



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024** To **31st March 2025**

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 £36,477.84. We had an operating loss of £4,113.47 in 2024/2025 but grant receipts enabled us to reduce this deficit to £1,113.47. The trend is positive, lettings have increased and fund raising through the year was healthy.
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 £18,664 as we intend to make some other improvements to the building facilities and update the drainage in the Recreation Field.
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:

		Principal income is from letting of the
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	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 trust.
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
21st May 2025 @ 20.00hrs

Present: Torquil McLusky (TM), Chris Cooper (CC), Tony Peck(TP), Lawrence White (LW); John White (JW) Fiona McLoone (FMcL), Stuart Ballie (SB)

Apologies: Alan Peckham (AP) introduced Stuart Baillie as the new SAFC Secretary then withdrew from the meeting. However he stated that he was willing to continue on the committee as a Village Rep.

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

No	ITEM	Owner
1.	The minutes of the 22 nd May 2024 meeting were generally accepted as the formal record of a Recreational Trust Annual General Meeting. Proposed by TM and 2 nd LW.	
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 £36,477.84 in the bank. However, despite this we were showing an operating loss of (£1113.47) in 2024/2025, despite having received a grant from the Parish Council of £2,500, along with an additional grant of £3,000 from Dr Radcliffe's Foundation. This shows how important the support from these two organisations is to maintaining the Rec Trust facilities. Key Points : Income <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lettings have increased overall. After school club has contributed to this.- Fund Raising is down as we did not run a Race Night last year where we usually raise in the region of £1,000. Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Field maintenance costs increased due to additional line marking and an increase in general maintenance.- Building Improvements with the installation of new lighting, cost £500	CC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The key expenditure is gas & electricity which, although prices have increased, is still significant. This needs reviewing. CC will investigate. <p><i>(see attached accounts)</i></p>	
4.	<p><u>Election of Officers</u></p> <p>Chairperson – Torquil McCluskey was proposed by Lawrence White and seconded by Tony Peck.</p> <p>Treasurer – Chris Cooper was proposed by John White and Seconded by Tony Peck.</p> <p>Secretary – No new person had come forward to take on this role so Chris Cooper agreed to continue until a replacement could be found.</p> <p>Committee Members: 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 – Stuart Baillie replaced Alan Peckham who will now sit on the committee as a Village Rep.</p> <p>Toddler Group– No Rep at the moment. CC to chase the new organisers to ask if they will join the committee.</p> <p>Brownies - Fiona McLoone</p> <p>Scouts – We have no scout group so this position is redundant.</p> <p>Junior Football – Although Ardley Youth play at Steeple they are a third party hiring the facilities and are not interested in joining the committee.</p> <p>Cricket Club – No Rep at the moment but TM is talking to a newcomer to the village who wants to restore the training nets for use. So he will ask him if he would join the committee.</p> <p>Village Reps – Tony Peck, Lawrence White, John White Alan Peckham.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>John White asked that as all members of this committee agree to be Trustees then the meetings in future should be referred to as Trustee Meetings. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Date of next AGM : May 20th 2026 at 8.00pm in the Recreational Trust Building.</p> <p><u>Meeting Closed at 20:40hrs</u></p>	

**Chair's Report
Steeple Aston Sport & Rec
Wednesday, 21st May 2025**

As before Chris Cooper has continued to do a brilliant job coordinating and overseeing what is going on! Big thanks to him and the rest of the committee for all their hard work.

As last year, Angela Smith continues to do a very 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. 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. Marketing ourselves more widely is likely to become increasingly important.

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. The internet is now in place and working and we are ready to start the work on the kitchen that is now essential but will be quite expensive. Thank you to Tony for all the work he has done in marshalling the various quotes. In due course we will look at the other priorities of boiler and insulation.

John White has been working very hard behind the scenes to arrange for the Sport & Rec charity to become incorporated and also to take on a formal lease for the building rather than just the current licence to occupy. This will allow us to apply for certain grants that require the charities that apply to have a formal tenancy agreement.

The following clubs and groups are currently represented:

Senior Football – Alan Peckham

Brownies - Fiona McLoone

Bridge – Torquil McLusky (Chair)

Junior Football – TBA

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

Mums & Toddlers – Angela Smith (Letting Agent)

There is also a very active after school club that uses the hall three days per week.

Alan is stepping down today from the football but will be continuing as a Village Rep – thank you for all your hard work on behalf of Village football over the years.

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. We also had an excellent quiz – huge thanks to Fiona and her family for all their hard work. It is becoming a real institution and everyone like the venue!

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.

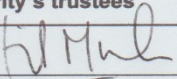
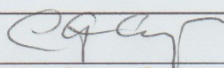
Thank you to the committee for all their hard work. We have said it before but it needs repeating that we do need to make a concerted effort to recruit some new faces on to the committee this year.

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 McLuskey	Christopher George Cooper
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 12th March 2026



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2024

To

3/31/2025

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	5,224	-	-	5,224	-
Fundraising	3,841	-	-	3,841	-
Interest	11	-	-	11	-
Grants	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,576	-	-	14,576	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,576	-	-	14,576	-
A3 Payments					
Professional Fees (Insurance)	928	-	-	928	-
Maintenance of Building	383	-	-	383	-
Utilities (Gas, Electricity& Water)	4,619	-	-	4,619	-
Fundraising Costs	1,814	-	-	1,814	-
Field Maintenance	7,328	-	-	7,328	-
General Services	558	-	-	558	-
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,690	-	-	15,690	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,690	-	-	15,690	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,114	-	-	1,114	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,114	-	-	1,114	-

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	814	-	-
Reserve Account	14,000	-	-
Project Account	21,664 #	-	-
Total cash funds	36,478	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity’s own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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