

THE TRUSTEES OF THE BELCHAMP ST. PAUL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Registered Charity Number 211460
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Principal Objectives.

To further or benefit the residents of the civil parish of Belchamp St Paul and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for leisure-time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of the life of the residents. In furtherance of these objects but otherwise the trustees shall have the power to maintain and manage the community centre known as the Community House and its grounds for the use of the habitants of the area of benefit including the use for social interest groups, the pursuance of cultural, art and craft activities, and for the purposes of improving health, social cohesion, and reducing loneliness.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities.

The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity. The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the results of the Charity for that year and to maintain throughout the year proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity.

During the year the following served as Trustees:-

Mr. D. McKee Ex officio (P.C.) **Chairman.**
Mr. A. Money (Belchamp Otten) co-opted.
Mrs. K. Miller (Belchamp St. Paul) co-opted.
Mrs V. Bridge (Belchamp Otten) co-opted.
Mr J. Broad (Belchamp St Paul) co-opted. Treasurer.
Mrs S. Mardon (Belchamp Otten) co-opted (Resigned 15.11.25)
Mr. C. Waite (Belchamp St Paul) co-opted.
Mr. D. Curran (Belchamp St Paul) co-opted

The Trustees held formal meetings on eight occasions.

Activities throughout the year:-

During the year the Community House was used by the following local organisations:-

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Parish Council. | 5. The Belchamp Art Group |
| 2. The Belchamp Morris Men. | 6. Belchamp St Paul PCC |
| 3. The Belchamp Tennis Club | 7. Belchamps Events Group |
| 4. Tai Chi and Yoga Group | 8. Shellingfords Dining |

The House was also used by local inhabitants and others for private functions and achieved a substantial increase in bookings almost doubling the income against the previous year.

Work was begun on the energy saving project (CHESP) with all of the double glazed windows being replaced with more energy efficient units. A deposit was paid to the contractor ahead of work commencing in January 2026 to internally insulate and improve the thermal efficiency of both the club room and main hall along with a new floor, re-decoration and upgrading of electrical wiring.

Grants towards CHESP were received from BSR Energy and ACRE. There was a fund raising event held, a bequest from a deceased residents estate and a grant from the Essex Community Fund for a fire door.

BELCHAMP ST PAUL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 31.12.25

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 211460

20 25

£

£

2024

£

£

HIRE OF HOUSE

Income

Hire of House 9,884
 Electricity Meters etc. 403
 Water Refund 166

✓

5,835

Expenses

Heat & Light (1,756)
 Fire and Security (880)
 Cleaning (2,705)
 Advertising (122)

✓

(2,029)

Net Profit (Loss) from Hire of House

4,991

1,802

LETTING OF FLAT

Income

Water charge 438
 Rent 6,793

✓

284

Expenses

Flat repairs (592)

✓

6,660

Net Income from Letting of Flat

6,639

6,634

DONATIONS/GRANTS/FUND RAISING

Friends of Belchamp Otten 470
 Christine Basham 1,000
 Essex Community Fund grant 920
 USA Donation 10
 J Broad 185
 Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Otten PC 81
 BSR Energy Ltd 25,000
 ACRE 13,971

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

253

Total Donations

41,637

253

TENNIS COURTS

Tennis Club Rent 270

✓

220

Net Profit from Tennis Club

270

220

INVESTMENT INCOME

Cornelius Trust Dividends and Interest 1,228
 Scottish Widows Interest 6
 National Savings Interest 3
 Business Premium Account 202

✓

1,266

✓

8

✓

4

✓

152

Total Investment Income

1,439

1,430

UNALLOCATED EXPENSES

Insurance (2,504)
 Water Rates (1,036)
 Repairs (820)
 Grounds Maint. (wages, petrol, mower) (400)
 Miscellaneous (110)
 CHESP (33,231)
 Sundries

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

(2,364)

(564)

(592)

(266)

(432)

Net Surplus (Loss) for the Year

TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPS

(38,101)

16,874

(4,218)

6,121

BARCLAYS CURRENT ACCOUNT
BARCLAYS BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT
NATIONAL SAVINGS
SCOTTISH WIDOWS
Cash In Hand

<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
14,042 ✓	12,918
26,966 ✓	10,264
- ✓	440
- ✓	511
41,008 ✓	24,133

Flat deposit held by Deposit Protection Service

1,000 1,000

Flat deposit Received from Tenant

-1,000 - 1,000

Cash Assets at Start of Year
Liquidated Cornelius Funds
Profit (Loss) for the Year
Cash Assets at End of Year
Cornelius Fund Value
Total Assets

24,134	18,013
<u>16874</u>	<u>6,121</u>
41008	24,134
<u>43,480</u>	<u>40,699</u>
84,488*	64,833

Total Assets at end of period comprise :

Total	Free Funds	Restricted	Designated
5,740			5,740
4,608	✓		4,608
43,480		21,740	
<u>30660</u>		<u>30660</u>	
84488	✓	52400	10,348
		21,740	

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

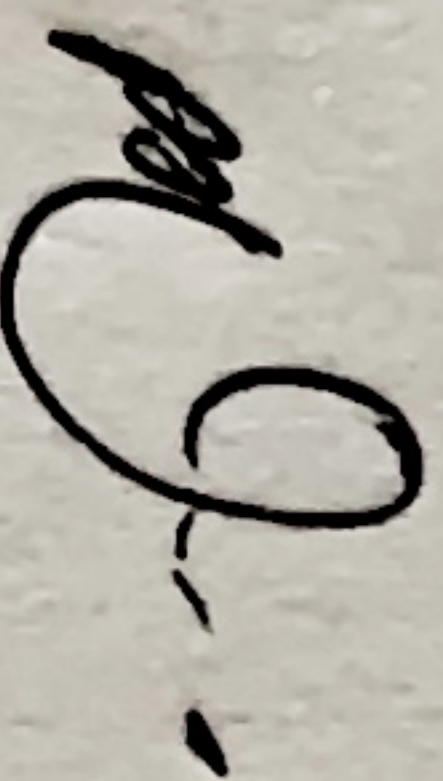
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed :



Date:

10/3/26.

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