



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground

Charity registration number: 1198496

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town of Coleford and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition 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	Provision of recreation ground, children's play area and space/activities for the general public including a Pavilion and bowling green and 40 acres of wildflower meadows and woodland for public recreation.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees and Committee of Management engage at all times with the guidance issued regarding public benefit and continue to pursue improvements wherever possible

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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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	<p>The footfall at the Trusts Grounds continues to increase. The facilities at the 1960's-built Leonard Craze Pavilion is however stuck in the past. The Trust has been consulting with its users regarding improving the facilities provided at the Pavilion. This has provided overwhelming support for an updating of the facilities to include improvements to energy conservation.</p> <p>Ecological and Arboricultural surveys have been carried out and Planning Permission has been obtained to carry out energy conservation measures followed by a pavilion refurbishment programme set out in 4 Tranches depending on the availability of funding for the project</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>A programme of works to provide a Solar Panel and Battery Storage facility at the Pavilion was carried out in the summer of 2025 using funding provided by the Forest of Dean Community Grants Scheme of £2210 and Forest of Dean Community Infrastructure Capital Grant Scheme of £10981</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Further to the above, Grant applications were made to various funders in the autumn of 2024 to fund Tranche 1 of the proposed works to the Leonard Craze Pavilion. Grants offers were received from Enover Community trust of £50,000 and Section 106 Monies from Forest of Dean District Council of £50,000. This enabled the refurbishment project to start. It was hoped to continue to make grant applications during the 2025/6 financial year for the other 3 Tranches of the proposed works.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust Bank Account shows a Balance of £15588.02
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust aims to hold one average years expenditure (not including grants for projects) as a reserve
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Current end-of-year reserve is £15588.02 which is roughly equivalent to the projected reserve for the year
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	N/A

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	The Principle source of Funds comes from two leases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lease with Arqiva for a telecommunications mast 2. A lease with Coleford Bowls Club
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		This is the second accounting year for the newly created Charitable Incorporated Trust 1198496. Previously accounts have been recorded under Charity 301506 which has now been closed. The new trust has the same name and objects as the old one.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees should live in Coleford or its environs. Prospective trustees need to express an interest to the Committee of Management and an election procedure takes place at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust where the general public are present and vote.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ANGUS BUCHANAN VC RECREATION GROUND
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198496

Charity's principal address	The Secretary Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground “Tresco” 7 Townsend Close St Briavels, Gloucestershire GL15 6TJ

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 Barrow	Chairman		
2	Clive Hooper	Secretary & Treasurer		
3	Malcolm Paterson			
4	Sarah Cheese			
5	David Hart			
6	Douglas Roberts			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

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	
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

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

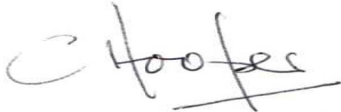
N/A

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)

Clive Beverley Hooper	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer	
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Date

3 rd January 2026

Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground Committee

Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025
Company number CE029116 (Charity number 1198496)



15 High Street
Lydney, Gloucestershire
GL15 5DP

Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground

Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31st March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts		
Interest received	-	-
Rent	1,551.50	1,550.00
Memberships	765.00	505.00
Grants	60,371.90	55,222.00
Mast rent	6,000.00	6,000.00
Grass cutting & wayleaves	32.34	32.34
Carnival	-	1,157.61
Other	-	-
Donations	6,065.98	6,611.24
VAT on outputs & rebate	9,613.45	1,626.52
Total Receipts	<u>84,400.17</u>	<u>72,704.71</u>
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Insurance	1,047.92	948.59
Gas & electricity	466.98	492.02
Rates	17.96	18.43
Water	-	15.69
Carnival	-	1,088.76
Bank charges	77.40	83.87
Administrative expenses	527.71	2,065.48
Repairs & maintenance	1,287.06	7,591.12
Tree & ground maintenance	7,981.87	8,400.91
Solar panels	13,614.97	-
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Financial Statements

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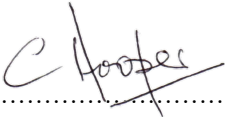
J.M. Pflug FMAAT AATQB
For Dean Accountancy Services
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Jenna Pflug

Date: 15/12/2025

Client Approval Certificate

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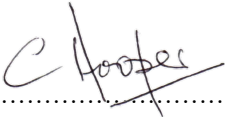
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