



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2023** To **31st March 2024**

Charity name: The Recreational Trust

Charity registration number: 1202751

(Note: The AGM Minutes and the Chairs annual report is attached at the end of this report)

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision and maintenance of a community hall and recreational ground for the use of the inhabitants (particularly the younger people) of Steeple Aston and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for: a) sporting events, meetings, fetes, lectures and social events. b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the 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	Maintenance of the Sports & Recreational Building and the Sports field in order that they are available for hire. Running of fund-raising activities and where necessary application for grants, to supplement the income from hire charges to ensure we meet all running costs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

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	See Chairman's Report below.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The current statement of accounts shows a healthy balance of £36,927.21. We had an operating loss of £2,218 in 2023/2024 but grant receipts enabled us to show a small overall profit of £782. The trend is positive and last year's figures show that general Lettings along with Rep Clubs were getting back to normal after the difficulties caused by the Covid pandemic. We also installed a new projector to replace the TV at £2,500 so it has been a positive year overall.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy is to hold approximately the equivalent of one year's expenditure. Reviewed each year. (£14,000) We are currently holding an additional reserve of £14,065 as we intend to refurbish the kitchen and make some other improvements to the building facilities in 2025.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
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	Principal income is from letting of the Sports and Recreational building for Home Education, Brownies, Toddler Group, After School Clubs and various private hires. Plus, Fund Raising, Quiz nights & race nights along with the hire of the sports field by the local football team and youth teams from other villages. In addition, we have in the past received grant support from the Parish Council and a local charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Funds Held in a low-risk bank savings account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Charity has no long-term liabilities or debts and therefore no financial risks. The Building and Sports field are leased for a peppercorn rent from the Parish Council and Dr Radcliffe's Foundation.
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	All Committee members are trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Recreational Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202751
Charity's principal address	Mr Christopher Cooper Combe Pyne Water Lane Steeple Aston OX25 4SB

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity – See attached AGM Minutes.
All committee members are trustees.**

STEEPLE ASTON RECREATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sports & Recreation Centre, Fir Lane, Steeple Aston
22nd May 2024 @ 20.00hrs

Present: Torquil McLusky (TM), Chris Cooper (CC), Alan Peckham (AP); Tony Peck (TP), Lawrence White (LW); John White (JW)

Apologies: Angela Smith (AS), Fiona McLoone (FMcL),

Unfortunately, no other members of the public were in attendance.

No	ITEM	Owner
1.	The minutes of the 19 th October 2023 meeting were generally accepted as the formal record of a Recreational Trust Annual General Meeting. Proposed LW; 2 nd by AP.	
2.	<u>Chairman's Report – Torquil McLusky</u> TM read a statement outlining key points from the last year and thanking all committee members for their support through the last year. <i>(See attached report.)</i>	TM
3.	<u>Treasurer's Report – Chris Cooper</u> CC circulated the current statement of accounts. This showed a healthy balance of £36,927.21 in the bank. However, despite this we were showing an operating loss of (£2,218) in 2023/2024, despite having received a grant from the Parish Council of £1,500. The additional grant of £3,000 from Dr Radcliffe's Foundation enabled us to show a small profit of £782. However, the last year's figures showed that general Lettings along with Rep Clubs were getting back to normal. We also installed a new projector to replace the TV at £2,500 so it has been a positive year overall. <i>(see attached accounts)</i>	CC
4.	<u>Election of Officers</u> <i>(It was agreed by all present that as there were no challengers for any of the posts currently held by the existing committee that it would continue as is.)</i>	

	<p>Chairperson – Torquil McCluskey: Treasurer/Secretary – Chris Cooper:</p> <p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Representing:</p> <p>Parish Council – There would be no rep from the PC, instead this committee would send a rep to the PC Meetings. (TM would take on this role initially)</p> <p>Senior Football – Alan Peckham</p> <p>Toddler Group – Angela Smith</p> <p>Brownies - Fiona McLoone</p> <p>Scouts – as Scouts are not currently running there is no rep.</p> <p>Junior Football – Although Ardley Youth play at Steeple, they will not be sending a rep.</p> <p>Cricket Club – Not rep.</p> <p>Village Reps – Tony Peck, Lawrence White and John White.</p> <p>TM has a possible individual in mind for secretary so will follow this up.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>NONE</p> <p><u>Date of next AGM: May 21st 2025 at 8.00pm in the Recreational Trust Building.</u></p> <p><u>Meeting Closed at 20:30hrs</u></p>	

Chair's Report

Steeple Aston Sport & Rec

Wednesday, 22nd May 2024

It is nice to be back to normal again after all the disruption of the past few years.

We have continued to organise our regular fundraising events: Race Night and Quiz Night in particular are also very popular evenings.

The Football team continues to be the mainstay of the Sport & Rec and we are delighted that as well as the Steeple Aston men's team we are also able to host the juniors from Ardley. It is great that our wonderful facilities are well used and that we are able to support men's and youth sport. Wouldn't it be nice to have a Ladies' team too...

As before Chris Cooper has continued to do a brilliant job coordinating and overseeing what is going on! Chris has also continued to access available Government funds which will be extremely welcome. Chris is standing down as Secretary after tonight's meeting and he deserves a huge thank you for stepping in at short notice to take on the task. The role was only supposed to be temporary but Chris has ended up having to take it on for too long.

As last year, Angela Smith continues to do a good job as our letting agent. As joint letting agent for us and the Village Hall, we are hoping to ensure a more co-ordinated approach. We are also hoping that we can do more promote and market the facilities that are available in the hall. We have an excellent space which is a little bit more friendly in scale than the Village Hall. We also have the unique ability to promote ourselves with the village hall as a double hall venue: that gives us scope to host events that wouldn't be possible in a single hall environment.

The s106 monies from Rectory Homes are available but we need to move quickly as it seems to be "first come first served" when it comes to accessing the monies and as well as the internet the work that is now essential to have done on the kitchen will be quite expensive.

In due course we will look at the other priorities of boiler and insulation.

The following clubs and groups are currently represented:

Parish Council – Charlotte Powell

Senior Football – Alan Peckham

Brownies - Fiona McLoone

Scouts / Bridge – Torquil McLusky (Chair)

Junior Football – TBA

Village Reps – Chris Cooper (Treasurer), Tony Peck, John White, Lawrence White

Youth Club – TBA

School Governors – TBA

Mums & Toddlers – Angela Smith (Letting Agent)

There is also a regular keep fit group that uses the hall every week.

The main fundraising event was as usual the Fireworks on Robinson's Close and we continue to host the Church Fete and Horticultural Society Summer show on the field.

Green Scythe continue to do a good job maintaining the field.

We have continued to access a wide range of funders including the Parish Council who support what we do in providing a village venue. We also continued to work with the other grant giving bodies, especially Dr Radcliffe's Trust to whom we are, as ever, extremely grateful for their support.

Thank you to the committee for all their hard work. We have said it before but it needs repeating that we do need to make a concerted effort to recruit some new faces on to the committee this year.

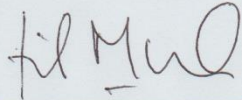
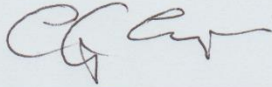
Torquil McLusky

Chair

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Torquil Corbett Wren McLusky	Christopher George Cooper
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chair	Secretary

Date 11th March 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Recreational Trust

1202751

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2023

To

3/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Lettings	4,340	-	-	4,340	-
Fundraising	4,740	-	-	4,740	-
Interest	35	-	-	35	-
Grants	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	14,615	-	-	14,615	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,615	-	-	14,615	-
A3 Payments					
Professional Fees (Insurance)	982	-	-	982	-
Maintenance of Building	298	-	-	298	-
Utilities (Gas, Electricity& Water)	3,457	-	-	3,457	-
Fundraising Costs	1,698	-	-	1,698	-
Field Maintenance	6,679	-	-	6,679	-
General Services	659	-	-	659	-
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,833	-	-	13,833	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,833	-	-	13,833	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	781	-	-	781	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	781	-	-	781	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	8,862	-	-
	Reserve Account	14,000	-	-
	Project Account	14,065 #	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,927	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	