



Charity Number: 284420

# HIGGINSON PARK CHARITY

Trustee's Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year ended  
31 March 2025

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## TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustee submits the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustee has adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Higginson Park was acquired in October 1928 following the death of its owner in 1921. Funds were raised by private subscription for its purchase for the benefit of the Town of Marlow and to commemorate the one hundredth birthday, on 21 June 1926, of General Sir George Higginson.

Initially, the trustee was appointed to administer the funds. Later, a company limited by guarantee was formed to administer the Trust Property - The Higginson Park Society Limited - and in 1928 this Company took a conveyance of part of the property, including Court Garden House. The remainder of the estate was conveyed to Marlow Urban District Council, subject to a covenant to use it as a public park and recreation ground. In 1933, Marlow Urban District Council acquired a 99-year lease of Court Garden House (with no covenant as to use or user) and commenced using the House as offices in 1934.

Subsequently in 1955, Marlow Urban District Council acquired the freehold of Court Garden House when the then lease was merged and extinguished in the freehold, subject to a covenant to use it for recreational purposes. Notwithstanding the covenant, the House continued to be used partly as offices.

In 1974, on local government re-organisation, Wycombe District Council assumed the management and administration of Higginson Park and Court Garden House, including the completion of the Theatre Hall and Leisure Complex, which had been commenced by Marlow Urban District Council.

On 1 November 2018 the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government announced a single unitary authority for Buckinghamshire replacing the previous five councils. Buckinghamshire Council came into existence from 1 April 2020 and assumed responsibility for Higginson Park and Court Garden House.

The charity is currently regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 19 January 1982 with Buckinghamshire Council, a local authority, being the sole Trustee. The Council, as Trustee, has the power to make and alter rules with reference to the terms and conditions upon which the property of the charity may be used by other persons or organisations and may engage and dismiss paid officers and servants as it considers necessary. It is also entitled to use the charity's income for the cost of repairs, insurance and all other expenditure in respect of the property including incidental administration and management expenses.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The charity has use of land and buildings which are used primarily for its charitable purpose. Buckinghamshire Council as Trustee of the charity is under a duty to apply the charity's property in or towards achieving this purpose, being: 'the provision and maintenance for the benefit of the inhabitants of the district of Wycombe, with particular regard for the inhabitants of the Town of Marlow, of a public park, ornamental gardens and recreation ground, with such facilities for physical exercise, training, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation or leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants as the Trustee shall from time to time think fit.'

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The charity property includes the following;

- 15 acres of Higginson Park which is general parkland
- a bowling green
- a children's playground
- a café
- a cricket ground
- a maze
- a skate park
- a leisure complex, including theatre, cafe and wedding venue facilities
- ancillary facilities for wider activities, such as minigolf and river moorings

The charity provides a range of indoor and outdoor sports and recreation opportunities to the community with access for all to make use of the available facilities. A wide range of activities takes place over the course of the year, with many events held annually including regular use by local community groups and voluntary organisations. The Trustee's objectives include improving the availability of high quality, accessible leisure opportunities.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustee has due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when setting objectives and planning activities. In the Trustee's opinion, the objectives and activities as set out above accord with the Charity Commission's public benefit requirements for Charities.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The positive trajectory in terms of visitor numbers to the leisure facilities has continued this year, with demand for swimming lessons continuing to be strong, and the picture has been similar with regards to wider activities. Attendances at Court Garden Leisure Complex during 2024/25 were 156,101 (133,650 in the previous year).

Improvement projects during this period have included a full gym refit with refurbished equipment which has contributed to the positive trajectory in usage of the leisure centre, and the swimming pool liner has also been replaced.

Turning to the Park, there has been investment in new bins as part of an ongoing programme of upgrades as funding becomes available; and new water safety signage has been installed, along with an additional life ring and throw line by the river moorings.

A table tennis table, funded through a partnership contribution from Marlow Town Council, has also now been installed, which will provide a welcome addition to the range of activities on site.

The reopening of the cafe adjacent to the children's playground during the summer holidays was also received positively by the local community.

The Park successfully retained its Green Flag award in 2024/25. This award recognises excellence in parks management and is testament to the hard work of all those involved in maintaining the facilities.

#### **Financial Review**

The management of Court Garden Leisure Complex, ('CGLC') which forms part of the Trust, is contracted to Places for People Leisure Ltd for 15 years started on the 1st of July 2014 following an OJEU tender process. The Trustee directly manages the remainder of the Trust property.

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The Places for People Leisure contract provides for the income from charges made to use the leisure complex to be retained by Places Leisure and a management fee to be paid by Places Leisure to the Trust; with any surpluses intended to be reinvested in maintaining and enhancing the facilities. The Management Fee income contribution from Places for People Leisure to the Trust was £94,000.

Income from other property lettings was lower than the previous financial year ending 31 March 2024, when it had been much higher than usual due to the payment of rent arrears by one of the tenants. Therefore, this year property income has re-adjusted to levels similar to previous years. The completion of rent reviews currently underway is expected to impact positively on income for the coming year.

Parking income was also lower than in the previous year, in common with wider trends.

Repair and maintenance costs this year included the completion of remedial works due to damage incurred from a fallen tree the previous year; and the charity also had to bear the cost of removal of two derelict abandoned boats from the river frontage, where despite all efforts, it was not possible to identify the owner responsible in order to recoup these costs.

Overall, taking all of the above into account, there was a net deficit on operating costs of £13k.

The net deficit was further increased after allowing for the depreciation for the year on the tangible fixed assets of £193,014.

#### **Going Concern Statement**

The Charity has total funds of £6,285mm as at 31 March 2025. In addition to this, Buckinghamshire Council is committed to the on-going support if and when required of the services and activities provided by the charity. Therefore, the Charity is considered to be a going concern for the foreseeable future.

#### **Plans for the Future**

Work is nearing completion on a lease for a new tenant for the office space location in Court Garden House which has been vacant for some time; and to complete a review for the operator for the ice cream van concession in the park. As set out above, a number of rent reviews are scheduled for completion over the coming months.

Other plans include continuing to invest in repairs and maintenance to the facilities, as well as ensuring that Higginson Park maintains its Green Flag Award for the foreseeable future.

#### **Statement of Internal Control**

This statement is given in respect of the statement of accounts for Higginson Park Charity. The Trustee acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal control is maintained and operated in connection with the resources concerned.

The system of internal control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions were authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, the system includes:

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- Comprehensive budgeting systems; and
- Regular reviews of financial reports.

The Audit and Governance Committee will monitor the progress of the identified risks that have been evaluated for frequency and impact using a five-by-five matrix and graded according to a “traffic light” system. Red represents a material risk that may need urgent management attention moving from orange to green risks that probably require little or no attention.

The majority of identified risks are not high risks and the risk register is a live document: regularly monitored and updated.

The trustee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reassurance that:

- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- Proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable; and
- The Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

As part of the Charity's risk management process the trustee acknowledges their responsibility for the Charity's system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness. It is also recognised by the trustee that such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Charity's objectives and can only provide reasonable, not absolute, reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

The trustee has set policies on risk and internal controls, which cover the following areas in line with the Council's own approach:

- The responsibility of management to implement the trustees' policies and identify and evaluate risks for their consideration on an on-going basis;
- Consideration of the type of risks the Charity faces;
- The level of risks which they regard as acceptable;
- The likelihood of the risks concerned materialising;
- The Charity's ability to reduce the incidence and impact on the business of risks that do materialise;
- Arrangements for monitoring and reporting on risk and control matters of importance, together with details of corrective action being undertaken.

The Charity (through the Audit Committee) has formally reviewed its own risk arrangements and believes that suitable controls are in operation to protect the Charity from exposure to high risks. Staff are properly trained to manage the operational risks that are inherent within the area that the Charity works within.

### **Reserves Policy**

In 2024/25, the Charity has been self-sufficient in its operating activities with surplus income as shown against the unrestricted fund for future investments. The Charity holds unrestricted funds of £264kk (2024: £277k). Restricted funds are capital funds where the asset is required to be retained for actual use rather than be expended. The Charity holds restricted funds of £6,021k (2024: £6,704k).

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**Statement of Trustee responsibilities**

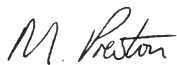
The trustee is responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approved and signed on behalf of the Corporate Trustee by**



**Mark Preston, Assistant Chief Finance Officer**

**Date:** 06/01/2026



## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE HIGGINSON PARK CHARITY

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Higginson Park Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material aspect with the report; or

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of responsibilities, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud  
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- Assessing the extent of compliance with laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

**Other matters**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.


This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Tracey Richardson BSc (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

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**Chartered Accountants**  
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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total Funds 2025 £'000	Total Funds Restated 2024 £'000
<b>Income</b>					
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Operation of exercise facilities and park	3	151	-	151	200
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>					
Commercial trading	4	117	-	117	145
Grant income		-	-	-	(39)
Other income		3	-	3	2
<b>Total income</b>		<b>271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>					
Commercial trading		10	-	10	64
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Operation of exercise facilities and park	5	274	193	467	531
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>284</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>595</b>
<b>Net operating income / (loss)</b>		<b>(13)</b>	<b>(193)</b>	<b>(206)</b>	<b>(287)</b>
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	8	-	(490)	(490)	(22)
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(13)</b>	<b>(683)</b>	<b>(696)</b>	<b>(309)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total Funds brought forward		277	6,704	6,981	7,290
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>264</b>	<b>6,021</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>6,981</b>

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £'000	Restated 2024 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	5,919	6,601
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>5,919</u>	<u>6,601</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	207	164
Cash at Bank and in Hand		190	233
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>397</u>	<u>397</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(31)	(17)
<b>Net Current assets</b>		<u>366</u>	<u>380</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		6,285	6,981
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>6,285</u>	<u>6,981</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted income funds	13	6,021	6,704
Unrestricted income funds		264	277
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>6,285</u>	<u>6,981</u>

Approved and signed on behalf of the Corporate Trustee by



Mark Preston, Assistant Chief Finance Officer

Date: 06/01/2026

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1 General Information

The Higginson Park Charity is a charity registered in England and Wales. The charity number is 284420. The Registered Address and principal place of activity The Gateway, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF. The principal activities of the charity are as disclosed within the Trustee Annual Report on pages 3-8.

The presentational currency of these financial statements is sterling (£), being the currency of the primary economic environment in which the charity operates. All amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1,000 unless otherwise stated.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### 2 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

#### b. Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The trustee consider that the charitable trust, supported by Buckinghamshire Council, has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustee continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### c. Income

Income consists of income from leisure activities, rental income and charges. Income is included in the financial statements as it falls due except car parking and leisure activities income which is included in the accounts on a receipts basis. All income is shown exclusive of VAT.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### d. Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis and includes maintenance of the property and provision of the activities of the charity. All expenditure is shown exclusive of VAT.

### e. Capital expenditure

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis.

### f. Tangible fixed assets

Property, Plant and Machinery are valued on the basis of depreciated replacement cost. The value below which Property, Plant and Equipment are not capitalised is £10,000.

### g. Investment property

Investment properties are properties which are held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both.

Investment properties are measured at cost upon initial recognition. The initial cost of the property comprises of its purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

Subsequently, where the fair value can be measured reliably without undue cost or effort, investment property is measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss in the period that they arise. No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties applying the fair value model.

### h. Depreciation

Individual fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight-line basis. Freehold land is not depreciated. Assets included in the equipment classification are being depreciated at a rate of 10% on a straight-line basis. The impact on the accounts is that a depreciation charge is made through the Statement of Financial Activities each year.

### i. Impairment Review of Property, Plant and Equipment

Impairment reviews will be carried out only where there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a functional Property, Plant and Equipment is below its net book value.

### j. Allocation of support costs

Buckinghamshire Council incurred costs, which are shared between numbers of activities, including those relating to the Charity. The Council apportions costs where necessary on the basis of the amount of officer time spent on the activities.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### j. Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

### k. Financial instruments

Financial Liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and are carried at the amortised cost.

Financial Assets are classified into three types as summarised below:

Category	Balance Sheet	SOFA
Amortised Cost	Amortised Cost	Movements in amortised cost are debited / credited to the surplus or deficit on the fund.
Financial Value through Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	Fair Value	Movements in fair value are debited / credited to Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure
Financial Value through Profit & Loss	Fair Value	All gains and losses are posted to the fund

\*As at 31 March 2025 the Trust does not have any financial instruments

### l. Significant judgments and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities. If in the future such estimates and assumptions, which are based on management's best judgment at the date of the financial statements, deviate from the actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions will be modified as appropriate in the year in which the circumstances change.

### m. Grants

The charity didn't receive any grants in 2024/25.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### 3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £'000	Unrestricted funds 2024 £'000
Income from facilities for physical exercise	-	-
Income from other recreation or leisure-time occupation	151	200
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>200</b>

### 4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £'000	Unrestricted funds 2024 £'000
Income from other property	75	95
Income from events	42	50
<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>145</b>

### 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Facilities for physical exercise £'000	Other recreation or leisure- time occupation £'000	2025 Total £'000	2024 Total £'000
Car Park Costs		-	15	15	18
Depreciation		193	-	193	193
Maintenance to grounds		-	39	39	56
Repairs / Maintenance		-	96	96	123
Support costs	7	149	(25)	126	141
<b>Total</b>		<b>342</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>531</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### 6. Summary analysis of expenditure and related income for charitable activities

	<b>Facilities for physical exercise</b>	<b>Other recreation or leisure- time occupation</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Costs	(342)	(125)	(467)	(531)
Physical exercise	-	-	-	-
Recreation or leisure-time	-	151	151	200
Net cost funded from other income	<b>(342)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(316)</b>	<b>(331)</b>

### 7. Analysis of support costs

The charity does not directly employ any staff. Buckinghamshire Council employees and support services are apportioned between various activities; refer to the table below for the basis of the apportionment.

	<b>Facilities for physical exercise</b>	<b>Other recreation or leisure- time occupation</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Basis of apportionment</b>
Governance	-	-	-	Allocated on time
Insurance	14	2	16	Allocated on risk
Accountancy, legal and other professional services	23	4	27	Allocated on time
General office	71	12	83	Allocated on time
Utilities	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>126</b>	

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### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Investment Properties</b>	<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
As at 1 April 2024	1,330	7,024	442	8,796
Additions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	(490)	-	-	(490)
Disposals			(442)	(442)
As at 31 March 2025	<b>840</b>	<b>7,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,864</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairments</b>				
As at 1 April 2024	-	(1,752)	(442)	(2,194)
Charge for the year	-	(193)	-	(193)
Disposals			442	442
As at 31 March 2025	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,945)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,945)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at 1 April 2024	1,330	5,272	-	6,601
As at 31 March 2025	<b>840</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,919</b>

### 9. Debtors

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Other debtors	12	67
Trade debtors	9	14
Amounts owed by Buckinghamshire Council	159	81
VAT	27	2
	<b>207</b>	<b>164</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### 10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£'000	£'000
Other creditors and accruals	24	-
Trade creditors	-	6
Deferred income	7	11
	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>

### 11. Deferred income

Deferred income comprises advance payments from commercial leases.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£'000	£'000
Balance as at 1 April 2024	11	23
Amount released to income earned from commercial trading	(11)	(23)
Amount deferred in year	7	11
Balance as at 31 March 2025	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>

### 12. Analysis of movement in charitable funds

Restricted funds are capital funds where the asset is required to be retained for actual use rather than be expended. Accordingly, the only movements on restricted funds relate to the additions, revaluation and depreciation of tangible fixed assets.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustee in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1st April 2024	6,704	277	6,981
Income in the year	-	271	271
Gains / (losses)	(490)	-	(490)
Expenditure in the year	(193)	(284)	(477)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	<b>6,021</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>6,285</b>

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### Comparatives for movements in charitable funds

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1st April 2023	6,919	371	7,290
Income in the year	-	308	308
Gains / (losses)	(22)	-	(22)
Expenditure in the year	(193)	(402)	(595)
Balance as at 31 March 2024	<b>6,704</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>6,981</b>

The restricted funds of the charity are in relation to the tangible fixed assets held.

### 13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	5,919	0	5,919
Net current assets	102	264	366
	<b>6,021</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>6,285</b>

### 14. Prior Year Restatement

During the year, the Company identified an error in the prior year financial statements relating to the recognition of a balance owed by Buckinghamshire Council. A receivable amount of £17,652.61 was incorrectly omitted from debtors and instead recognised as an expense within commercial trading.

This error has been corrected in accordance with FRS102 – Section 10: Accounting Policies, Estimates and Errors, by restating the comparative figures for the prior year.

#### Impact on Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024

Description	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
Trade debtors	£146,926	+£17,653	£164,579
Retained earnings	£259,547	+£17,653	£277,200

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### Impact on Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Description	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
Commercial trading expenditure	£81,653	-£17,653	£64,000
Total funds carried forward	£6,963,547	+£17,653	£6,981,200

#### Explanation of the Error

The error arose due to a misclassification of a receivable balance, which was incorrectly expensed in the prior year. Management has reviewed the relevant processes and implemented additional controls to ensure accurate classification of receivables going forward.

#### 15. Related Party Transactions

During the financial year 2024/25 Buckinghamshire Council was the sole Trustee to the Higginson Park Charity. The Council supported the functions of the Charity and was paid a fee for the management of the facility and would fund any deficit of expenditure over income if required. In 2024/25 Buckinghamshire Council provided £nil funding (£nil in 2023/24) for the operational activities of the Charity.

Buckinghamshire Council is the sole Trustee and related party. Higginson Park Charity is dependent on the on-going financial support provided by the Council.

Included in other debtors is a balance of £159k which is owed from Buckinghamshire Council.