

FRIENDS OF BIDBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1205351

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-10-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£6,555	£435	-	-
2024-08-31	£29,157	£71,737	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Karen Lesley Vidler		
Katherine Alice Haylock		
Quentin Micheal Stevens		
Sarah Laura Carrick		

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
	09	2024	31	08	2025

From **To**

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Katherine Haylock	Trustee		
2	Sarah Carrick	Trustee		
3	Karen Vidler	Trustee		
4	Quentin Stevens	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution of a charitable incorporated organisation adopted 23rd October 2023
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust established, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointment, election)</small>	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time activities for residents in Bidborough and the neighbouring area.

Friends of Bidborough was established with the charitable purpose of enhancing the local recreation facilities for the benefit of the community of Bidborough and surrounding areas, with a particular focus on the development of a new village play park. The objective was to create a safe, inclusive, and engaging space where children of all ages and abilities can play, explore, and connect with others, while also offering a welcoming area for families to gather and enjoy outdoor activities.

During the reporting period, the charity did not hold any fundraising events but received a grant towards the new children's playground. The trustees also started organising a village fete for the period outside of the reporting period.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and delivering these activities. They are satisfied that the charity's work to improve recreational opportunities for children and families in Bidborough clearly serves a public benefit and aligns with its charitable objectives.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As trustees of Friends of Bidborough we have achieved our initial goal of opening a new community play park.

The minimal funds currently held will be used to maintain the upkeep of the play area and provide a reserve of money for future fundraising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Sarah Carrick 21/02/26

Full name(s) Sarah Carrick

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 06.02.2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Bidborough

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2024	To	Period end date 31.08.2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tescos Grant	500	-	-	500	-
Programme Sales	940	-	-	940	-
Raffle Ticket Sales	115	-	-	115	-
Loan from BCC	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,555	-	-	6,555	23,950
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,555	-	-	6,555	23,950
A3 Payments					
Bench	335	-	-	335	-
Gift Voucher	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	435	-	-	435	72,254
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	435	-	-	435	72,254
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,120	-	-	6,120	48,304
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,120	-	-	6,120	48,304

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	Current Account	6,120	-	-
	Savings Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,120	-	-

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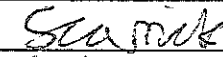

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sarah Carrick	11/2/26
	Katherine Haylock	11.2.2026

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During the reporting period, the charity undertook a number of fundraising and community focused initiatives to support this goal, including:

- Hosting village events such as a Ceilidh & family fun days.
- Applying for relevant grants and liaising with local authorities on site planning and development;
- Conducting community consultations to gather feedback on design features and accessibility needs.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and delivering these activities. They are satisfied that the charity's work to improve recreational opportunities for children and families in Bidborough clearly serves a public benefit and aligns with its charitable objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In April 2024, we proudly opened a brand new play area, providing a safe, inclusive, and engaging space for children and families in Bidborough. This new facility has quickly become a valued local resource, supporting physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being for young people.

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Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Sarah Carrick

Full name(s)

Sarah

Carrick

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 11.06.2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Bidborough Play Park

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Bidborough Play Park for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the *Charities Act 2011* ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the Act.

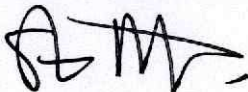
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date: 19th June 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	23.10.23	To	31.08.24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Ceilidh	2,997	-	-	2,997	-
Park Opening Party	663	-	-	663	-
Donations	20,428	-	-	20,428	-
Giftaid	3,939	-	-	3,939	-
Charities Trust donation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Halloween Horses	130	-	-	130	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,157	-	-	29,157	16,730
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,157	-	-	29,157	16,730
A3 Payments					
Ceilidh overheads	1,396	-	-	1,396	-
Park Opening Party Overheads	341	-	-	341	-
Payment to Bidborough Parish Council	60,000	-	-	60,000	-
Groundworks	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Kompan Contribution	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	71,737	-	-	71,737	2,111
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,737	-	-	71,737	2,111
Net of receipts/(payments)					14,619
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	£46,002.00	-
Cash funds this year end	954	-	-	734	14,619

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	Current Account	954	-	-
	Savings Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	954	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

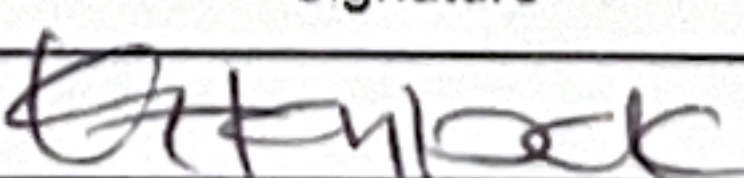
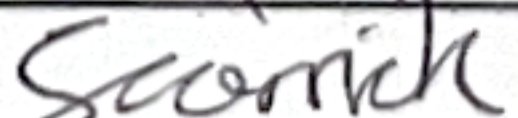
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	n/a	-	-	-
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	n/a		-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	n/a		-	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Katherine Haylock	23/6/25
	Sarah Carrick	25/6/25