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St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd
Company Information

Directors

R Jenyon
V Thwaites
C Aitken
M Haley
J Hodgson

Secretary

E Levitan

Accountants

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Registered number

676963

Charity registration number

241341

St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activities

The object and principal activity of the society continued to be that of promoting the preservation of the woodlands known as St Helens Park in the borough of Hastings and the protection of its wildlife.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

R Jenyon
V Thwaites
C Aitken
M Haley
J Hodgson

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity has maintained and improved St Helens Woods and the councillors are satisfied with the performance during the year. The summer fayre is scheduled to take place on 28th June 2025.

Annual fees for water discharge from properties in Shining Cliff, donations and other income provide the charity with income for the maintenance and improvement of the woodland and protection of its wildlife.

The Society's Barbeque Site in the woods is available for hire throughout the year. There is no charge for this facility but donations to the Society's funds are invited.

Public benefit

In setting the Charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Social investment policies

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The Charity relies on volunteers to assist the trustees to carry on its charitable activities.

Financial review

The Charity is satisfied with the financial position at this time.

Policy on reserves

Free reserves, that is reserves not represented by tangible fixed assets or restricted funds, held at 31st March 2025 totalled £319059. It is the policy of the trustees to accumulate funds to enable the charity to acquire further land in the St Helens Park area as and when it becomes available.

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Principal funding sources

The charity's summer fayre, investment income, grazing rights and drainage wayleave remain the main sources of income.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity continues its policy of long term investment and is satisfied with the returns from the investments. There are no new funds for longer term investment.

The trustees consider the investment policy to be right for the society with the main income from investments being interest receivable.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee by its memorandum and articles of association. The Company was incorporated on the 5th December 1960. In the event of the Company being wound up whilst still a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member, the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding 25 pence.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Directors of the Company are also the Trustees for the purpose of Charity law and Company law. Under the Company's Articles of Association they are known as Councillors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association a new member of the Council shall retain Office until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the members of the Council who are to retire by rotation. The Councillors maintain a broad skill mix.

Induction and training of trustees

There is no formal training programme for new trustees. Existing trustees provide the required training.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

No trustee receives any remuneration

Relationships with related parties

Trustees

There are no material related party expenses

All trustee related party expenses are incurred on behalf of the Charity.

Major risks and management of those risks

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances, cash trade and other receivables and investments.

The Charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its income.

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long term and short term finance.

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The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been assessed by the trustees and they are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate those risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of St Helens Park Preservation Society Limited, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the provisions in part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business;

prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and directors on the 8th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R Jenyon
Trustee

St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd

Accountants' Report

Accountants' report to the directors of St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd

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 under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 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 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 a 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 material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Richard Bourne FAIA
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8th June 2025

St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total
Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Notes	2025 £	2,024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	8	12,690	10,511
Charitable activities	9	13,591	12,575
Investments	10	6,255	5,220
Total income		<u>32,536</u>	<u>28,306</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	11	(17,655)	(14,676)
Governance	12	(934)	(913)
Total expenditure		<u>(18,589)</u>	<u>(15,589)</u>
Gains/(Losses) on investments	4	4,026	585
Net Income		<u>17,973</u>	<u>13,302</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>462,778</u>	<u>449,476</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>480,751</u>	<u>462,778</u>

St Helens Park Preservation Society Ltd**Registered number:** 00676963**Balance Sheet****as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	139,671	141,730
Investments	4	46,356	42,330
		<u>186,027</u>	<u>184,060</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	5	3,204	4,114
Cash at bank and in hand		297,243	281,064
		<u>300,447</u>	<u>285,178</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(6,460)	(6,460)
Net current assets		<u>293,987</u>	<u>278,718</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>480,014</u>	<u>462,778</u>
Net assets		<u>480,014</u>	<u>462,778</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		480,014	462,778
Shareholders' funds		<u>480,014</u>	<u>462,778</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

R Jenyon

Director

Approved by the board on 8 June 2025

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resource;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resource; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been a grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either in the control of the charity or have been met.

Charitable activities

Income arises through the charity's activities and services provided for the benefit of its beneficiaries.

Expenditure

Expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for the benefit of its beneficiaries. It includes costs allocated directly to such activities and indirectly in support of those activities

Raising funds

Fundraising events include the summer fayre, the net income of which is shown in the accounts.

Governance costs

These include costs attributable to compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including independent examination, strategic management and Trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Investments

Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and market value at the start of the year and are shown in the statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Plant and machinery	over 10 years

2 Employees	2025 Number	2024 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	-	-

3 Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery etc £	Total £
Cost			
Brought Forward	142,315	17,056	159,371
Carried Forward	<u>142,315</u>	<u>17,056</u>	<u>159,371</u>
Depreciation			
Brought Forward	4,573	13,068	17,641
Charge for the year	353	1,706	2,059
Carried Forward	<u>4,926</u>	<u>14,774</u>	<u>19,700</u>
Net book value			
At 31st March 2025	<u>137,389</u>	<u>2,282</u>	<u>139,671</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>137,742</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>141,730</u>

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4 Investments

Other Investments:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Brought Forward	42330.00	41,745
Revaluation	4026.00	585
Carried Forward	<u>46,356</u>	<u>42,330</u>

5 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	3,204	4,114
	<u>3,204</u>	<u>4,114</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	6,460	6,460
	<u>6,460</u>	<u>6,460</u>

7 Charity status

The Charity is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute £0.25p towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

8 Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	-	-
Donations from individuals - unrestricted	666	511
Donations from individuals - restricted	12,024	10,000
	<u>12,690</u>	<u>10,511</u>

9 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds:	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Summer fayre	2,512	1,535
Product Sales	-	120
Rental Income	960	960
Grazing rights	2,760	2,760
Drainage wayleave	7,200	7,200
Sundry Income	159	-
	<u>13,591</u>	<u>12,575</u>

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10 Investment Income

Unrestricted funds:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other investment income	6,255	5,220

11 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted funds:		
Woodland maintenance	10,382	9,792
Establishment expenses	2,982	2,621
Office expenses	260	152
Depreciation of tangible assets	2,059	2,059
Advertising and Sundry	222	52
	<u>15,905</u>	<u>14,676</u>
Restricted funds:		
Park Bench	1,750	-
	<u>17,655</u>	<u>14,676</u>

12 Analysis of governance costs

Unrestricted funds:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	934	913

13 Funds

Unrestricted funds:	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	452,778	449,476
Incoming resources	20,512	18,306
Resources expended	(16,839)	(15,589)
Other recognised gains/(losses)	4,026	585
Balance carried forward	<u>460,477</u>	<u>452,778</u>
Restricted funds:	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	10,000	-
Incoming resources	12,024	10,000
Resources expended	(2,490)	-
Balance carried forward	<u>19,534</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted general funds	2025	2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	139,671	141,730
Investments	46,356	42,330
Current assets	280,913	275,178
Current liabilities	(6,460)	(6,460)
Total Net assets	<u>460,480</u>	<u>452,778</u>
 Restricted funds	 2025	 2024
	£	£
Current assets	19,534	10,000
Total Net assets	<u>19,534</u>	<u>10,000</u>

15 Other information

St Helens Park Preservation Society Limited is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. It's registered office is:
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 St Leonards on Sea
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