

FOWLMERE RECREATION GROUND & village hall
Registered Charity No. 284524
Trustees' Annual Report
1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025

Secretary to the Trustees

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Names of Trustees

Mrs Dorothy Woods	Chairman
Mrs Kay Davis	Vice Chairman
Mrs Julie Fletcher	Secretary
Mrs Jane Cryer	Treasurer
Mrs Dorothy Woods	Bookings Secretary
Mrs Carol Sims	Trustee
Mr A J Bearpark	Trustee
Mrs Deborah Roberts	Representative Trustee PC
Mrs G Perry	Representative Trustee Badminton

Sources of advice and support

Cambridgeshire ACRE

HCR Hewitsons Solicitors, Newmarket Road, Cambridge

Governance

Fowlmere Recreation Ground & Village Hall was established as a charity by Trust Deed and Lease dated 2nd March 1982. The grounds were originally farmland and the Parish Council purchased the land from the local farmer.

The Lease is a full maintenance lease that the upkeep of the grounds is the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee. The VHMC pay an annual peppercorn rent to the Parish Council. The Village Hall building is vested with the Charity Commission and it is the duty of the VHMC to maintain, upgrade the premises.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trust Deed governs the appointment of the management of the charity

Six trustees are elected at the Annual General meeting held in October. There is no limit on the length of time elected trustees can serve.

In addition each regular **annual** user group can nominate one representative Trustee. The trustees form the Management Committee of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall which has the power to co-opt up to 6 members should this be necessary.

Policies and Procedures

The VHMC have a number of Policies and Procedures in place. .

These policies and procedures are updated each year, the Trustees agree any changes and adopt the policies at their September meeting

Bar protocol, Booking Officer Duties, Booking Procedure, Bouncy Castle conditions of hire, Building Access policy, Caravan procedure, Children &, Safeguarding policy, Energy & Environment Policy, Dogs on Recreation Ground policy, Equal opportunities policy, Finance policy, Fire risk policy, General Risk policy, General Data Protection policy, Health & Safety policy, Hiring

policy, Key Policy, Legionella Policy, Media & PR policy, Reserves Policy, Teenage Party Hire policy.

Copies of these policies and procedures are included in the Trustee's Welcome Pack

Hiring agreement

Use of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall is the subject of Hiring/Booking form which must be signed by each hirer agreeing also to the Terms and Conditions which are issued at the time of booking and which identify the respective responsibilities of each party to the agreement.

Licences

The hall has a Premises Licence (not including the sale of alcohol) Should hirers wish to sell alcohol they must apply for a Temporary Event Licence from SCDC, a copy of which is to be given to the Booking Officer before their event. The hall is licensed by the Performing Right Society for live and recorded music.

Risk Management

Insurance:

Employers Liability,
Public and Products Liability - (£5,000,000 Indemnity, £5,000,000 Terrorism Indemnity)
Buildings - £1,676,724
Playing Surfaces - £110,000
Other Contents - £40,000
Floodlights - £10,000

Building issues

Portable electric appliances are PAT tested bi-annually
The mains electrical installation is checked by a qualified engineer every 3 years
A Fire Risk Assessment is updated annually by the Committee's own nominated Trustee.
Fire extinguishers are inspected and serviced annually under contract with the supplier
Appointed Trustees carry out regular maintenance checks.

Objectives of the Charity

Provisions of a Recreation Ground and Village Hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Fowlmere without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions.

Use of the village hall for meetings, events, classes and other forms of recreation with the object of improving the social conditions of the life of the inhabitants. The use of the Recreation Ground for seasonal sports including junior football and cricket . A limited number of Caravan Clubs use the recreation ground throughout the years. Also, for recreational purposes using children's play equipment and our outside adult gym equipment.

The Trustees consider these objectives to be consistent with the Charity Commission guidance on providing for the public benefit.

Principal Activities in pursuit of the Objectives

The hall is in use most days of the week for a variety of activities including Little Ducklings playgroup, Badminton (2 different clubs), Aerobics, Fitness Training, Pilates (two different classes), Yoga, Ceroc Dancing, Indoor bowls, Aerobics, Craft group. Friendship Club, Karate plus seasonal use of recreation ground for cricket training and matches and junior football training and matches

and caravan clubs.

Funding Strategy

It is a strategy of the Trustees to manage the revenue of the facility on a self-financing basis. The contributions made by hire to users of the hall and grounds achieve this. No funding is received from Fowlmere Parish Council Precept

Volunteers' efforts

In addition to the Trustees we have a group of volunteers who organise the outdoor production by Illyria each year.

2024/2025 achievements

The Trustees work hard to make the hall and recreation ground attractive to potential users and measure their success by the range of users and the hall occupancy.

Trustees have carried out the following improvements: in the last year

- Automated blinds to the high windows in the main hall
- New internal double glazed door to the internal entrance to the main hall.

This is in addition to all the other general upgrade/maintenance

Reserves policy

The Charity had £20,000 in the bank in unrestricted reserves at the end of the year. The cash is available to cover operating costs for one year.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the recreation ground and village hall and projects are carried out from revenue earned by bookings and events etc. They do not receive any money from the Parish precept.

Future plans

The Trustees have a Development plan in place based on an urgency requirement and when funds are available.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Mrs Dorothy Woods

Position: Chairman

Dated: 1 November 2024

Audited accounts attached

Charity registration number 284524

**FOWLMERE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

FOWLMEERE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chairman	D Woods
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FOWLMERE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the on my examination of the financial statements of Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall (the Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the of the Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

UHY Hacker Young

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Dated:

FOWLMERE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Hire of hall:					
Commercial lettings		7,852	-	7,852	8,564
Caravan club		2,640	-	2,640	3,880
Functions		14,419		14,419	9,376
Fowlmere clubs:					
Badminton clubs		1,383	-	1,383	1,262
Bowls		688	-	688	667
Craft club		980	-	980	1,000
Friendship		170	-	170	179
Gardening		127	-	127	48
Little ducklings		640	-	640	532
Sports club		1,800	-	1,800	1,012
Sports group inc insurance		1,369	-	1,369	1,398
Interest - high interest deposit		295	11	306	156
Grants received		2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Fund raising events		3,408	-	3,408	3,355
Donations		804	-	804	10,050
Keys		36	2,982	3,018	2,753
Total income		38,611	2,993	41,604	46,232
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Insurance		(4,497)		(4,497)	(3,636)
Light, heat and water		(5,704)		(5,704)	(3,745)
Cleaning wages		(4,763)		(4,763)	(4,064)
General repairs and improvements		(11,003)		(11,003)	(49,511)
Electrical repairs		(1,772)		(1,772)	(1,663)
Ground works		(4,090)		(4,090)	(4,079)
Veolia		(954)		(954)	(1,130)
Consumables		(827)		(827)	(755)
Rent and licences		(896)		(896)	(543)
Administration and AGM expenses		(218)		(218)	(206)
BT & internet		(662)		(662)	(625)
Professional fees		(689)		(689)	(144)
Printing, post and stationery		(157)		(157)	(204)
Water boiler		(359)		(359)	(359)
Village hall rental		-	(1,369)	(1,369)	(1,012)
Repairs and equipment		-	(480)	(480)	(6,888)
Total expenditure		36,591	1,849	38,440	78,564
Net movement in funds		2,020	1,144	3,164	(32,322)
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		35,765	5,351	41,116	73,438
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		37,785	6,495	44,280	41,116

FOWLMERE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	£	2023 £
Current assets					
Debtors		6,370		4,758	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,746		43,393	
		<u>51,116</u>		<u>48,151</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(6,836)</u>		<u>(7,035)</u>	
Net current assets			44,280		41,116
Income funds					
Restricted funds			6,495		5,351
Unrestricted funds			37,785		35,765
			<u>44,280</u>		<u>41,116</u>

The financial statements were approved by the on

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D Woods

Trustee

Non-monetary assets

1. Land and buildings - leased at a peppercorn rent. Title vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.

2. Held for functional use by the charity -

Furniture and equipment in the hall, including kitchen equipment and china, all in good condition, some recently installed and the remainder up to 19 years old.

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	295	11	306	156
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

2 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	756	529
Prepayments and accrued income	5,614	4,229
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	6,370	4,758
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	59	53
Accruals and deferred income	6,777	6,982
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	6,836	7,035
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