



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01 st	January	2025		31 st	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Oakwood Park Community Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1177948

Charity's principal address

c/o Little Oaks,

68 Oakwood Road,

Maidstone, Kent

Postcode

ME16 8AL

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	Brian Flinders	Chair		
2	Paul Harper	Vice Chair & Coordinator-Treasurer		
3	Patricia Whitby			
4	Malcolm Peet			
5	Janet Keiley		Died 26 th November 2025	
6	Lucy Lynch	Social Media and Website		
7	Steven Patrick Lynch			
8	Ron Tressider			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Founder Trustees will retire and be eligible for re-election in accordance with the Constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Oakwood Park Community Group is an independent unaffiliated organisation.

Risks to the Charity and its finances are regularly reviewed by the Trustees.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the benefit of the inhabitants of Maidstone and the surrounding area ("the area of benefit") to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion support, assistance and improvement of Oakwood Park.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008]

This is our eighth year as a registered charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation, having been registered on the 13th April 2018.

During the period under consideration, the Charity continued to concentrated on its project to maintain community access to the Oakwood Park Playing Fields.

The main activities in the period included:

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

[1] Making Grant Applications.

[2] Maintenance of Electronic gate equipment to the Oakwood Road and Queens Road Gates.

[3] Continuation of community access to the playing fields via a fob access system requiring an annual subscription.

[4] Creation of a King Charles III Nature Walk around the wooded periphery of the Playing Fields where Dogs are allowed to be walked on leads.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Oakwood Park Community Group is entirely run by its Trustees and Volunteers.

Over the year about 10 people (including the volunteers) have been involved in undertaking all the activities done by the Group.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The period under review covers the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 our eighth year of operation. This is our eighth Trustees Annual Report. The Oakwood Park Community Group (OPCG) becoming registered as a CIO on the 13th April 2018.

The Trustees previously determined that the initial priority for the Charity would be to work to get community/ public access restored to the Oakwood Park Playing Fields. This has been the main project the Charity has focused on during 2025.

Access was closed off by the St Augustine Academy in March 2017, after the site having been unenclosed within living memory. A group of local people submitted a Town/ Village Green application for the playing fields to be registered under the appropriate legislation. The Oakwood Park Community Group (OPCG) decided if possible with the support of the promoters of the village green application to try to negotiate a compromise approach with the owners of the playing fields St Augustine Academy, Oakwood Park Grammar School and Kent County Council.

Negotiations were successfully completed in February 2020, with a signed licence in September 2020. The headlines of the agreement include:

- Out of School Hours Community Access Restored
- Community Access will be through a scheme managed by the OPCG using a fob entre system via two existing gates.
- Covenants on the site by its freeholders in respect of residents of Oakwood Road to maintain the playing fields as open space, with only possible building being that associated with outdoor educational space.
- The Trustees working with the promoters of the Village Green application to get that withdrawn if the above agreement can be implemented.
- The OPCG to paid all the associated costs £17,300, to install the two electronic gates and the fully hardware and software for the fob access system.

We have during the year 2025 we have continued to successfully raise funds from our community fob system. After not seeking any additional grants funding in 2024, in 2025 we received a grant of £500 from The Cobtree Trust towards the costs of our Picnic in the Park 2025 event, we also received 2 unrestricted grants towards the costs of the event, and 4 donations totalling £170 towards the costs of repair works to out electronic gates.

During the start of the year work progressed to the creation of a King Charles III Nature Walk around the wooded periphery of the Playing Fields where Dogs are allowed to be walked on leads.

Picnic in the Park 2025, we held a Picnic in the Park event in the summer, with a brass band and entertainments. It was a well-attended event and added to the wellbeing of the local community. We obtained a grant and sponsorship which covered the costs of the event.

Barming Youth Football Club, at the start of the year we were involved in discussions with the Barming Youth Football Club (BYFC) and the St Augustine Academy (SAA) over BYFC proposals to centralise their

football games on the SAA part of the Oakwood Park Playing Fields, their proposals also include providing a licenced club house, separate changing blocks, storage containers and a 3G floodlit artificial pitch. Following discussions with the BYFC and SAA the community group decided that it could not support these proposals as the impact of buildings and a 3G pitch would damage the local environment, biodiversity and wildlife, and adversely impact on local residents.

We organised a meeting of our Fob Holders which was well attended to the capacity of the hall and was unanimous in the opposition to the proposals of those present.

Street Trading Licence, in November 2025 an application was made for a Street Trading Licence for a catering van to be located 7 days a week at the SAA overflow car park. We worked with local councillor Paul Harper on this and formally placed on record our opposition to this proposal. It would result in amongst other things:

- Additional litter
- Additional Traffic
- Bad impact on Schools and students with junk food and drinks
- Why an Alcohol selling point on school land?
- No consultation by the Academy with this group or local residents.

Electronic Gates, our 2 electronic gates which give community access to the Playing Fields have been repeatedly damaged during the year and have taken the Committee a lot of work to maintain as well as over £800 in repair costs.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity operates on a break-even policy. All activities must be covered by project generated income. Fob Membership subscriptions are to cover the running costs of the Charity and to support our unfunded campaigning work. Reserves would therefore only normally be held in respect of programmed work and to provide for the eventual renewal of the electronic gate system when it comes to the end of its economic life..

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In the period under review the main sources of income were:

Our main income was £5,992 from the membership of the fob scheme, which continues to grow in number of fob holders.

We have a Business Instant Access Account with the Metro Bank, which provides some minimal interest (£125) on our funds under deposit whilst they are currently not required.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Harper	Brian Flinders
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice-Chair/ Coordinator	Chair
Date		



Oakwood Park Community Group					Charity No (if any)	1177948	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period							
1st January 2025			To	31st	Dec 25		

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income							
Activities for generating funds		S01	6,662	500	-	7,162	5,002
Investment income		S02	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S03	125	-	-	125	143
Other incoming resources		S04	-	-	-	-	-
		S05	-	-	-	-	180
	Total incoming resources	S06	6,787	500	-	7,287	5,325
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	0	S10	2,757	1,975	-	4,732	3,776
Governance costs		S11	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	-
	Total resources expended	S13	2,757	1,975	-	4,732	3,776
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	S14	4,030	- 1,475	-	2,555	1,549
Gross transfers between funds		S15	-	-	-	-	-
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	S16	4,030	- 1,475	-	2,555	1,549
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
	Net movement in funds	S19	4,030	- 1,475	-	2,555	1,549
Total funds brought forward		S20	7,865	8,632	-	16,497	14,948
	Total funds carried forward	S21	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 11)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Total current assets	B09	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	B15	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	11,896			11,896	7,865
	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)	B18		7,157		7,157	8,632
Endowment funds (Note 13)	B19			-	-	-
Total funds	B20	11,896	7,157	-	19,053	16,497
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
				Paul Harper		

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Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

• Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);

• and with*

or

• and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

• If all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";

• If disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ If no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ If no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 3 **Analysis of incoming resources**

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Oaks Dinner	-	-
	Pub Quiz	-	-
	Fish and Chips	-	-
	Boat and Cake Fair	-	-
	Donations	270	-
	Fobs	5,992	5,002
	Grants - Unrestricted	400	-
	Grant - Awards for All (3rd Grant)	-	-
	Grant - Kent Reliance Provident Fund	-	-
	Grant - Groundwork UK Grant	-	-
	Grant - Charities Trust	-	-
	Grant - Waitrose Community Fund	-	-
	Grant - West Kent Extra (Linda Hogan)	-	-
	Grant - Local Giving (Magic Little Grants)	-	-
	Grant - Kent Community Fund	-	-
	Grant - Cobtree Trust	500	-
	Other	-	180
	Total	7,162	5,182
Activities for generating funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Bank Deposit Account Interest	125	143
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	125	143
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 4 **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Oaks Dinner	-	-
	Fish and Chips	-	-
	Picnic in the Park	771	-
	Gate Access installation	-	-
	Notice Board	-	-
	Insurance	175	-
	Gate Running Costs	3,034	2,572
	Miscellaneous	752	180
	Work on King Charles III Nature Walk and Dog Lane (Restricted)	-	1,024
	Total	4,732	3,776
Governance costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 13 **Endowment and restricted income funds**

Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.

13.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions

