

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1195616**

**Histon & Impington Green Spaces**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 March 2025**

# Histon & Impington Green Spaces

## Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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# Histon & Impington Green Spaces

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Reference and administrative details

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Histon & Impington Green Spaces	
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1195616	
<b>Principal office</b>	Histon & Impington Recreation Ground New Road Impington Cambridge CB24 9LU	
<b>The trustees</b>	Mr J Jenkins	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 30 September 2024)
	Mr A Jenking	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 09 July 2024)
	Ms D Fisher	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 22 March 2025)
	Ms K Holliday	(Appointed 24 August 2022)
	Mr J Pavey	(Appointed 08 August 2022)
	Mr D Dives	(Appointed 16 March 2024)
	Mr I Ellis	(Appointed 16 March 2024)
	Mr D Parkin	(Appointed 16 March 2024)
	Dr N Bailey	(Appointed 16 March 2024)
	Mr D Richardson	(Appointed 22 March 2025)

### Structure, governance and management

Histon & Impington Green Spaces is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 24 August 2021. The charity was governed by its constitution of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 up to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 when the Charity Commission endorsed a revised constitution based on the 'Association' model form. (Originally the charity had a 'Foundation' model constitution.)

The charity had seven trustees at the end of the period, all bar one drawn from the local community. Their expertise covers a mix of conservation, legal and business experience.

The Parish Council has a right to nominate a non-voting representative to attend charity trustees' meetings, recognising the importance the charity puts to engaging with the Histon & Impington community and the considerable support the Parish Council has provided.

At the end period under review 146 people had to date become members of the charity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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## Objectives and activities

The charitable objects for which the charity is established are, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment in the parishes of Histon and Impington by the advancement of biodiversity.

The **vision** of Histon & Impington Green Spaces (HIGS) is that the people of Histon & Impington will be the custodians and beneficiaries of an expanded network of wildlife-rich, green spaces that present and future generations can access and enjoy.

The **mission** of HIGS is to secure, by acquisition or otherwise, long-term access to land in and around Histon & Impington and enable this to be managed for these twin purposes:

- Nature conservation; and
- The community experiencing nature for its enjoyment, health and wellbeing.

The first spaces for these purposes are Long Meadow (LM) and Croft Close Nature-Reserve (CCNR) - which was previously known as Croft Close Set-aside. Here the charity is seeking to protect and enhance the two sites' biodiversity. Importantly these areas will be for local people to enjoy, to savour their serenity and to connect with nature.

The charity took on the lease of Long Meadow effective 21 June 2022 and has an option to purchase the Meadow on the current owner's demise. The charity completed the purchase of CCNR on 8 June 2023.

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### Achievements and performance

In the period under review, HIGS has continued with a range of activities aimed at both facilitating access to CCNR and Long Meadow, improving the habitat quality, undertaking biodiversity monitoring and engaging with its supporter base. The activities have included:

- Site management aimed at both keeping the network of paths open for visitors and habitat management. The latter included:
  - removal of brambles encroaching into grassland areas
  - an early cut of the hay meadow with the aim of improving the wildflower population by reducing competition from grasses and
  - clearing certain areas of scrub as part of a multi-year rotation.
- Renovation started on a 40m length of old hedgerow alongside Park Lane. Brambles, ivy and non-woody vegetation was removed and around 300 whips planted by teams of volunteers. The first planting session was done as a public event aimed especially at young children's participation
- This renovation also allowed a new entrance onto Long Meadow to be created; preparatory work was completed in the period.
- All site management was undertaken by volunteers except for some tree surgery.
- A programme of surveys and monitoring at both CCNR and Long Meadow, including:
  - Systematic flora surveys at Long Meadow and at CCNR. By the end of 2024 some 160 species had been recorded at Long Meadow and 220 at CCNR.
  - Bird ringing at CCNR together with collating ad hoc sightings
  - Counts of butterflies as part of the Big Butterfly Count, staged as a participatory educational event, with 519 observations covering 15 species
  - One moth trapping session was undertaken at CCNR; the most notable catch was of the Nationally Scarce 'A' Blue Fleabane Straw. There were ad hoc observations of over 120 non-lepidoptera invertebrate species.
- In engaging with our supporters, as part of both educational and fundraising activities, we have:
  - Put on a combined "Magical Moths & Beautiful Birds" wildlife demonstration event at CCNR.
  - Run a series of guided walks and identification workshops. Most addressed specific topics, including tree ID and spring birdsong. We also offered general walks for those who wanted an introduction to CCNR and "Walking Stick" walks aimed at those attracted to a slower-paced walk.
  - Run a programme of three talks over the winter, covering "Croft Close's wildlife - an inspiration for a Quilt", "Out with my lens in East Anglia" and "Butterflies of Cambridgeshire".
  - Held an educational April Nature Hunt quiz event (in which around 40 children participated despite dreadful weather)
  - Participated in several community events, including those organised by the Histon and Impington Library Friends, Histon & Impington Sustainability, Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project and the annual Histon Feast Week
  - Published seven "Connecting with Nature" newsletters, issued to around 550 subscribers as well as providing articles for the local news service, HI Hub and a monthly parish newsletter.
  - Issued regular communications to our supporters by direct mailing and through social media, informing them of activities, events and volunteering opportunities.
  - Maintained and regularly updated our website, publishing news stories, information on species present at Long Meadow and CCNR and our day-to-day activities as well as information about the charity.
  - Published a Histon & Impington Green Spaces calendar, sold for fundraising.

The charity has also supported interventions to improve the environment and biodiversity within Histon and Impington away from Long Meadow and CCNR.

- We supported the Histon & Impington Parish Council providing advice on management of wild green spaces under their control
- We organised and led work parties removing invasive evergreen oaks from Histon's WI Wood, which is owned by the County Council.

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- As part of our Members' Afternoon we held a workshop continuing with the theme "Connecting with Nature". This focused on the water environment, in particular possible modifications to the Brook where it runs beside Long Meadow with a view to enhancing biodiversity. The workshop also considered creation of "Pocket Patches" - wildlife friendly, small green spaces within the urban environment.

In recognition of the potential to secure benefit from the UK Government's Biodiversity Net Gain scheme, the charity continued to research how this may be achieved while improving the quality of Long Meadow's grassland and wildflowers.

The design, fabrication and installation at CCNR of an artist-designed portal, entitled "Fides", paid for under the Thalia WB Community Fund grant was successfully completed. The form of the portal references features of the CCNR site: the arches in the trunk of the veteran oak, and the egg of the endangered turtle dove. The grant, awarded in March 2023, was fully utilised on this artwork and, as a payment in arrears, contributed towards the previous year's purchase of CCNR.

### Financial review

At the end of the period, the charity had total assets less current liabilities of £348,285.

Of this, cash at the bank and in hand was £71,705 and the remainder, £260,330 are the tangible fixed assets relating to the charity's Croft Close Nature Reserve property.

### Reserves policy

As of the end of this reporting period, the charity's policy is to maintain reserves of not less than £20,000. Of this, £10,000 is to cover unforeseen events in day-to-day operations. It is noted the charity's expenditure is heavily weighted towards the winter when most site management work occurs whilst fundraising is spread more evenly from autumn through to mid-summer. In its budgeting, the charity makes no provision for emergency tree safety work, but should this be required, the necessary sums will be drawn from reserves, which will then be replenished in a timely manner. The charity also holds £10,000 as an "Early Response Reserve" to cover initial professional fees and the like should a land purchase opportunity present itself. This is in line with the charity's mission. Unless drawn down for its stated purpose, this reserve will be maintained indefinitely. The foregoing notwithstanding, the charity seeks to raise sufficient funds each year to cover day-to-day expenditure.

### Risks and significant events

There have been no significant events affecting the charity's financial performance. However, in the period of this report there has been a modest decline in routine donations which was offset by two relatively generous donations (from a local resident and a community group). The charity has no investments, nor currently intends to have such investments, but cash not required for day-to-day activities is held in an interest-bearing bank deposit account. The charity's income is from a mix of public donations, sales of a calendar and grants. The proportions vary between years. The main risk to which the charity is currently exposed is an absence of committed, informed and competent volunteers required both to ensure the charity is run well but also to ensure biodiversity is being enhanced in the properties managed by the charity. In addition, the charity is responsible for mature trees of varying ages. The risk of these causing harm is managed by reference to The National Tree Safety Group's recommendations for the inspection of such trees.

### Public benefit

The charity trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Pavey', is shown on a light-colored background.

Mr J Pavey  
Trustee

# Histon & Impington Green Spaces

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Year ended 31 March 2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Histon & Impington Green Spaces ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.



Independent Examiner



# Histon & Impington Green Spaces

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		2025		2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	8,412	35,270	43,682
Charitable activities	5	2,972	–	2,972
Investment income	6	253	–	253
<b>Total income</b>		<u>11,637</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>46,907</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	192	216	408
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9,10	1,887	11,059	12,946
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>2,079</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>13,354</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>9,558</u>	<u>23,995</u>	<u>33,553</u>
Transfers between funds		277,380	(277,380)	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>286,938</u>	<u>(253,385)</u>	<u>33,553</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		13,413	301,319	314,732
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>300,351</u>	<u>47,934</u>	<u>348,285</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# Histon & Impington Green Spaces

## Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	13	276,580	260,330
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		71,705	54,402
<b>Net current assets</b>		71,705	54,402
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		348,285	314,732
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		47,934	301,319
Unrestricted funds		300,351	13,413
<b>Total charity funds</b>	14	348,285	314,732

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Pavey  
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9LU.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

#### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings                      -      10% straight line

#### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly.

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations including Gift Aid	8,412	270	8,682
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants received	—	35,000	35,000
	<u>8,412</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>43,682</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

### 4. Donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations including Gift Aid	6,599	19,999	26,598
<b>Grants</b>			
Grants received	—	18,423	18,423
	<u>6,599</u>	<u>38,422</u>	<u>45,021</u>

### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Walking tours and educational activities	769	—	769
Merchandise sales	2,203	—	2,203
	<u>2,972</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,972</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Walking tours and educational activities	1,358	2,577	3,935
Merchandise sales	2,731	—	2,731
	<u>4,089</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>6,666</u>

### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	253	253	—	—

### 7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising costs	192	216	408
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising costs	161	919	1,080

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,887	10,674	12,561
Support costs	–	385	385
	<u>1,887</u>	<u>11,059</u>	<u>12,946</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,132	12,111	13,243
Support costs	–	632	632
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>12,743</u>	<u>13,875</u>

### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>12,561</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>12,946</u>	<u>13,875</u>

### 10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>800</u>	<u>–</u>

### 11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed in the current or preceding year, other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

### 13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	260,330	–	260,330
Additions	–	17,050	17,050
Transfers	(2,000)	2,000	–
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>258,330</u>	<u>19,050</u>	<u>277,380</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	–	–	–
Charge for the year	–	800	800
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>–</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>258,330</u>	<u>18,250</u>	<u>276,580</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>260,330</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>260,330</u>

The land and buildings relates to Abbey Fields, the balance of £258,330 (2024: 260,330) relates to land which is not depreciated.

### 14. Analysis of charitable funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	13,413	11,637	(1,729)	–	23,771
Fixed asset fund	–	–	(800)	277,380	276,580
	<u>13,413</u>	<u>11,637</u>	<u>(2,079)</u>	<u>277,380</u>	<u>300,351</u>

  

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	4,018	10,688	(1,293)	–	13,413
Fixed asset fund	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>4,018</u>	<u>10,688</u>	<u>(1,293)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,413</u>

The fixed assets fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets owned by the charity. The transfer represents the net movement on additions, disposals and depreciation for the year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

#### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Abbey Fields Properties	301,319	270	(11,275)	(242,380)	47,934
Thalia WB Community Fund	—	35,000	—	(35,000)	—
	<u>301,319</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>(11,275)</u>	<u>(277,380)</u>	<u>47,934</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Abbey Fields Properties	273,982	40,999	(13,662)	—	301,319
Thalia WB Community Fund	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>273,982</u>	<u>40,999</u>	<u>(13,662)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>301,319</u>

#### Thalia WB Community Fund

During the year a grant was received to purchase fixed assets. An amount of £35,000 has been transferred to the general fund in respect of the assets purchased.

#### Abbey Fields Properties

This fund is for the acquisition and management of the Abbey Fields properties. The funds can also be used for anything related to developing and sustaining HIGS as a viable charity, able to be an effective owner and custodian of Abbey Fields on behalf of the community in perpetuity.

The balance relating the purchase of the fixed asset has been transferred to a separate designated fund for fixed assets.



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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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## 15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	276,580	–	276,580
Current assets	23,771	47,934	71,705
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>300,351</u>	<u>47,934</u>	<u>348,285</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	260,330	260,330
Current assets	13,413	40,989	54,402
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>13,413</u>	<u>301,319</u>	<u>314,732</u>