



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
<b>From</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2023	<b>To</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Childrey Playing Field Trust

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 273903

**Charity's principal address** Childrey Playing Field Trust

C/O David Pegg, The Old Bakery, High Street

Childrey, Oxfordshire

**Postcode**

OX12 9UA

### 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	John Hill	Treasurer/ Co Chair		
2	David Pegg	Secretary/ Co Chair		
3	Jeremy Snell	Trustee/ Co Chair		
4	Michael Chambers	Trustee		
5	James Broughton	Trustee		
6	Tim Bardell	Trustee	Resigned 21/09/2023	
7	Mike Hadley	Trustee		
8	Liz Rutter	Trustee		
9	Ludovic Bouvra	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Childrey Parish Council (Custodian)	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM

### 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 Charity officers are Treasurer and Secretary assisted by the Trustees.  
  
The Playing Field Trust are the Management Trustees. Childrey Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees.

Any major risks for the events organised by the Trust are subject to Health and Safety checks as well as risk assessments. These form part of the normal procedure to allow for correct and appropriate insurance cover.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To provide recreation and sport for the residents of Childrey and surrounding areas.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trust provides a sports field and pavilion for the use by Childrey and surrounding residents.

It also manages the playground on the field for the community.

The Trust organises community events in the form of the annual Bonfire night and Music Festival.

The Playing Field is open to the public and the Trustees are aware of the Public Benefit requirement. This is taken into account when decisions are made. All decisions made are taken with the interest of the local community in mind.

**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 Trust relies on the hard work of a band of Trustees to help organise the fundraising events as well as undertaking maintenance work on the grounds.

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

This year saw another successful Bonfire Night and Childrey Festival as our major fundraising events. The pavilion and playing field were also used for the annual village summer fete as well as being rented out on several occasions for parties, family gatherings and as a parking area for several weddings and other village events, including music events for the local churches.

Routine maintenance to the field has continued with grass-cutting and pest control. The last of the current tree maintenance work was also undertaken which has been a significant cost of £4,300 over the last two financial years.

The zipwire reconstruction was successfully completed in spring 2023 with approval from ROSPA. This has been achieved by a lot of hard work from the trustees with the support of a broader group of Friends of the Playing Field. The final cost of the project was around £4,000 which was over £10,000 less than the quotes received to have the zipwire replaced by commercial suppliers.

A start has been made on some playground repairs such as the purchase of a replacement climbing net which cost over £1,000. It is hoped this will be fitted in the spring 2024. The trustees hope to update elements of the playground should available funds allow.

There have been some rudimentary improvement of the driveway and parking area but the planned repair work and the replacement of the pavilion's front guttering did not occur in the year due to the significant time involved with the zipwire replacement as well as the poor weather over autumn and winter. However, it is hoped these tasks may be scheduled for 2024/25.

Although the boys' and girls' football teams disbanded at the end of the 22/23 season, football continued at Childrey as the facilities were used by Wantage Town FC as a winter training ground. The teams included children from the village so the link to local residents remains strong.

The football training facilities were further improved with a replacement of the original halogen floodlights for LED floodlights thus improving lighting and reducing energy usage. There also continues to be regular use of the goals by families in the village.

The Trust continued to support Little Ducks preschool. Discussions remain on-going regarding the long-term position. The Trust feel it is important that they continue to offer their support for Little Ducks as a vital organisation within the village and for our school.

As with everyone, the cost of electricity continued to cause some concern through the year however energy costs significantly reduced towards the latter part of the year.

An unfortunate development arose towards the end of the financial year with the sudden announcement that the grass-cutting, which has long been provided by the Parish Council (custodian trustees), was to be withdrawn. The estimated cost to the charity of the withdrawal of this service is around £2,000. After some consideration, the Trustees purchased a significantly reduced sit-on mower for £5,250 and have formed a team of local residents to cut the grass on a rota basis.

The Parish Council's decision to no longer support the playing field has obviously impacted on the trust's available funds and may delay the upgrade of the playground for the local residents which is unfortunate. The Trustees hope to discuss with the Parish Council the possibility of an annual grant towards the upkeep of the playing field in light of its continued use and enjoyment by the community as outlined above.

We would like to thank Michael Chambers for his support in arranging the Vodafone matched funding for the various events we have organised over the years. Unfortunately, Vodafone announced that this year would be the last year that the scheme was operated. This is a loss of £1,000 per year to the trust.

The impact of the Parish council's decision and the loss of the Vodafone funding will impact the funds available to the trustees but we hope that the football training income and the ability to cut the grass ourselves will mitigate the loss of this income to a great extent.

The trustees would like to acknowledge the continued generosity of the volunteers, local residents and members of the trust who continue to support the Playing Field.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity keeps circa £ 9,000 in a deposit account in case of any emergency and also ring-fences circa £ 20,000 to cover any risks in the event of complete cancellation of the music festival and failure of the Bonfire night due to poor weather.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity raises income through fundraising events as well as renting out the pavilion and playing field/ football pitches for events and football training.

Expenditure supports our objectives by maintaining and improving the grounds and facilities whilst our investment policy is to focus on sports and recreation. In the next period, we will continue to focus our attention on the repair and maintenance of play equipment that has aged, minor maintenance of the pavilion and improvement of the car parking surface.

## Section F



## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 <small>David Pegg (Sep 9, 2024 09:35 GMT+1)</small>	
Full name(s)	David Pegg	John Hill
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	09/09/2024	





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Childrey Playing Field Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

273903

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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.

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 (other than that disclosed below\*) 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J Hedderley

Date:

19.09.2024

Name:

JOHN HEDDERLEY

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Childrey Playing Field Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

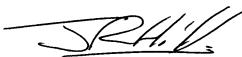
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bonfire Night	6,055	-	-	6,055	4,983
Festival	15,837	-	-	15,837	15,702
Jubillee	-	-	-	-	555
Pavilion & Playing Field Rent	8,644	-	-	8,644	4,657
Interest	128	-	-	128	42
Donations	500	-	-	500	1,104
GiftAid Claim	1,115	-	-	1,115	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,279</b>	<b>27,043</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,279</b>	<b>27,043</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bonfire Night Expenses	4,596	-	-	4,596	3,378
Festival Expenses	12,307	-	-	12,307	10,348
Jubilee Expenses	-	-	-	-	464
Pavilion & Field Running Cost	2,596	-	-	2,596	2,623
Pavilion Development & Maintenance	178	-	-	178	1,069
Playing Field Development & Maintenance	4,003	-	-	4,003	8,161
Other costs	951	-	-	951	887
Football Training Expenses	2,326	-	-	2,326	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,957</b>	<b>26,930</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Samsung Tablet for Bar Till	219	-	-	219	-
Sit-on Mower Apex 52	5,250	-	-	5,250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,469</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>32,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,426</b>	<b>26,930</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 147</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,118</b>	<b>32,005</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>31,971</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,971</b>	<b>32,118</b>



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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	22,326	-	-
	Reserve Account	9,645	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>31,971</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	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	
		John Hill	20/04/2024	

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