



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 Period start date to 31/03/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Roade Junction Community Group

Charity registration number: 1182473

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To serve all sections of the community by providing a library facility which inspires lifelong learning, offers access to an extensive range of information, and supports recreational activities in a welcoming and safe social environment.
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	Run a Community Library. 1. Provide a full library service for all. 2. Provide a range of activities for children to encourage reading and learning. 3. Provide a hub where the community can meet and enjoy entertainment and learning.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have taken note and followed the guidance provided by the charity commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making.	Para 1.38	We do not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not invest
Contribution made by volunteers.	Para 1.38	Our volunteers contribute their time to staff the library and assist at fund raising events. They also support community initiatives like warm spaces, health and education initiatives.
Other		Our income comes from library activities, fund raising events, donations, solar panel income and a grant

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	<p>Running full library services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We loaned out 4,261 books this year, which was slightly down, but last year was very high following release from Covid. <input type="checkbox"/> We had 6,243 visitors to the library up 10% on last year <input type="checkbox"/> We had nearly 400 active borrowers and signed up 82 new borrowers (up 13%) on last year. <p>Associated community support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We did 105 bus passes/Blue badges over the year <input type="checkbox"/> We enrolled 82 children on the Summer Reading Challenge last summer (up 8%) <p>We also provided a 'Warm Space' during the six winter months and acted as a base for the mobile services for Covid and flu booster jabs.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Our aim was to increase the footfall into the library, which we achieved with a modest increase of 10%. Although we loaned out fewer books this was against an artificially high previous year. We were particularly keen to increase footfall among teens and we achieved this with a significant increase in the 11-15y ear borrowers.</p> <p>We had been seeking to start the library extension this year but because of significant planning delays; this has been put back to the next year or further.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Because of extra fundraising (we increased events held to 14) so were able to cover all our increased cost in particularly energy and still have a small surplus on operating costs.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>We do not have any investments</p>
Other		<p>We have added a weekly Stitch and Sew group, which provides a place for some of the socially isolated older residents to attend.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity is healthy and saw a surplus on the years' operating costs
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves to cover all our operating costs for 18 months to mitigate the risk of a poor fundraising due to lack of volunteers. Also to cover for major equipment and furniture replacement and to equip the planned extension to the library.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	17,000
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	Charity is healthy

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	Library activities – Fines, reservations etc. Solar Panel Income. Fund raising. Donations. Grant.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Charity does not make investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Shortage of volunteers to staff the library, resulting in library closing and lack of fundraising.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		No Trusts
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	N/A
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	Rotational re-election

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	Trustees are fully DBS checked and are fully conversant with our policies on impartiality, safeguarding and financial management.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity operates as a full library service and acts as a village hub. Help is available at the library for villagers applying for Bus Passes and Blue Badges as well as help with other application forms. We also support health initiatives. e.g. mobile vaccination centre, CPR training.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We operate in conjunction with Northamptonshire library service who provide the books and library management system. We lease the building from Roade Parish Council and are working with them to extend the library so we can hold events and meetings without moving the library shelves.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Roade Junction Community Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182473
Charity's principal address	Roade Community Library High Street Roade NN7 2NW

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	Roger Wood	Chair		AGM Rotational
2	Jane Austin	Vice Chair		AGM Rotational
3	Margaret Armitage			AGM Rotational
4	Marian Barber			AGM Rotational
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial-Independent Examiner	Stuart Lovell	23 Forest Road, Hartwell, Northants. NN7 2HE

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

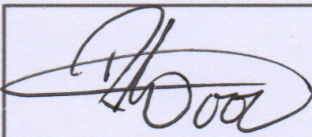
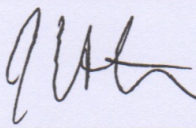
Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roger Wood	Jane Austin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair
Date		

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roger Wood	Jane Austin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair

Date 16/02/2025

Profit and Loss

Road Junction Community Group For the year ended 31 March 2025

2025

Turnover

Book Reservations (Income)	68.50
Donations	963.70
Events Income	2,267.45
Gift Aid (Donations)	976.50
Grant Received	497.00
Greeting card (sales)	450.17
Jams and Produce (Sales)	55.00
LMS Sales	138.95
Membership Subscriptions (Donations)	622.50
Other Revenue	108.10
Overdue Payment (Fines)	147.00
Photocopy (Income)	376.40
Room Hire	1,965.45
Solar Panel Income	1,122.97
Tea and Cakes (sales)	1,209.98
Total Turnover	10,969.67

Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold (Greeting cards)	252.00
Direct Expenses	534.44
Total Cost of Sales	786.44

Gross Profit

10,183.23

Administrative Costs

Advertising & Marketing	412.00
Bank Fees	23.10
Council Tax (Rates)	934.75
Gas (Utility)	921.91
General Expenses	1,496.53
Insurance (Public Liability)	468.88
Power (Utility)	1,059.04
Printing & Stationery	4.20
Property Lease (Rent)	750.00
Repairs & Maintenance	363.60
Subscriptions	136.80
Telephone & Internet	480.99
Water&Sewage (Utility)	115.83
Total Administrative Costs	7,167.63

	2025
Operating Profit	3,015.60
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	3,015.60
Profit after Taxation	3,015.60

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Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year ended
31 March 2024

Roade Junction Community Group
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Business Information
for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Proprietor

Roger Wood

Address

Roade Junction Community Group
Roade Community Library
High Street
Roade
Northampton
NN7 2NW

Roade Junction Community Group

Profit and Loss Account

for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	11,322	-
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(1,299)	-
Other Charges	(9,773)	-
Profit for the year	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets		
Current Assets	<u>27,831</u>	<u>27,568</u>
	<u>27,831</u>	<u>27,568</u>
Capital, Reserves and Liabilities		
Capital and reserves	251	-
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	<u>27,580</u>	<u>27,568</u>
	<u>27,831</u>	<u>27,568</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

They were approved on 5 February 2025 by:

Roger Wood
Proprietor



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Roade Junction Community Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/24	Charity no (if any)	1182473
Set out on pages	<div>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</div>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/24**.

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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: *S J Lovell* Date: 13/02/2025

Name: Stuart Lovell

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 23 Forest Road, Hartwell, Northants. NN7 2HE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.