to deliver on projects.

### **12. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

Registered charity name	Our Villages Crawcrook and Greenside CIO
Charity number	1173252
Registered office	9 Wesley Mount Crawcrook Ryton NE40 4XB
Trustees and Members of the Board	Chris Beer (Chair) Laura Clark (Treasurer) Linda Chappell (Secretary) Barbara Williams Caroline James Norma Blackith Julie Gavin Matt Broderick Kathryn Henderson
Chief Executive and Senior staff members	N/A.

Independent Examiner N/A (Income under £25k for the year under review)

Bankers Lloyds Bank.

### 13. Fund held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

N/A.

### 14. Exemptions from disclosures

N/A.

### 15. Structure, governance and management

#### Governing Document

#### Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

#### Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

- A briefing by the Chair or Chief Executive
- An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member
- Copies of the main charity documents including the Memorandum and Articles of

Association and the Financial Statements

- Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report
- Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts
- A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"
- A copy of the governance structure.

## 16. Related parties

N/A.

## 17. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP 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 charity and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Chris Beer  
Chair

## Receipts and payments account

For the period from	12/1/2024	To	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Donations	57	1,636	-
Community Grants	-	2,300	-
Fundraising Events	891	4,326	-
Café Income	2,523	60	-
Pavilion/Green Hire Income	528	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Cost of Fundraising Events	-	1,043	-
Community Project Expenses	699	27,751	-
Utilities	-	-	-
Insurance	303	-	-
Print, Postage and Stationery	566	-	-
Website Costs	16	-	-
Accountancy Fees	360	-	-
Repairs and Renewals	126	-	-
Café Expenses	1,141	1,008	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>29,802</b>	<b>-</b>

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	788	- 21,481	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,931	29,919	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	3,719	8,438	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	<div>Bank Balance</div> <div>Cash Held</div> <div></div> <div><b>Total cash funds</b></div> <div>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</div>	<div>2,699</div> <div>704</div> <div>-</div> <div>3,403</div> <div>Agreement Error</div>
B2 Other monetary assets	<div>Details</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
B3 Investment assets	<div>Details</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Fund to which asset belongs</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<div>Details</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Fund to which asset belongs</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>


**B5 Liabilities**

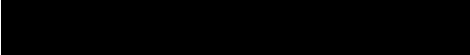
Details	Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Laura Clark

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Laura Clark



Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

1,693	1,262
2,300	45,457
5,217	5,473
2,582	1,599
528	447
-	-
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12,320	54,238

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12,320	54,238
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1,043	1,388
28,450	27,627
-	648
303	325
566	142
16	75
360	500
126	40
2,149	1,056
33,013	31,800

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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Clark	08.07.2025