



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **06/04/2024** Period start date To **05/04/2025** Period end date

Charity name: **The Helperby Brafferton Recreational Trust**

Charity registration number: **1199264**

## 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 VILLAGES OF HELPERBY, BRAFFERTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS 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 AND SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCE OR 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	<b>The Charity sets out to provide an open space and play park for the inhabitants of Brafferton, Helperby and its surrounding areas. Funds are raised for this purpose by "The Helperby Beer Festival"</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees of the CIO have all read and understood the requirements of running and administering a charity which is issued by the charity commission.</b> <b>The CIO is a subscribing member of community first Yorkshire which provides information to those managing Charities and local organisations.</b> <b>The trustees are encouraged to undertake training opportunities and the Chairman as such has made use of the training materials available by community first</b>

### 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	<b>The charity is solely run by volunteers who spend I considerable amount of time organising fund raising activity through the Helperby Beer Festival and liaising with the Helperby Estate, the North Yorkshire Planning Authority and grant applications</b>
Other		

## 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><b>The charity's aim for the 2024/25 year is to do this by undertaking a number of fundraising activities, namely the Helperby Beer Festival. For the 2024 Beer Festival gross profit was £4,095 which was lower than the previous reporting period due to a reduction in sales for the event. The 2024 event was less well attended and administration costs rose along with alcohol costs. The trustees aim to keep the costs of the festival low in order to maximise sales and ensure it is affordable for all attendees</b></p> <p><b>During the 2024/25 year the Charity moved forward with the proposed development of the playpark in Helperby finally receiving approval for the planning permission for the playpark following a 13 month wait for approval which was very slow due to numerous challenges from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties despite unanimous support amongst the village. The trustees have also been in discussion with both the parish council and the Helperby Estate in order to finalise the lease of the land destined to become the playpark.</b></p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>For the 2024/25 year the charity set out to Continue amassing funds from the Helperby Beer Festival. This was again a success despite falling numbers and revenue.</p> <p>The trustees and successful meetings with the Helperby Estate and despite slow progress it feels as though the process is moving forward. Planning permission for the playpark was finally granted following a 13 month interaction and wait with the North Yorkshire Planning authority.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The trustees have started to apply for grants with the charity needing an estimated £140,000 to complete phase one of the recreation ground project. The trustees have also had constructive meetings with the sports association who are looking to upgrade their facilities on the ground adjacent to the proposed recreation park site.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>The CIO made no investments during the trading year.</p>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period the CIO's financial position was healthy with cash reserves in the bank to support more charitable activity and further investment required towards the playpark. At the end of the financial year the reserves held by the charity were £55,556.87
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	All Charity reserves are held in the CIO Natwest bank account No Charity reserves are held in any individual bank accounts held by any of the trustees
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£55,556.87
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

### 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 CIO's principle source of funding is the Helperby Beer Festival The CIO also makes provision for grant applications to help secure funding for the play park space
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p><b>Scope</b></p> <p>Our charity will invest in a diversified range of asset classes and regions. We will consider investment in stocks, bonds, property, and other investment vehicles that align with our charitable mission.</p> <p><b>Investment Objectives</b></p> <p>Our investment objectives are to achieve growth and income. We aim to generate sustainable returns that allow us to achieve our charitable objectives while protecting the capital value of our investments.</p> <p><b>Risk Appetite</b></p> <p>We recognize that every investment carries risk, and we will manage these risks to ensure that they are commensurate with <b>our</b> objectives and the financial resources available. Our charity's risk appetite is moderate, and we</p>

		<p>are willing to accept fluctuations in the value of our assets in pursuit of our investment objectives.</p> <p><b>Balancing Investment Risk and Return</b></p> <p>We will balance risk and return to achieve our investment objectives. We will seek to achieve our investment goals through a mix of low-risk and high-risk investments to achieve a diversified portfolio of investments that suit our needs.</p> <p><b>Amount Available</b></p> <p>We will invest our financial resources in line with our objectives, risk appetite, and investment policy. The amount we have available for investment will be reviewed annually, and we will adjust our investment strategy as necessary to ensure that we continue to meet our objectives.</p> <p><b>Time Horizon</b></p> <p>Our investment time horizon is long-term, and we aim to invest in funds for the long term. We recognize that investing is a long-term activity that requires a disciplined approach to generate sustainable returns.</p> <p><b>Liquidity Needs</b></p> <p>We will ensure that we have sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments, including grants and other charitable activities. We will invest in liquid assets and maintain an appropriate level of cash reserves to ensure that we can access our money when we need it.</p> <p><b>Types of Investments</b></p> <p>We will consider investing in ethical stocks that align with our charitable mission. We will avoid investing in stocks that go against our charity's aims.</p> <p><b>Decision-Makers</b></p> <p>The trustees are responsible for making investment decisions, including approving the investment policy, setting investment</p>
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		<p><b>objectives, and selecting investment managers.</b></p> <p><b>Key Performance Indicators</b></p> <p>We will measure the performance of our investments based on the total return, risk-adjusted return, and other appropriate benchmarks. We will review our performance regularly and adjust our investment strategy as necessary.</p> <p><b>Reporting Requirements</b></p> <p>We will communicate investment performance to our stakeholders annually, including donors, beneficiaries, and the Charity Commission.</p> <p><b>Responsibility and Remit of the Investment Manager</b></p> <p>If we engage an investment manager, they will be responsible for implementing our investment strategy, making investment decisions on our behalf, and reporting on investment performance.</p> <p><b>Investment Manager's Principles</b></p> <p>Our investment manager must follow our investment policy and adhere to our ethical standards. They must act in our best interests and manage our investments prudently.</p> <p><b>Investment Responsibilities of the Trustees</b></p> <p>The trustees have a legal obligation to secure the best financial return within the appropriate level of risk to be spent on the charity's aims. They have a duty to consider investment suitability and diversification, to take advice, unless there is good reason for not doing so, and to review investments.</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Our investment policy sets out our charity's approach to investing. It is a framework for making investment decisions, managing our financial resources, and meeting our governance responsibilities. We will review our investment policy annually to ensure that it continues to align with our charitable mission</p>
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		and objectives.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The CIO's principle source of funding is the Helperby Beer Festival. Future festivals will be managed by the CIO and this event faces risks as it relies on continued support from the community. Currently the CIO does not foresee that the Helperby Festival will be wound up at any point within the next 5 years.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>The CIO governing document</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>The Charity is constituted as a CIO</b>
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	<p><b>(1) Functions and duties of charity trustees</b></p> <p>The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. It is the duty of each charity trustee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and</li> <li>(b) to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and,</li> <li>(ii) if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>(2) Eligibility for trusteeship</b></p> <p>(a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person. (b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or</li> <li>• if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause [12(1)(e)].</li> </ul> <p>(c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity</p>



		<p>trustee.</p> <p>(d) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.]</p> <p><b>(3) Number of charity trustees</b></p> <p>(a) There must be at least six charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.</p> <p>(b) There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO</p> <p><b>10. Appointment of charity trustees</b></p> <p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>
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#### **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	<b>Investment Policy Statement</b> <b>CIO Foundation Articles of Association</b> <b>Trustee Functions and duties</b>
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		
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## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	
Charity's principal address	

**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	Tom Blackwall	Chair		
2	Andrew Topps			
3	Stewart Chambers			
4	James Allan			
5	Richard Bennett			
6	Geoffery Arnott			
7	Mattias Van Leijen			
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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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### 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

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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)

	
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Full name(s)

Thomas Blackwall	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

01/02/2026
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# Profit & Loss

## The Helperby Brafferton Recreational Trust

Accounting Year 2024/25

	Debit	Credit
<b>Turnover</b>		<b>16,194</b>
Sales		12,684
Sponsorship		3,510
<b>less Cost of Sales</b>	<b>12,099</b>	
Alcohol	7,028	
Materials	1,669	
Equipment Hire	3,402	
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>4,095</b>
<b>less Administration Expenses</b>	<b>5,508</b>	
Event Entertainment	3,681	
Office Costs	178	
Computer Software	71	
Printing	242	
Sundries	515	
Motor Expenses	80	
Accommodation and Meals	51	
Advertising and Promotion	148	
Leasing Payments	150	
Insurance	394	
<b>less Staff Costs</b>	<b>1,506</b>	
Subcontractor Costs	1,506	
<b>less Depreciation</b>	<b>467</b>	
Depreciation Charge	467	

<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>-£3,387</b>
<i>less Corporation Tax Liability</i>	<b>£0</b>
<i>less Dividends Paid</i>	<b>£0</b>
<i>less Profit &amp; Loss journal entries</i>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Retained Profit this period:</b>	<b>-£3,387</b>
<b>Retained Profit brought forward:</b>	<b>£1,116</b>
<b>Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:</b>	<b>-£2,271</b>