



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.11.2024 To 31.12.2025

Charity name: Haworth And Oxenhope District Bridleways Group

Charity registration number: 1202564

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To preserve and protect for the public benefit the registered byways and bridleways in Haworth and Oxenhope (West Yorkshire) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) ensuring that byways and bridleways are correctly defined on the Definitive Map;2) locating lost byways and bridleways, where possible, or negotiating alternative routes;3) liaising with relevant local authorities and encouraging them to carry out their statutory duties in relation to byway and bridleway;4) promoting good relations with landowners and farmers;5) liaising and cooperating with other bridleways groups to share best practice. <p>To promote community participation in healthy recreation in Haworth and Oxenhope (West Yorkshire) and the surrounding area by the provision of facilities for horse riding and other outdoor youth and community activities.</p> <p>Promoting shared use of the facilities with a variety of local community groups. <i>This now includes a totally refurbished clubhouse, with disabled access.</i> This is available to all local groups – particularly sporting and youth groups – to further extend the scope of their activities.</p>

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	<p>Monitoring the condition and use of local bridleways</p> <p>A varied programme of meetings, training, games, demonstrations and competitions with a strong focus on the involvement of junior members .</p> <p>These activities enable all participants to develop both their physical and mental skills, growing in confidence and social skills, as well as offering the proven benefits of closeness to animals and the outdoor environment. There is a strong emphasis on cooperation and family time.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are confident that they have had due regard to the guidance issued.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment embedded in the charity's aims and objectives (see above)
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The charity is run wholly by volunteers who organise and lead on all of its activities. The trustees were appointed by the committee, which itself is elected annually at the AGM. We rely heavily on this relatively small group of people, without whose time, energy and expertise it would not be possible to provide the variety of activities we aim for, or indeed to monitor and facilitate the use of other local groups. It is also a pleasure to note the increasing involvement and preparedness of Junior members to offer their time voluntarily.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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 Charity continues to monitor the condition of local bridleways, and seek remedial action from landowners where necessary, for the benefit of horse riders, cyclists and walkers.</p> <p>We work alongside the local council Rights of Way Officer and the British Horse Society Access Manager to try to ensure that access to bridleways is not lost.</p> <p>We provide a wide range of inclusive, open-air activities (rides, demonstrations, accessible Fun Shows) supporting physical and mental health.</p> <p>We have a programme of speakers, providing enjoyable and informative insights into a variety of topics related to our core purpose.</p> <p>We also rely on support from local running groups, the Scouting Association, The Manorlands (Oxenhope) hospice, dog walkers and other community groups who share our vision and values.</p> <p>One especially enjoyable local activity in July 2025 was on Wuthering Heights Day, when over 200 dancers from all over the country graced our field and we were able to celebrate the ongoing refurbishments and extend our local support. This even featured on BBC 4!</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We have raised over £30,000 for building refurbishment, involving knocking down dividing walls to make the interior more suitable for meetings and social events, re-roofing and installing toilets with disabled access. This has been achieved via a Lottery grant, Matched Sports Council funding through Crowd Funding, donations from local businesses and the local council, as well as a variety of smaller fundraising initiatives.</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	As reported last year, the purchase of premises and land in December 2023 reflected a large difference between income and expenditure in the 2023-2024 year. The fundraising described above reflects the opposite effect shown in the financial return for 2025! Please also note that the trustees, supported by the committee, decided to change the accounting period (historically November to October) to the more logical January to December, so the return submitted is actually for 14 months. As a result of this, and the huge fund-raising drive, the charity's income has been inflated. We are more than happy to have these accounts audited if you feel this brings us into that necessary income band; the trustees felt, however, that this was a one-off occurrence and that filing the spreadsheet of income/expenditure for the building project might be sufficient.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We are a small local charity dependent on membership fees and profits from activities, plus some sponsorship from local businesses. We are still relatively new to managing the upkeep of our building and land. Until we have established the pattern of expenses, etc. we do not feel secure in transferring income to a reserve. Hopefully, this will be possible in time.
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	None

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	Membership fees Charges for activities and services Rental of facilities to local community groups Fundraising activities, eg sponsored events, social evenings, raffles, etc.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No serious perceived risks, but charity does face the challenges of building/land ownership. We have had to get to grips with insurance, utilities, etc. (some of which have built up significant arrears during the extended purchase period when it was not possible to ascertain responsibility for these bills). The building repairs and development detailed in the 2025 report and the massive fund-raising effort have already been discussed. We are now moving into a period when we can enjoy the fruits of this and, so long as we continue to attract members and local supporters (which our wonderful new building will do) I do not foresee any major risks
Other		

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	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>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>

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	Haworth and Oxenhope District Bridleways Group
Other name the charity uses	HODBG
Registered charity number	1202564
Charity's principal address	Lower Oldfield Farm, Oldfield Lane Haworth Keighley BD22

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	Vickie McRae	Charity Contact		HODBG Committee
2	Felicity Mensah	Chairperson		HODBG Committee
3	Patricia Greenwood	Vice-Chairperson		HODBG Committee
4	Gillian Burgess	Treasurer		HODBG Committee
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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	None

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	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

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)	Gillian Burgess	
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Full name(s)	Gillian Burgess	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
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Date

02.04.2025

HAWORTH & OXENHOPE DISTRICT BRIDLEWAYS GROUP

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN TO CHARITY COMMISSION

01 NOV 2024 - 31 DEC 2025

Please note the change of accounting period to calendar year (previously Nov – Oct) so this is 14 months accounts!

ASSETS	£
PETTY CASH	158.14
CURRENT A/C	27,699.77
PayPal	382.16
TOTAL	28,240.07
	+23,232.99 from 31.10.2024
INCOME	
MEMBERSHIP SUBS	604.70
MEETINGS/RAFFLES	488.50
SHOWS/DEMOS/GAMES	1399.67
RIDES	328.12
VISITS	
REFRESHMENTS	205.26**
FIELD RENTAL	505.00
SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS/GRANTS *	30,169.11
TOTAL	33,700.36
*Lottery funding/crowdfunding/local fund-raising for major renovations to clubhouse – most of this will be spent in 2026 when the majority of the work will take place.	
Please see separate document detailing income and expenditure to date on building renovations.	

EXPENDITURE	
COMMITTEE MEAL	258.85**
SHOWS - (Tape, numbers, printing, sundries)	
BHS AFFILIATION	149.69
WEBSITE/DOMAIN NAME	
ROSETTES/medals	786.34
TROPHIES AND ENGRAVING	119.00
REFRESHMENTS – RIDES AND FUN SHOW	28.42
SPEAKERS/DEMOS/PRESENTS/ETC	45.00
EQUIPMENT	730.38
WEST END PURCHASE	
FIELD/CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	467.00
UTILITIES	831.12*
RATES	470.42*
INSURANCE	459.76
BANK CHARGES	6.80***
BUILDING PROJECT	6114.59
TOTAL	10,467.37
DIFFERENCE BETW. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	+23232.99

*Includes large rate and electricity arrears during premises handover and unhelpful tariffs which have now been renegotiated.

** This figure covers 2 Christmas meals – Dec. 2024 and 2025 instead of the 1 in previous annual accounts – following change in accounting period

***Bank started to charge us so account was swiftly changed to another bank which does not charge charities.

Fundraising/Spending – Pavilion Renovations

	Amount In £	Reason	Amount Out £	Reason
23/05/2025	500.00	Lloyds Bank		
18/07/2025	20,000.00	Lottery Funding		
	500.00	Lloyds Bank		
14/10/2025	843.51	Crowdfunding		
21/10/2025	1,238.20	Crowdfunding		
28/10/2025	324.87	Crowdfunding		
31/10/2025	325.00	Lloyds Bank		
03/11/2025	250.00	Haworth Parish Council		
07/11/2025	2,000.00	Sports Council Matched Funding		
11/11/2025	171.18	Crowd Funding		
14/11/2025	140.00	Lloyds Bank		
17/11/2025	500.00	Oxenhope Parish Council		
21/11/2025	1,000.00	Wharfedale Harriers		
25/11/2025	48.32	Gift Aid		
28/11/2025			3,500.00	Builder
03/12/2025	120.92	Gift Aid		
09.12.2025	328.99	Gift Aid		
10/12/2025			614.59	Security Door
11/12/2026			27.37	SwiftAid – crowdfunding commission
12/12/2025	390.00	Lloyds Bank		
16/12/2025	135.49	Gift Aid	2,000.00	Builder
12/01/2026	469.45			
16/01/2026			9,817.50	Builder
03/02/2026			850.00	Shutter Fitting
11/02/2026			6,036.00	Shutters
11/02/2026			54.00	Shutter remote controls
17/03/2026			99.85	Shelving
23/03/2026			36.00	Storage

Fundraising/Spending – Pavilion Renovations

31/03/2026			1,500.00	Decorating (deposit)
21/04/2026			372.00	Skip Hire
23/04/2026			1,318.34	Kitchen Fitting
01/05/2026	6.18	Gift Aid		
11/05/2026	5,000.00	Bradford Council City of Culture Fund	2,600	Roofing Materials
TOTAL	£34,292.11		£28,825.65	
(03/06/2026				
Committed – still to pay			???????	Balance for decorating?
			£2,400	Labour for roofing (based on overall bid)
				Rendering (or whatever)