

Ward Freman Community Pool Group CIO
Charity Number: 1207746
Registered Office: 52 Oak End, Buntingford SG9 9BU
Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report and the financial statement of Ward Freman Community Pool Group CIO (WFCPG) for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The WFCPG was established to promote for the benefit of the public at large, in particular but not exclusively those living in Hertfordshire and the surrounding areas, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

The first facility it wishes to provide is the Ward Freman swimming pool, which was closed by the local authority in December 2023.

Charitable Activities

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Achievements and Performance

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Financial Review

We continue to build reserves in anticipation of the freehold transfer (April 2026) when our Phase One repairs will commence. Expenditure has therefore been on expenses incurred during fundraising activities and insurance.

WFCPG has generated a Total Income for the year ending 31st December 2025 of £33,430, with Expenditure of £4,956. This equates to Net Income of £28,474.

Year to end Dec	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Other Trading Activities	6,564	7,843
Donations & legacies	25,399	6,923
Grants	1,000	1,000
Investment income (Interest)	468	105
Total	33,430	15,871
Expenditure		
General Trading Expenses	1,810	1,552
Insurance & other fees	3,146	1,370
Total	4,956	2,922
Net Income	28,474	12,949

At the end of December 2025, the Balance Sheet for WFCPG had Total Assets of £41,424 (held in three linked NatWest bank accounts). There were zero liabilities.

Structure, governance and management

The WFCPG is governed by our constitution as agreed on 5th April 2024 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). First Trustees were recruited following public consultation in January 2024 and hold office for either 4 or 3 years ensuring that all trustees do not step down at the same time.

The first charity trustees are as follows, and are appointed for the following terms:

Frazer Willett for 4 years
Joanne Willett for 4 years
Philip Wylie for 4 years
Sheila White for 4 years
Ian Ballantyne for 3 years
Linda Roberts for 3 years
Tim Miller for 3 years
Alison Barr for 3 years

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

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Full name: Philip John Wylie

Position: Treasurer

Date: 15/4/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ward Freman Community Pool Group CIO for the year ended 31st December 2025.

As the charity's trustees, 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 section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



Karen Thomson ACMA
15 Bishop Way,
Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 9SL

15th April 2026