

Charity number: 281187

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**Horspath Stone Pit Charity**

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**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**TRUSTEES**

Horspath Parish Council

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

63 Bowyer Road  
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Oxfordshire  
OX14 2EP

**CHARITY NUMBER**

281187

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS AND ACCOUNTANTS**

Barnes4Business Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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**ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Horspath Stone Pit was given to the residents of the village by virtue of the Inclosure award of 1858 and was incorporated into a registered charity in 1988. The original land is leased by Stagecoach PLC as their Oxford Bus Depot with an internal section being sub-leased to Hanson.

The objects of the charity are to provide funds for such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of the ancient parish of Horspath as the trustees think fit.

The charity achieves its objectives by way of grants awarded following a relatively simple application process. Applications are considered on a quarterly basis by the Trustees, and up to three external advisors.

Grants are not means tested and are available to all residents for educational (excluding general tuition fees), charitable, artistic, cultural, sporting excellence or exceptional opportunity purposes (excluding general membership and subscription fees), community engagement, general environmental projects, and for care in the community for the elderly and disabled.

The Trustees and external advisors met on a regular basis during the year and received numerous applications that were considered and voted upon.

Grants for various applications were approved to the following organisations. Some organisations received more than one grant:-

- Individual Grants to Residents
- St Giles Church
- Friends of Horspath
- Horspath School PTA
- Horspath Cricket Club
- Horspath Village Newsletter
- Senior Residents Meal Vouchers
- Horspath Senior Residents Association
- Horspath Cycle Speedway
- Hardship Fund
- Horspath Parish Council
- Horspath Parish Council (Village Hall Project)
- Horspath Parish Council (New Play Area)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

£900,000 was deposited into a Treasury Deposit Account with Barclays Bank.

The full Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be reviewed on the charity's website at <https://horspathstonepitcharity.net>

#### Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

They consider that they comply with this guidance as the charity supports and offers a service to local residents and local organisations by making available funds by the way of grants and donations to these qualifying groups from the income earned from the land and property that the charity owns.

#### Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that reserves are to be retained towards future capital projects that are under consideration and likely to be of very high value. Such projects will be assessed to ensure that they are in accordance with the charity objectives and that the village of Horspath will be the only overall beneficiary.

### STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on

B.M. Oakley B.M. OAKLEY Chair 30.1.26

for Horspath Parish Council - Trustee

Richard Burgess Richard Burgess 30.1.26.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF HORSPATH STONE PIT CHARITY**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 .

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I have identified a matter of concern in my report because I have concerns that there has been a matter of material significance that requires further assessment and clarification on its validity.

The accounts disclose related party transactions, being grants to the charity's sole trustee, Horspath Parish Council. Discussions have been entered into with the Board to ensure that the procedures in place to award such grants are compliant and valid.

Other than the above comment, 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 2011; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Income from generated funds				
Income from Investments	25,118	-	25,118	344
Income from charitable activities	250,000	-	250,000	250,000
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>275,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>275,118</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	999,429	-	999,429	41,753
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>999,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>999,429</b>	<b>41,753</b>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>				
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(724,311)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(724,311)</b>	<b>208,591</b>
<b>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</b>				
<b>Net movement in funds:</b>				
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>(724,311)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(724,311)</b>	<b>208,591</b>
Total funds brought forward	904,047	-	904,047	695,456
<b>Net funds carried forward</b>	<b>179,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,736</b>	<b>904,047</b>

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	3	-	123
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,081,892</u>	<u>907,684</u>
		1,081,892	907,807
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	<u>902,156</u>	<u>3,760</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>179,736</u>	<u>904,047</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>179,736</u>	<u>904,047</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	5		
General fund		<u>179,736</u>	<u>904,047</u>
		<u>179,736</u>	<u>904,047</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

B.M. Oakley B.M. OAKLEY 30.1.26 CHAIR.  
for Horspath Parish Council - Trustee

Richard Burgess Richard Burgess 30/1/26  
for Horspath Parish Council - Trustee



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1a. Basis Of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS102 - Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019), and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**1b. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**1c. Resources Expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probably that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT.

**1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs**

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

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### 1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

### 1f. Fixed Asset Investments

The charity is the owner of a plot of land, known as Horspath Stone Pit. This land was given to the residents of the village of Horspath by virtue of the Inclosure award of 1858. The land is managed by the Horspath Stone Pit Charity which was created as a registered charity in 1988.

The fixed asset investment is stated at cost, being nil, because control of the asset, being a parcel of land, was transferred for the benefit of the people in the village, and as such is not an asset that can currently be sold. Whilst the asset generates rental income, and arguably its carrying value is the rent received, due to the fact that the only recipient of this asset can be the people of Horspath Village, it has no real value to anyone else or any third party by virtue of the covenant. The land investment owned by the charity is currently leased to an unrelated third party on a long lease on commercial terms, and the rent received by the charity under this arrangement is intended to be on a not for profit basis as it is intended that the income received is to be distributed by way of grants and donations to the residents and organisations situated in the village of Horspath. In reality the asset has no economic value to the charity itself as the charity cannot profit from this on a commercial basis.

## 2. EMPLOYEES

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	1	1

## 3. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	123
	<u>123</u>	<u>123</u>

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**4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	902,156	3,760
	<u>902,156</u>	<u>3,760</u>

**5. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General fund	904,047	275,118	(999,429)	-	179,736
	<u>904,047</u>	<u>275,118</u>	<u>(999,429)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,736</u>

**6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The charity is controlled by Horspath Parish Council, who is the Charity's sole trustee. During the accounting period Horspath Parish Council made applications for grants from Horspath Stone Pit Charity. The total value of grants awarded during the accounting period was £925,813 (2024 : £1,645). The grants claimed were awards to Horspath Parish Council towards funding for local community projects. At 31 March 2025 £900,000 of the total grants awarded remained payable to Horspath Parish Council (2024 : £1,060), and are included in Creditors amounts falling due within one year.

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**Incoming Resources  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest received	<u>25,118</u>	<u>344</u>
	25,118	344
	<u>25,118</u>	<u>344</u>
<b>Charitable Activity</b>		
Rent	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
	250,000	250,000
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
	<u>275,118</u>	<u>250,344</u>

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**Expenses  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>		
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Grants and donations	985,188	26,201
Salaries and NI	4,081	2,146
Professional fees	9,693	8,345
Insurance	172	112
Website and advertising	225	425
Office costs	70	49
	<u>999,429</u>	<u>37,278</u>