



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Charity name: Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Charity registration number: 252683

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	In the interests of social welfare, to improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Playing Field is open daily for use by children and families in the village</p> <p>Together with the Parish Council, it was decided that, for a variety of reasons, the plans for a new Reading Room were simply no longer attainable at the present time. It was therefore decided that the funds raised so far would be utilised to renovate the Reading Room as extensively as those funds allowed and these works commenced in February 2022 and are ongoing.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee has carefully considered the Public Benefit Guidance issued by the Charity Commission and is satisfied that the Charity meets these requirements both in its objects and by furtherance of those objectives in the day to day undertaking of its charitable activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make grants.
	Para 1.38	The Charity relies solely on the Contributions of the Parish Councillors acting on behalf of the Parish Council as

Policy on social investment including program related investment		Trustee and the contributions of members of the local community who have been responsible for raising funds for the 'Hug' Project for the Reading Room Renovation.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year the refurbishment of the village Hall continued to be the main project undertaken by the Management Committee.</p> <p>Following the extensive renovations, the letting income from the Hall has continued to increase significantly and further improvements have enhanced its reputation as an attractive venue to potential hirers. The online booking system is now successfully established. The income from the hire of the Hall together with the income from the weekly village Hug café has been pivotal to the Charity meeting its budgetary target once again in the financial year ended 31 March 2025. Other sources of income from the Village Lottery, village events and contributions from Silverstone Circuit, have enhanced the incoming funds of the Charity. The Trustee ensures that overheads continued to be kept to an absolute minimum, however the cost of heating continues to be the most significant cost incurred. The Management Committee, on behalf of the Trustee are making every effort to ensure that this overhead is kept to the minimum level possible and negotiating the most favourable tariffs available.</p> <p>In June 2024 the first Open Whittlebury Event was staged and was a great success both for the Community and for its financial results also. Once again, the efforts of the Organising Committee ensured the success of the Event and the Charity wishes to record sincere thanks and appreciation to all those involved. It is intended to repeat this Event in June 2026.</p>

		<p>The Hug Café continues to be a popular venue for villagers and this is held most weeks throughout the year. The efforts by the small group of individuals who run the café and bake each week are enormously appreciated.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's financial position is considered adequate as at 31 March 2025
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves comprise approximately two year's core overheads should there be no income arising in that period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,271
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Scheme – Approval by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 15 July 2003
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Whittlebury Parish Council is empowered to act as Trustee under the Scheme

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252683
Charity's principal address	Whittlebury Reading Room High Street Whittlebury Towcester Northamptonshire NN12 8XJ

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	Whittlebury Parish Council			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	RWE Harrington	
Full name(s)	Roger Harrington	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	1 October 2025 RH 14th November 2025	RH 31st. October 2025



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.04.2024

To

31.03.2025

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					
Hall / Room Hire	9,973	-	-	9,973	-
Donations	40	23,880	-	23,920	-
Hug Café	5,895	-	-	5,895	-
Fund raising events	3,227	-	-	3,227	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society Interest	74	-	-	74	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,209	23,880	-	43,089	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,209	23,880	-	43,089	-
A3 Payments					
Utilities	4,376	-	-	4,376	-
Salaries	1,650	-	-	1,650	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,849	23,880	-	26,729	-
Insurance	986	-	-	986	-
PRS and licencing costs	252	-	-	252	-
Mowing	1,850	-	-	1,850	-
Sundry expenses	1,074	-	-	1,074	-
Bank Charges	84	-	-	84	-
Reading Room Renovation Project	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,121	23,880	-	37,001	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,121	23,880	-	37,001	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,088	-	-	6,088	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,183	23,439	-	37,622	-
Cash funds this year end	20,271	23,439	-	43,710	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Unity Trust Bank	15,382	23,439	-
Market Harbrough Buuilding Society	4,889	-	-
Total cash funds	20,271	23,439	

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>RWE Harrington</i>	ROGER HARRINGTON	14/11/25
		31/10/25

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Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field

Year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Whittlebury Reading Room and Playing Field (charity number 252683)

I report to the charity trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which include the Trustees' Annual Report (pages 1 to 8) and the Receipts and Payments Accounts (pages 1 and 2).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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31 October 2025