



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024** To **30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Charity name: The Andover Talking Newspaper Association**

**Charity registration number: 284296**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Association is to relieve the blind or the partially-sighted or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by the provision of memory sticks or similar devices. This is a free of charge service to users.
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	Utilising published material such as the local newspaper, theatre guide, etc. the Charity records & distributes a recording of news and other information of interest to the blind or the partially-sighted subscribers to our service.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	In 2025, to become more inclusive of blind or the partially-sighted in the wider community, the trustees have implemented a website to include a recording of the Andover Talking Newspaper
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers act as recording producers, article editors, readers & distributors of memory sticks through the postal system (where users require them). The charity currently has 26 volunteers from which six are required for one morning each week on a rota basis.
Other		Although our focus is visually impaired users, the placing of recordings on the new website has opened access to users with any reading disability (e.g. dyslexia).

## 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	Feedback from our users would indicate that they consider our service to be a window into what is happening in the locality. They appreciate being fully aware of local news and events. Many things are now only accessed on the internet and our recordings keep them informed.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Since making the recording available on the website, the Charity believes that listener numbers have increased.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity has been fortunate to receive local grants and also donations from the estates of previous users and have no current need or plans for fundraising.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investment is made for security against future venue uncertainty, rather than growth, and performs adequately in this regard
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Reviewed at Annual General Meeting
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Discussed at committee meetings and AGM

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	To continue to widen the profile of Andover Talking Newspaper and increase awareness of our offering.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Test Valley Borough Council allow us free use of a room as a recording studio in the council offices. Local government reorganisation may jeopardise this arrangement.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation
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	Committee volunteer appointments become Trustees by default

### 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	New trustees are made aware of the Constitution and of the requirements of a Trustee
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Committee of the Association consists of: - 1. the following five officers; Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Studio manager, Distribution manager. 2. a maximum of seven elected, ordinary members, at least one of whom shall be a blind, partially sighted or disabled recipient of the memory sticks; 3. a maximum of three co-opted members when need arises (with full voting rights);
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Andover Talking Newspaper seeks to keep in touch with any other local organisations for the blind or partially-sighted. Contact is also maintained with local care homes.

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Andover Talking Newspaper Association
Other name the charity uses	Andover Talking News
Registered charity number	284296
Charity's principal address	TVBC Offices, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover Hants SP10 3AJ

**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	Sir Freddie Viggers	Chairman		
2	John Gray	Vice-Chairman		
3	Susan Parker	Secretary		
4	Kate Lark	Treasurer		
5	Heather Ball	Distribution Manager		
6	Sandra Jackson	VIP Representative		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

N/A

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

N/A

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


## Other optional information

N/A

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kate Lark	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	31/03/2026	

## Andover Talking News

### Statement of Accounts 2024/2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Donations	38,450.00	Insurance	<del>281.68</del>
CCLA Deposit a/c Interest	<u>1,504.48</u>	TNF Subscription	42.00
		Equipment	393.53
		Website/Social Media	428.50
		AGM Costs	89.96
		Scout Hall Hire - Committee Meeting	67.50
		Administration	<u>223.90</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,954.48</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,527.07</b>
Deficit For Year	<u>-38,126.57</u>	Depreciation On Equipment	<u>300.85</u>
	<b><u>1,827.92</u></b>		<b><u>1,827.92</u></b>

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### Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2025

#### Liabilities

General Fund per last a/c	28123.79
Less Deficit	<u>-38,126.57</u>

#### Assets

COIF Charities Deposit a/c	57,886.60
Lloyds Current a/c	5,656.15
Equipment per last a/c	3,008.45
Plus Equipment Purchased	<u>0.00</u>
	3,008.45
Less depreciation	<u>300.85</u>
	2,707.61
	<b><u>66,250.36</u></b>

Reviewed 13/10/25



## **Andover Talking Newspaper**

**Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **Independent Examiners Statement**

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 appropriate accounting records
- to prepare accounts which are in accordance with the accounting records 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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Tom Brembridge

Date : 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025