



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01 Jun 24 To 01 Jun 25**

**Charity name: Dickens Field Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1184385**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a Community facility incorporating a communal open space and a Children's play area for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Rothersthorpe, Northamptonshire without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of 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 conditions of life of the said inhabitants.
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	Dickens Field Trust activity throughout this reporting period has primarily been focused on maintenance of the site in order to ensure its continued use by the community of Rothersthorpe.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have received the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **Additional information (optional)**

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

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers support is vital to the trust, both directly engaged in the development and management of the site and in raising funds. Volunteers have been involved in tree planting, hard landscaping, and local fund raising including assisting with the village dog show

		and fayre, a community barn dance and we run an annual Christmas Meat raffle. Volunteers have provided feedback on play equipment and supported the initial set up and ongoing maintenance of the site infrastructure.
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## 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	Another quiet year for the trust mainly focused on maintenance on the site. This includes continual inspections of the play equipment and ground work on the wider site. Repair work to the internal path and adding additional mulch to the hedge boarder. With funds increasing the committee is now investigating future opportunities to add to the site including supporting Rothersthorpe Primary School set up a biodiversity area.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The site remains open and fund raising continues in order to fund maintenance, inspections and insurance.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising will always be required in order to ensure the site can remain open. The Dog show in September was the best attended to date, meat raffle was well supported and a new joint DFT / Church Burns Night was a great success.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Well met.



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Funds @ Bank as of 31 Dec 23 - £3,374 (including £300 reserve)</p> <p>Funds @ Petty Cash - £50</p> <p><b>Total assets - £3,424</b></p> <p>(Financial end of year is 31 Dec of each year)</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Section 23.2 of our constitution states that: The charity shall maintain a minimum of £300 within its accounts in order to ensure standard annual outgoings (i.e. insurance) can always be met.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£300
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	Nil

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	As defined within the constitution. Via AGM.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dickens Field Trust
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1184385
Charity's principal address	c/o 12 Kislingbury Road, Rothersthorpe, Northampton, NN7 3HZ

# 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	Andrew Johnson	Chair / Treasurer	Whole period	n/a
2	Jeff Morphy	Vice Chair	Whole period	n/a
3	Jodie Johnson	Secretary	Whole period	n/a
4	Joanna Keay-Blyth	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
5	Sharon Lord	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
6	Robert Hughes	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
7	Joe Bradley	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

n/a

## 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)

	
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Full name(s)

ANDREW JOHNSON	JEFF MORPHY
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
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Date

7 OCT 25
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Charity Name Dickens Field Trust -	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2024	To	Period end date 12/31/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Amazon					-
Wellington Pub	500				-
Village Fund Raising Events	1,969				-
Private Donation					-
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					-
					-
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<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	2,469	-	-	Cross Add Error	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Funds Carried over	1,908		-	1,908	
Reserve		300	-	300	-
<b>Sub total</b>	1,908	300	-	2,208	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	4,376	300	-	#VALUE!	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	501	-	-	501	-
Jennifers Plaque	436				-
Gambling Licence (taken from DS cash)	20				-
Turf (taken from DS cash)	50				-
Kompan Inspection (for 2025)	296				-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	1,303	-	-	Cross Add Error	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	1,303	-	-	#VALUE!	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	3,074	300	-	3,374	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	3,074	300	-	3,374	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	At Bank			-
	Petty Cash	50	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Play Equipment		60,000	-
	Mower / Strimmer		250	-
	Storage Unit		Nil	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Nil		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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