



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Guilsborough Playing Field Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	275828
Charity's principal address	West Haddon Road, Guilsborough, Northants
Postcode	NN6 8QE

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	None			
2				

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Hugh Lowther	
Sarah Edwards	
James Berry	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

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)	Charter defined in the Conveyance documents when land purchased in 1978.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees in conjunction with Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the General Committee.

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.

1. Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

Existing trustees are briefed on:

- Trustees' role & responsibilities (Nolan principles)
- The 12 main roles of trustees & how can this be achieved
- Detailed documentation is given to the trustees based on a "Good Governance" training course that the GPFA Secretary attended in London in 2008.
- A requirement to sign a declaration relating to their responsibilities.

2. The Charity's organisational structure

A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are nominated and elected at the AGM. These four are the nucleus of the GPFA General Committee. Representatives from each club or organisation using the Field nominate members for the committee. General committee members are nominated and appointed at the AGM.

3. Trustees' consideration of major risks.

Reports of ordinary meetings are sent to the Trustees. A Health & Safety Report is given for the AGM and reviewed with the Trustees.

Objectives and activities

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

To make available, maintain and develop a Playing Field for outdoor team sports and recreational purposes (private for games), for the benefit of the inhabitants of Guilsborough and surrounding villages in the County of Northampton, in such a manner as the General Committee from time to time shall think fit.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The demand for local cricket and football is growing, evidenced below, it is also good to see many juniors from Guilsborough and surrounding villages, training and using the field for games.

Haddon CC.

A) Haddon Cricket Club (formed from West & East Haddon, and Guilsborough CCs), who play from 3 grounds (East & West Haddon and Guilsborough). The facilities, specifically the Guilsborough cricket Square, are essential for Haddon CC junior and ladies' sections to play regular cricket. They support children and ladies in Guilsborough, West Haddon and the surrounding area to participate in competitive and social sport that otherwise would not be possible. The facility also allows the Haddon 3rd team men's teams to play regular Saturday fixtures in the Northamptonshire cricket league, where diverse ethnicities and genders participate together, adding to the social cohesion and fabric of West Northamptonshire. The facilities enable the junior section to run

15-18 matches p.a., providing the opportunity for over 300 players participation.

The ground, other than fixtures, provides the facility to run 3-4 junior training sessions per week throughout the summer plus countless informal practices. There are approximately 45 junior Haddon CC members across the ages of 9 to 15, all of whom benefited from the facility for training and/or games.

- B)** The square enables the Ladies team to participate in the Northamptonshire lady's mid-week league, hosting up to 6 home games p.a. creating 132 participation opportunities, with regular practice sessions between April and July.
- C)** The field is also regularly used by many juniors to informally practice cricket skills, using, the free to use, practice cricket nets.
- D)** Guilsborough Parish Council's Neighborhood Plan, submitted to West Northants Council, details how the Parish could grow and where, and amenities needed; it records support by parishioners for the Playing Field.

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2.2 West Haddon Junior Football Club. The new season got underway in September at Guilsborough Playing Field. This season four junior teams with players from Guisborough and surrounding villages will play at Guilsborough for West Haddon Junior Football, two Under 11s boys play on a Saturday morning, as do an under 14s girls team, and the Under 15s Sunday afternoon.

As girls' football has taken off, it is planned that Guilsborough would be where the play, recruiting Academy girls to play after school. In the last 12 months, a grant of £3,840 from the Football Foundation has been spent improving the 2 pitches, involving, aeration, vertidrainage, overseeding and fertilising, which has already improved the playing surfaces.

2.3 Other Users

- **Guilsborough Primary School** used the Field for their Sports Day.
- **Guilsborough joggers, walkers and keep-fit enthusiasts**, used the Field and the sports fitness equipment.
- **Guilsborough fathers, sons and daughters**, and local young teenage cricketers used the cricket nets,
- **St. Michael's Cricket Club** played 10 home games at the Field and contributed £1400.
- **Northants Sports** used the Field on 5 occasions for school sports events.
- **Spencer Boys Football Club** used the pitches on 10 occasions as their pitches had been flooded.
- **Northampton All Stars** This football club in the Nene League now play their home matches on our largest pitch.
- **Other Cricket Use;** The cricket pitch was hired on an occasional basis to company and club sides from Brixworth, Rugby, Long Buckby, in total there were 14 external hire events for cricket in 2025.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grant making
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

Key activities of the General Committee are:

- Maintaining the Field, ground, buildings and equipment used at the Field.
- Ensuring the Health & Safety of all who use the Field and its facilities.
- Fundraising. to meet the annual operating expenditure of around £12000.
- Coordinating the Field use by the clubs and organisations.

All the administration & fundraising is performed by volunteers, led mainly from those on the General Committee.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

<u>-GUILSBOROUGH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION</u>	
<u>REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR 2025</u>	
Meetings Organised	
Trustees:	
Hugh Lowther	1. AGM
James Berry	
Sarah Edwards	
General Committee	6 General Committee Meetings 1 AGM
	TOTAL 7
Freddie de Lisle	Chairman
Jim Houghton	Vice-Chairman
Graham Byars	Secretary
Milly Plant	Treasurer
Members	
Marc Garrett	West Haddon Junior Football Club
Katie Fulcher	Publicity Officer
Gary Wakelin	Health & Safety Officer
David O'Neil	Guilsborough Parish Council Representative
Simon Moorhead	General Committee Member
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<u>1.Summary</u>	
The long-term need and demand for the Field have yet again been established by the arrangements with Haddon Cricket Club and West Haddon Junior Football Club who are the primary Field users. The relationship with both clubs provides sporting activities for juniors, boys girls, and adults, men & ladies, from Guilsborough and surrounding villages. In addition, the Field, provides frequent informal use by juniors and adults for sporting practices and recreational uses. The Football Foundation grant has enabled the football pitches improvement programme to continue in 2025, that finishes in 2029. The GPFA contribution is required in the last 3 years. However, regular sources of funds are needed for fixed costs, and consequently the GPFA is to call a village meeting in early	

Achievements and performance

2025 to assess if the parishioners saw the need for the Playing Field (they did) and how additional funds and volunteers could be sought. Approaches to the Parish Council for donations to fixed costs over many years has not been successful, however, the Parish Council now say that it might contribute to the fixed costs once a business plan had been completed that showed how the GPFA could be self-sufficient in funds after 5-10 years.

The GPFA is an organisation that depends very heavily on the willingness of members to give up their time to commit to its' activities The General Committee welcome more onto its General Committee to organise events, fundraise, maintain and develop the facilities.

2. Health & Safety, & Security

- No accidents occurred or were reported in 2025.
- Gary Wakelin monitored Health & Safety at the Field.
- The rodent/pest control regime by George Lawton continued.
- A concerned parishioner contacted FixMystreet about the state of the footway from the Academy to the Playing Field; no response was received. .
- Vandals scorched one of the practice net run-ups by lighting a BBQ on the artificial section.
- Vandals created divots on one of the wickets that needed repairing.
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1. Activities at the Playing Field in 2025

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G) There are over 50 junior Haddon CC members under 16,:

H) 12 - U11s

I) 14 -U13

J) 28 U15s & U14s.

K) The ground, other than fixtures, provides the facility to run 48 junior training sessions throughout the summer plus countless informal practices.

L) The square enables the 12-member Ladies to participate in the Northamptonshire ladies mid-week league, hosting 6 home games p.a. creating 96 participation opportunities, with regular practice sessions between April and July.

M) The Field is regularly used by many juniors to informally practice cricket skills, using the practice cricket nets.

Achievements and performance

- N)** The area population is growing, that will require more use of existing grounds for Cricket and Football.
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4. Maintenance & Development of the Buildings, Ground & equipment

- R&G Grounds from Creaton maintained the playing surfaces and surroundings. The mowing, vertidrainage, fertilising, perimeter maintenance and killing weeds on the field & gravelled areas cost ~£4,000.
- Thompson Groundcare completed the end-of-season, winter and spring maintenance, costing ~£2300. West Haddon Mowers serviced the specialised Allett mower, cost £622.
- Jim Pye supervised the wicket preparation, with Alfie Herschell (14) for his Duke of Edinburgh social work scheme, as well as Harry Lowry. Archie Houghton prepared many wickets on his own and he and Jim had been thanked and remunerated.
- Other maintenance jobs were completed in 2025, including, service contracts for fire/security alarms, CCTV, electrical and mechanical services. These are all recorded in the minutes of the General Committee minutes.
- In 2025, Helping Hands from Market Harborough cleaned the pavilion (~£300), and Cathedral Hygiene removed sanitary waste (~£470) that the GPFA is required by law to arrange.
- The Football Foundation grant for pitch improvements at Guilsborough and awarded to West Haddon Junior Football grants over 6 years, continued in 2025, with ~£10,000 spent to date of the Football Foundation grant, that provides £23,044, with the GPFA contributing a further £11,520 over 6 years, with the GPFA contributing none over the first 2 years, so total expenditure is £34,560. The GPFA contributes £1920 in years

Achievements and performance

3&4, £3840 in years 5&6. The funding in years 1 to 4 does not appear in the GPFA accounts; payments and grants appear in the WHJFC accounts.

- The end of season cricket maintenance was completed by Haddon CC.
- **5. Fund Raising.**
- Caroline Houghton organised a very successful and enjoyable **Safari Supper** that raised £1963.
- **Hollowell Bottle Stall** raised £1250, thanks to all the volunteers who manned the stall. A further £500 was received from Hollowell Steam Rally. Thank you Hugh Lowther and the volunteers.
- **Localgiving** donations from parishioners raised £1077, following the 2023 appeal.
- There were three **Pop Up Pubs** in the Village Hall which raised £1837 run by Caroline & Jim Houghton.
- A **Millionaire's Evening** held at Vaness and James Berry's house raised £2294.
- A November **Bridge Day** in November raised £1805 – thanks to Julia and Lucy!
- **Local Giving** contributed £720.
- **Guildsborough Parish Council** donated £3800 towards tree felling and pruning. Many thanks to them!

6. Funding the GPFA

- £13,978 is in the GPFA's accounts at the end of 2025. (Note-includes late payments)., down from £18,501 at the beginning of 2025.
- £2,000 was received from the Sudborough Foundation thanks to Hugh Lowther.
- ~£12,000 p.a. was again needed for fixed costs, e.g. Field mowing & strimming/cricket square treatments & wicket preparation, Field treatments (vertidrainage, slitting, weedkilling), tree inspections & maintenance, insurance, utilities, security, cleaning, equipment.
- The clubs and other Field users contribute ~45% of the Fixed costs. The contributions are in-line with charges made by other clubs and Northants Council for the use of their facilities.

7. Marketing & Publicity (Increased activity at the Field)

- Regular articles in the Village Link, that promote the GPFA as an umbrella organisation for all the clubs/organisation that use the Field, was organised by Katie Fulcher. She was thanked.

8. Succession Graham Byars retired as secretary after 38 years. A dinner in his honour was held in January which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

9. Insurance

Mike Edwards organised insurance costing £1536.

10. Trustees

The GPFA General Committee thank the Trustees for their continuing support.

Written by: Freddie de Lisle

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To maintain a fund to provide for the forthcoming year's expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

About £12,000 p.a. is currently needed to fund the fixed and variable costs activities of maintaining the facility.
£4,500 p.a. approximately comes from clubs and organisations who use the Field.

Funds need to be raised from other donations and fundraising events (see above) .

Other optional information

Discussions with a local nursery are in progress about their use of the Field and pavilion from September 2025. The GPFA agree the outline plans and they have been submitted to the local planners. Moreover, we are in the process of agreeing a licence to occupy one third of the mower shed for use by FMS to park their vans prior to sale. FMS already have paid £100 per month from September to October 2025.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

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On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

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(if any)

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Set out on pages

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(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 / 12 / 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

1st June 2026

Name:

Andrew Pearce

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

FCA (Rm.)

Address:

Faulkner Banks, Cold Ashby Road,

Guilsborough, Northampton

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Section B

Disclosure

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None

GUILSBOROUGH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Statement of Accounts 2025

These accounts are presented on a "receipts and payments" basis.

Income Statement

	notes	2024	2025
INCOME			
Cricket		1,716	5,627
Football		1,536	1,088
<i>Total sports income</i>		3,252	6,715
Grants		5,000	1,000
Net donations	1	1,268	6,811
Net fundraising	2	3,279	11,097
Miscellaneous	3	190	793
<i>Total other income</i>		9,737	19,701
Total income		12,989	26,416
EXPENSES			
Services		2,176	3,346
Ground Maintenance	4	3,236	10,622
Pavilion Maintenance		2,115	1,037
Sports Maintenance	5	4,239	6,319
Equipment replacement	6	10,400	
Total Expenses		22,167	21,324
Net Surplus/deficit		- 9,178	5,092

Notes:

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5. 2025 Sports maintenance includes specialist wicket preparation, line marking and repairs for the sports field areas.
6. 2024 Purchase of the Powerroll

Assets and Liabilities

Cash & Reserves	2024	2025	
<i>Opening balances</i>			
Current account	8,398	4,030	
Business (reserves) account	10,104	5,294	
Total opening cash and reserves	18,501	9,323	
<i>Closing Balances</i>			
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Other Assets include:

Land	7.5 acre playing field at NN6 8QE, vested with the Official Custodian.
Buildings	Located at the Playing Field: a Pavilion and a Mowing Shed. The Pavilion includes various fittings and fixtures relating to sports changing rooms, kitchen, social meeting room and record storage. Boundary fencing.
Equipment	The Mowing Shed holds various equipment relating to ground care, including a Powerroll machine and line marking machinery. Spare netting and ground repair materials. Football goal posts and sports related equipment. Supplies of ground care and sports field consumables, such as line paint. Free standing fitness equipment, located on the field.

Other liabilities include:

Routine services payable within accounting years when due.

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Accounts signed by the GPFA Trustees and Committee 14th May 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

None

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2018

The charity's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2018 have been examined and I have concluded that they give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and of its financial performance for the year.

I have also concluded that the charity's financial statements are properly prepared in accordance with the charity's financial reporting framework.

The charity's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2018 are as follows:

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2018

Income statement for the year ending 31 March 2018

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