

COMMON PASTURE (EXCLUSIVE OF THE CLARE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION)

England & Wales · Charity number 206513

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-09-22

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

Contact

Address The Old School
Callis Street
Clare
Sudbury
Suffolk
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Activities

Objects: GENERAL BENEFIT OF THE POOR.

Activities: Individual beneficiaries must reside in the parish of Clare. Organisations that are beneficiaries must carry out their operations in the parish of Clare.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ANCIENT PARISH OF CLARE
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,613	£14,630	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,236	£21,625	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,942	£42,893	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,830	£13,284	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,784	£6,401	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NIGEL ROBERT PARTRIDGE	Chair	2011-04-04
ANDY GILL		
ANNIE JONES		2025-04-22
Alan Mayle		2018-04-17
CAROLINE ANNE VANDER MEERSCH		2024-02-20
Charles Swan		2023-09-19
Christine Little		2023-11-21
Fiona Cowie		2023-09-19
Rev Mark Jason Woodrow		2021-04-01
Sarah Ruth Walters		2022-09-20

Linked charities

- ALMSHOUSES CHARITY AND THE BRIDEWELL MEADOW CHARITY (206513-1)
- WILLIAM CADGE (EXCLUSIVE OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF WILLIAM CADGE) (206513-3)
- POOR'S LAND OR GOOSE CROFT (206513-4)
- COLLINS DOLE (206513-5)

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Trustees' annual report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Clare Combined Charities
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	206513
Charity's principal address	The Old School, Callis Street, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk
Postcode	CO10 8PX

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 Nigel Partridge	Chair		
2 Andy Gill	Vice-Chair		
3 Caroline Vander Meersch	Treasurer		
4 Fiona Cowie			
5 Sarah Walters			
6 Annie Jones			
7 Christine Little			
8 Alan Mayle			
9 Charles Swan			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed every four years at the Trustee Meeting held in April.

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

The trustees oversee the day to day running of the charity.

All policies have been recently formulated or reviewed. They will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

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

Clare Combined Charities is a small Charity which owns and manages land and property in and around the town of Clare, namely the Almshouses situated next to Clare Parish Church, the Upper and Lower common (including the allotments) and two other small areas of agricultural land on the outskirts of Clare.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

All income contributes to the running of the responsibilities of the Charity and also provides support for people of Clare in need and educational grants to young people.

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

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme for the Upper Common continues to be monitored by the Trustees to ensure that it remains of benefit to the wildlife and environment. The new trees and hedge row have been inspected and where necessary certain areas have been replanted. Ideas are being discussed for the future use of the nearby derelict barns and whether they could be of benefit to the local community.

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The scheme for the renovation of the Almshouses continues. One property has recently been refurbished and quotes are being sought to refurbish a second dwelling.

A quinquennial survey was carried out June 2025 and the Trustees will look and act upon recommendations.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Financial review

<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p>	<p>Cash balances at 31 March 2024 were £31,278, all of which were in unrestricted funds. Funds are held to cover 6 months' worth of expenditure, approximately £10k, in the case of loss of income.</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p>	<p>None</p>

Further financial review details: (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p>	<p>The charity's principal source of funds is rental income from its land holdings and buildings. Funding is at risk if rental values decrease or vacancies arise that cannot be filled among its land holdings and buildings. The charity has received grants from The Rural Payments agency for specific works carried out on its land holdings and the charity cannot rely on receiving such further grants in the future.</p> <p>Costs are incurred in maintaining the land holdings and in ongoing investment in the Almshouses that are provided at low rent to people in need of affordable housing.</p>
<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).</p>	
<p>How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.</p>	
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.</p>	

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<p>Signature(s)</p>	<p><i>Nigel Partridge</i></p>	
<p>Full name(s)</p>	<p>Chair</p>	
<p>Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)</p>		

Date

30th January 2025



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Report to the trustees/ Set out on the attached

Charity	Name	Clare
Combined Charities		

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None to report



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Income and expenditure: year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Receipts		
Grants	15,477	26,825
Rental income	8,371	7,634
Investment income	2,766	2,776
Total income	<u>26,613</u>	<u>37,236</u>
Payments		
Investment activities	(5,907)	(15,410)
Charitable activities	(8,723)	(6,215)
Total expenses	<u>(14,630)</u>	<u>(21,625)</u>
(Loss)/gain on investment	(4,738)	8,418
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>7,245</u>	<u>24,029</u>
Funds brought forward	132,966	108,938
Funds carried forward	<u>140,211</u>	<u>132,966</u>
Investments: COIF	96,951	101,689
Cash and bank	43,261	31,278
Closing Funds	<u>140,211</u>	<u>132,966</u>

I confirm that I have examined the accounting records of Clare Combined Charities for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Colin Barrable
Independent Examiner



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Gain/loss on investment	8,418	(11,300)
Net income/(expenditure)	24,029	(33,255)
Funds brought forward	108,938	142,193
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