

HARLING RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Charity Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Harling Recreation Ground Trust

Charity number: 282019

Registered address:

5 The Bailiwick
East Harling
Norfolk
NR16 2NF

Trustees:

Harling Parish Council (acting as sole corporate trustee)

Structure, Governance and Management

Harling Parish Council is the sole trustee of Harling Recreation Ground Trust and administers the charity in accordance with the Trust's governing document, being the Conveyance dated 1947.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the charity is managed in line with its charitable purposes and for complying with the requirements of charity law. In accordance with Trust's governing document, all members of Harling Parish Council will act as Trustees to Harling Recreation Ground Trust upon their term as Councillors.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the charity are to provide and maintain recreation facilities for the general public, including the provision of buildings, facilities and open spaces.

The recreation ground extends to approximately **9 acres** and includes the following facilities:

- Tennis court
- Skate park
- Children's play park
- Outdoor gym
- Sports and Social Club (privately run)
- Riverside Centre (bookable community space)
- East Harling Bowls Club (privately run)
- Two car parks

- Facilities for junior and senior football, cricket and athletics
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Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The recreation ground and its facilities are available to the general public and provide opportunities for sport, recreation, exercise and community activities, contributing positively to the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.

Achievements and Performance

During the financial year **1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**, the Trust continued to provide and maintain sporting facilities and open spaces for public use.

In **April 2024**, the charity known as *East Harling Youth Centre*, which occupied a building owned by Harling Recreation Ground Trust, was dissolved. Upon dissolution, funds totalling **£28,556.12** were transferred to Harling Recreation Ground Trust. This resulted in a significant and unusual increase in income compared to previous years.

Following this, the building formerly known as East Harling Youth Centre was renamed **The Riverside Centre**. All income and expenditure relating to the Riverside Centre is managed through the Trust's main bank account but recorded separately for transparency and accountability. All income generated is reserved solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

The trustees agreed that rents payable by regular sports clubs would be increased in line with existing lease provisions, to take effect from **April 2026**. This is expected to generate approximately **£800** of additional annual income.

The Trust held its annual fireworks display during the year, which generated a net profit of **£4,160**.

In **June 2024**, Harling Parish Council organised a **D-Day commemoration event** on the recreation ground, marking 80 years since D-Day. This was a free public event.

The recreation ground continues to provide free open space for the public to exercise, play and enjoy outdoor activities.

The Trust maintains a Facebook page to promote and document events and activities taking place on the recreation ground.

Financial Review

The trustees monitor the charity's finances regularly and aim to maintain sufficient reserves to meet ongoing maintenance and operational costs. A 5k contingency fund is held by the Trust. The increase in income during the year largely reflects the one-off transfer of funds following the dissolution of East Harling Youth Centre.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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RECONCILIATION 31ST March 2025

BALANCE B/F 31 st March 2024	£24,493.71
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INCOME

Donations/Sponsorship	£2640
Rents	£4717.50
Events	£5212.08
Other	£28,620.30
TOTAL	£41,189.88

EXPENDITURE

Maintenance	£23,426.79
Insurance	£3,674.50
Electricity	£1443.14
Cleaning	£1560
Other	£3,423.20
TOTAL	£33,527.63

CASH BOOK BALANCE	<u>£32,155.96</u>
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16th January 2026

The income and expenditure accounts of Harling Recreation Ground Trust, a registered charity (Charity Number 282019), for the year ended 31st March 2025, have been audited. They show a total income of £41,189.88 and total expenditure of £33,527.63 and provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Hipperson'.

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