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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section AReference and administration details

Charity name	Cowling Recreation Ground and War Memorial Charity
Other names charity is known by	RGMC
Registered charity number (if any)	1205753
Charity's principal address	Rosebud House, Keighly Road, Cowling
Postcode	BD22 0BH

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	Laura Tallant	Chairperson	Since inception	All trustees – by vote
2	James Cole	Treasurer	Since inception	All trustees – by vote
3	Ben Howe	Secretary	Since inception	All trustees – by vote
4	Ernest Hall	Vice Chairperson	Since inception	All trustees – by vote
5	Elliott Swenson		21 November 2024	All trustees – by vote
6	Alex Glover		Since inception	All trustees – by vote
7	Owen Lewis		Since inception	All trustees – by vote
8	Gillian Taylor	Clerk	Since inception	All trustees – by vote
9	Victoria Howe		5 September 2024	All trustees – by vote
10	Caz Zeyrek		Since inception	All trustees – by vote
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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
None	

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election

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.

[Appointment, Resignation and Expectations of Trustees and Associates](#)
[CCTV & Request for Data Policy](#)
[CCTV Privacy Impact Policy](#)
[Complaint Policy and Procedure](#)
[Donations & Sponsorship Policy](#)
[Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)
[Financial Controls Policy](#)
[GDPR Policy](#)
[Safeguarding Policy](#)
[Safe Guarding and CCTV Access](#)

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the charity is, in the interests of social welfare, to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the cowling without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of a Recreation Ground and War Memorial Remembrance Garden.

The activities undertaking for the public benefit are focussed on the rejuvenation of the village Recreation Ground (Rec) so that it provides a space for the public, of all ages and abilities as set out in our EDI policy, which encourages activity, social interaction, recreation, enjoyment and relaxation.

To this end the charity is tasked with raising the necessary funds to enable the achievement of these goals

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)

Before the Establishment of the Charity

Cowling is a rural North Yorkshire village bisected by the busy A6068. In the past the village enjoyed community events such as an annual gala, which also closed the road to allow a procession. A tennis court existed in the community Recreation Ground (Rec) and small businesses thrived.

However, over the years small businesses closed, the tennis court club house was vandalised and eventually burned down signalling the end of the tennis club, and the busy A road became the main connector between Leeds and the A65 making this an extremely dangerous and noisy road, so much so that the village was denied a replacement lollipop crossing guard as it was deemed too dangerous

The Recreation Ground (Rec) was rarely used for events and what remains of the play equipment became old and dilapidated, and the community spirit gradually eroded. Even the footpath is so poorly maintained, wheelchair and push chair users cannot use it, and people with mobility issues would find it extremely difficult and cumbersome

Anti-social behaviour had become rife in the Rec and the village was reduced to being purely a commuter village.

Parents wanting to provide an afternoon's entertainment for their children, or to have picnics, or to kick a ball about visited other villages given the lack amenities in Cowling. The war memorial is positioned at the entrance to the Rec and the annual Remembrance Day is held with few people showing up.

Despite the fact the Cowling has a well-regarded primary school, activities were food outside the village, fragmenting the social connections and isolating people

Formation of the Charity

Essentially - we're a community-based group, aiming to harness community skills and input, to deliver what the community tells us it needs, so the we can build on what was becoming a fragmented community.

Our charity was formed with a very small group of local residents determined to "bring back the old days". We committed to rejuvenating the Rec, provide a safe and enjoyable space for all to enjoy with relevant, accessible and inclusive amenities and in so doing, reunite the village,

provide a setting for people to meet and enjoy the outdoors, to make acquaintances and friendships and to feel a sense of belonging.

This small group formed a charity in the hope of being able to access relevant grants and funds to achieve our goals.

With no money, we rely on goodwill and donations, and the Parish Council were generous with initial donations which helped lay the groundwork for what we wanted to achieve.

At first, we were off to a slow start as things have been started in the past and dropped. We constantly heard that we would grow tired of it and it would fail and we struggled to create interest, but the group, most of whom are parents, persevered.

The Work Undertaken

Drainage and Phase 1 Play Equipment

Our group designed and managed the installation of much needed drainage into the Rec, and once this was done we were able to install first phase play equipment - selected on the basis of public consultation as well as input from the local school. This changed everything. The community could see this was happening, and more and more have become involved - of all ages.

A big focus was accessibility and inclusion, and equipment selected had to meet these criteria. We viewed this as a success as a child using a wheelchair is regularly brought to the Rec by her mother who spins her around on the accessible roundabout. Not only was this not possible before, it was not desirable due to the anti-social elements which prevailed in the run down area.

Installation of CCTV

This was welcomed by residents and no objections received. Polices are in place to support the use of CCTV

Hosting a Community Festival

The Grand Opening of the new play area was timed with our Community Festival which we hosted. A free festival for the village made possible through donations.

The red ribbon, officially opening the new play area, which was kitted out with accessible and inclusive equipment, was cut by one of the local children (name pulled from a hat by our local County Councillor) which then saw a sea of children surge onto the play equipment. A sight not seen for decades! Entertainment, games and food continued into the early evening

Community Built Pump Track

Another great example of our community-based approach is the Pump track which has just been completed and less than a tenth of the price of a commercially built one to the same spec. The Trustee in charge of this project (a local resident) researched the technicalities required for a pump track, used his own expertise to design and plot it out, and using over 1000 hours of volunteer labour, which included youngsters from the village, as well as sponsorships from local companies and the North Yorkshire County Council, the pump track has been complete.

This required weekends be given up. Local residents, including youngsters, arrived to help, teas and coffee stations voluntary set up, and

even before the surface was finally finished off, the pump track instantly became a central hub.

One of the youngsters who spent every weekend he had to help build the pump track was given the honour of pressing the button to start the fire works at a Bonfire Night hosted by our charity.

Please see this newspaper article about this project - <https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/25147520.world-champion-special-guest-opening-pump-track/>

This provided an opportunity for youngsters to get involved in their community - to build something for themselves - and to feel a sense of ownership.

No longer are we blighted with anti-social behaviour in the Rec.

Offers of Help and a 7 aside Football Pitch

We are contacted regularly with offers of help - we were recently offered 4 picnic benches a resident involved in clearances had acquired. He donated 1 and the remaining 3 were sold to us at a very small cost. The local football club sold us goals for a vastly reduced price and provided free line markings for the newly installed 7 aside pitch.

Unlike the days of the past when the Rec was empty, with aging equipment and subjected to anti-social behaviour, today youngsters can be seen on the pump track, on the play equipment or even playing soccer or a game of rounders.

Community Bonfire Night – Bringing back “the old days”

Our charity hosted the first bonfire night in decades last year. We asked for wood donation and the community rallied providing us with an incredibly impressive bonfire. Whilst co-ordinating the drop of an elderly resident commented "this is just like the old days. The community spirit is coming back"

Measuring Success

We have not scientifically measured or assessed our impact, but we intend to. Our Facebook page surprisingly has a lot of local youngsters who have "followed" - surprising because the youngsters don't use Facebook now days, but this is a central communication point about the Rec and it's gaining interest.

What we have done recently is set up a Community Survey - paper based and on-line and ensure we distributed this through the local schools.

The results of the survey are broken down by age and has helped us understand our next tasks which, surprisingly, across all age groups, asks for an accessible footpath right around the Rec. They also ask for outdoor gym equipment and a few other things

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.

All this is covered in the above section

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Details are contained in Section C, but the achievements are listed as follows:

Tangible Achievements

- Installation of the drainage system
- Installation of accessible and inclusive play equipment
- Completion of a Community Built Pump track
- Development of Wilding Areas in the Rec
- Installation of CCTV
- Hosted a free Community Festival which served as a Grand Opening for the new play equipment
- Hosted a bonfire night – the first in decades.
- Built a Pump Track
- Reduced anti-social behaviour to almost zero
- Conducted consultations including a community survey – which targeted all age groups

Intangible Achievements

- Achieved a goal of the Rec being used by all ages for enjoyment – children and adults can be seen enjoying the Rec most days which was not what was happening prior to the formation of the charity
- United the village behind this goal
- Reignited Community Spirit

Section D**Achievements and performance****Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

There is not specific policy on reserves

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)	<i>Laura Tallant</i>	<i>James Cole</i>
Full name(s)	Laura Tallant	James Cole
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	20 June 2025	

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Agent Delivery Events

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Certified Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Carbon Copy Events	Status	Timestamp
Witness Events	Signature	Timestamp
Notary Events	Signature	Timestamp
Envelope Summary Events	Status	Timestamps
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Payment Events	Status	Timestamps



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Cowling Recreational Ground & Memorial Garden Charity	1205753

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	16/11/2023	To	31/12/2024
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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					
Donation - Cowling PC	10,100	-	-	10,100	-
Donation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Donation Matrix ABC	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Football Donation	50	-	-	50	-
Cash Donations - Fair	1,257	-	-	1,257	-
CAROLINE ZEYREK Donation	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
NYCC Grant	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Donation - Bonfire	2,201	-	-	2,201	-
Cash Donation	20	-	-	20	-
Donation - B Holgate	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,728	4,000	-	22,728	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,728	4,000	-	22,728	-
A3 Payments					
Service Charge	15	-	-	15	-
B/P to: H.A McEwen	1,530	-	-	1,530	-
B/P to: Hullah Contractors	271	-	-	271	-
B/P to: Whitelock	515	-	-	515	-
B/P to: Whitelock	525	-	-	525	-
B/P to: Sutton Aerials	2,919	-	-	2,919	-
B/P to: Whitelock	512	-	-	512	-
B/P to: Whitelock	559	-	-	559	-
Service Charge	18	-	-	18	-
B/P to: Whitelock	570	-	-	570	-
Service Charge	5	-	-	5	-
B/P to: Benjamin Howe	78	-	-	78	-
B/P to: Benjamin Howe	35	-	-	35	-
B/P to: CMYK Burnley LTD	408	-	-	408	-
Service Charge	6	-	-	6	-
B/P to: Benjamin Howe	23	-	-	23	-
B/P to: Laura Tallant	9	-	-	9	-
B/P to: Owen J Lewis	290	-	-	290	-
Service Charge	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,294	-	-	8,294	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,294	-	-	8,294	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,435	4,000	-	14,435	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	10,435	4,000	-	14,435	-

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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				
		10,435	4,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,435	4,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		James Cole	8/5/25
		ERNEST HALL	8/5/25