

BARROWDEN CHARITY CIO

Registered with the Charity Commission

(Registration No 1197331)

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting, April 2025

Current Trustees:

Mrs Alison Last, Chair

Mr Graham Ball

Mrs Shirley Plenderleith

Mrs Anna Fettig

Revd Stephen Gamble (ex officio)

Mrs Maggie Davidson, Clerk

Report on Year 2024/25

No changes in the current trustees since our report in April 2024.

At the beginning of 2024 we were approached by members of the village hall development group for a £50,000 'soft' loan. This was agreed with an interest free period of 5 years followed by a 10 year repayment schedule, interest to be agreed. After considering current interest rates in April 2024, the trustees decided to donate £30,000 to the development of the new community hub. The remaining £20,000 was requested as a loan by the group in September 2024, which the Charity trustees agreed to, repayment starting at the beginning of 2026. The loan will incur current interest rates from February 2026. A legal document has been drawn up to this effect.

Regular monthly payments to beneficiaries continue, together with the annual RCC charge for green refuse bins. In view of the ongoing increase in the cost of living, we have continued additional help with energy costs for beneficiaries during the winter period. We also offer help to residents over the age of 75 with payments for TV licences. We funded the cost of the royal mail collection point at the shop in 2024.

Benefits are paid through the village shop, with the usual extra credits at Christmas time. We also include widows and widowers with credits at Christmas, and vouchers for former Barrowden residents in care homes. Payments are made to families with new babies; families with bereavements; and assistance with extra costs due to family illness or disability. For certain benefits there is a 12 month residential qualification in Barrowden required.

Contributions towards travel for people visiting hospital on a regular basis are offered. The Charity supports Barrowden Good Neighbour Scheme with

transportation costs to medical appointments, village hall hire costs for the monthly village lunch and the seniors' Christmas party (delayed this year due to the Community Hub being built). We also provide refreshments for the Tuesday afternoon group who meet for games at the village shop.

The main source of our income is the rental of a ground floor shop in Hammersmith, which, together with interest on investments, normally brings in approximately £40,000 per annum, less agent expenses. The tenant has experienced some financial challenges following the pandemic and road layout changes on King Street, Hammersmith and has considered selling on the lease but at the moment he is still in situ. We monitor this situation through our agents in London.

The Charity is on a strong financial footing, our accounts are audited annually by an independent accountant and submitted to the Charity commission. The trustees are constantly exploring how the charity can best serve the community both now and in the future whilst still meeting the requirements laid out in the charity's governing documents. To this end we will continue to provide the payments described above while considering new ideas for ways in which we can contribute to the general wellbeing of villagers.

Alison Last
Chair
Barrowden Charity CIO
April 2025



Charity name

Charity number (if any)

For the period from (start date)

to (end date)

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Rent received	32206				48519
Dividends	6789				7104
<i>Sub total</i>	38995				55623
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	38995				55623
A3 Payments					
Monthly Benefits paid	15287				16231
Birth/Death payments	1600				1600
Other Benefits	21600				24309
Admin	430				266
Clerk's Salary	2420				2420
Donation to Village Hall Fund	30000				
<i>Sub total</i>	71337				44826
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	71337				44826
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(32342)				10797
A5 Transfers between funds	30000				
A6 Cash funds last year end	31195				20398
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	28853				31195

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current Ac	7		
	Barclays Current Ac	11346	17500	
	<i>Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>	11353	17500	

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	C.O.I.F Charities Inv Fnd			234351
	146 King St. London-leasehold asset		500000	500000

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

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

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

Alison Last
Graham Ball

Alison Last	
Graham Ball	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

The Barrowden Charity CIO

On accounts for the year ended

December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1197331

Set out on pages

Section A & B

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15/09/2025

Name:

Michael George Willis

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

Accountant

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Address:

The Old Orchard, 3 Church Lane, Preston, Rutland, LE15 9NG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None