



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2024	To	Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2024

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name Chagford Recreational Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 289574

Charity's principal address c/o Kings Barn West, Sandy Park

Chagford

Newton Abbot

Postcode

TQ13 8JW

### 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	Richard Taylor			
2	Simon Deane	Treasurer		
3	Rod Webber			
4	Kate Webber			
5	Simon Ralph			
6	Alison Squance	Chair		

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Not applicable	

### Section B

### Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Charity's governing document is a Constitution adopted on 6th December 1999.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	An unincorporated association established by a Constitution.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are selected from those willing and able to serve the interests of the charity, with impartiality and balance between the various sporting and recreational activities within our area of benefit.

Section C Objectives and activities	
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objectives are to promote and provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare in the parishes of Chagford, Gidleigh, Throwleigh and Drewsteignton - for both residents and visitors.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

We maintain facilities for Football, Cricket, Tennis, Netball and Swimming and support a range of other sporting and recreational activities, including running and the use of a gym.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and ensure that all activities are confined to those covered by our charitable objects.

Section D Achievements and performance	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

While 2024–2025 has been a year of many successes, the Trust has also faced several challenges:

Rising Operational Costs:

Increased energy prices and general inflation have placed pressure on our operating budget, particularly for the swimming pool and grounds maintenance.

Volunteer Recruitment: As with many community organisations, we continue to rely heavily on volunteers. Recruiting and retaining enough volunteers to support events and daily operations remains an ongoing challenge.

Facility Wear and Tear: With increased usage comes increased strain on our facilities. Several areas of the Clubhouse continue to be in need of repair or refurbishment including changing rooms, the main hall, the driveway and the Clubhouse roof. An assessment of our annual income and forecasted expenditure in late 2024 resulted in confirming that additional funding would be needed to complete most of the work necessary.

Weather Dependency: The outdoor nature of many of our activities, especially the pool and running events, means that poor weather can significantly impact attendance and income. Amongst the sports supported by the Trust there were some positives which I'd also like to call out.

**Swimming Pool**

2024 was a record-breaking year for our much-loved community pool, with 11,143 visitors, marking a 38% increase from 2023. This surge in attendance reflects both the popularity of the pool and the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

Income Sources: - Ticket sales: 65% - Tea Shed: 24% - Fundraising & donations: 8%



The Tea Shed continues to be a vital part of the pool experience, offering refreshments and a welcoming atmosphere for swimmers and spectators alike.

In order to simplify accounting and increase transparency, during the year it was decided to absorb all of the funds held in the various Swimming Pool Committee's bank accounts into the Trust's accounts, where they are kept distinct from the funds of our other activities. This has created a Restricted Swimming Pool fund. The Pool Committee have access to these accounts for the purpose of making payments and banking income.

### **Cricket**

2024 was a landmark year for Chagford Cricket Club. Both the First and Second XI enjoyed near-unbeaten seasons, earning double promotions. The junior section continues to thrive, nurturing the next generation of players.

Looking ahead, 2025 marks the launch of our new Ladies Section, led by Grace Lewis, who joins us from Australia to spearhead this exciting development. Grace's leadership is expected to inspire further growth and participation across the club.

### **Football**

The football team aim to develop the club's profile with a recruitment drive for volunteers, upscaling their training and fund raising to build a platform for developing another team either youth, second or women's.

They are recruiting and reshuffling their Committee to support this drive, including a new chair who would attend the trust meetings and be their liaison.

They are also aiming to have at least one large-scale event in 2026, possibly an interesting challenge and would like to do some more cross trust collaboration in developing this.

### **Chagford Runners**

The Chagford Runners (CRs) celebrated their 10th anniversary in March 2025. From humble beginnings in 2015 with just over 10 members, the club now boasts over 100 on the mailing list, with 15–30 runners regularly attending weekly sessions.

Highlights include:

- The annual Couch to 5k programme, which supports new and returning runners over a 9-week journey to fitness.
- A strong ethos of inclusivity and mental wellbeing, with members ranging from 5k beginners to ultra-marathoners.
- Active community involvement, including volunteering at the Youth Club church abseil and participation in the event itself.
- Continued success of the Two Hills Race, a flagship event that draws runners from across the region while celebrating local spirit.

### **Tennis**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Refurbishment of tennis club house was completed, including new non slip decking, replacing the dangerous old structure. This is used for viewing matches and acts as a great social space for players and members.

Men's tennis league team was promoted for the third year in a row in Devon league.

### Netball

The Chagford netball team (Meldon Meerkats) had a very successful season playing in the Okehampton Winter league finishing third overall.

They are now playing in Chagford again where everyone is welcome to come along and play social netball until August.

Throughout August, they will begin playing friendly games at the Chagford netball court, against other local teams in the Okehampton league before the Winter league starts.

### Restricted Funds

**Greenways/Cycle Track Fund:** These funds represent the balance of funds remaining after the feasibility study into the Greenways Cycle Track. As the project was not able to proceed, advice is being sought on an appropriate use for these funds within the objects of the Trust.

**Mental Health Fund:** Although activities to support mental health have been undertaken, these have not yet been at a cost to the Trust.

### Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025–2026, the Trustees are focused on building on our successes and addressing the challenges ahead. Key priorities include:-

- Facility Improvements: Seeking funding and community support to refurbish key areas of the Clubhouse
- Community Events: Strengthening our calendar of events to bring people together, raise funds, and celebrate local talent and spirit.
- Volunteer Engagement: Launching a new volunteer drive to attract and retain helpers across all areas of the Trust's work.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that Chagford's recreational facilities continue to thrive as a hub for health, wellbeing, and community connection.

As the Chair of the CRT I would like to thank the existing trustees and all the volunteers who work with the affiliated clubs for their time, generosity and continued hard work in the last period.

Alison Squance - Chair (on behalf of the Trustees)

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are retained primarily for the purpose of new sporting and recreational facilities. If the community wishes to develop any particular



<p>facility or run a project, we will help them fund raise so that the funds raised cover the majority of the cost of the project. The routine income generated from activities is used to support the annual maintenance of those facilities.</p> <p>Zero reserves will only be held if there is a clear plan to generate positive reserves in the following year and current reserves are required to pump prime that project.</p>	
<p>The funds are not in deficit.</p>	

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount of reserves held:</li> <li>• Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period:</li> </ul>	<p>As at the end of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, cash reserves of £98,931 were held.</p> <p>Financially the Trust does not hold any significant reserves but aims to at least breakeven on normal operations by balancing income and expenditure in each year. The Trust's accounts are maintained on Xero, with bank feeds for all accounts. This allows all of the Trustees to have read only access to the accounts and bank statements ensuring full transparency of all financial transactions.</p> <p>Gift Aid income, although Restricted income for the benefit of each fund is fully utilised in covering the annual running costs and therefore, for ease of understanding is shown as income in each Unrestricted Designated fund.</p> <p>Transfers have been recorded this year out of the General Restricted Fund to aid transparency of the restricted funds held for specific purposes.</p> <p>As the Trust's Clubhouse at the Memorial Playing Field is now around 30 years old this approach needs to be reviewed as facilities are likely to require increasing levels of high cost maintenance and repair, e.g. heating, roof, driveway etc all of which would benefit from investment in the near future and where in some cases costs are already starting to be incurred. The Pool also requires considerable regular work to continue to operate safely and effectively and whilst so far, the majority of these costs have been covered from regular income and fund raising events it would be unwise to assume this state of affairs can continue indefinitely.</p> <p>Unrestricted income in 2024 increased significantly this year following the swimming pool committee's contribution with costs also increasing by 7%. This produced a net surplus of around £61,000.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</li> </ul>	<p>Both sporting and social activities operated at a similar level to 2023 however there is good scope and a desire from the Trustees for the facilities to be used more widely by the community particularly for social events which can directly and indirectly generate useful income. The main sports and wellbeing activities using Trust facilities are the traditional ones of Football, Cricket, Running, Tennis and Swimming with the more recently formed Netball Club also growing in popularity. The Trust provided the funding to renew netball court markings on the tennis courts to assist in this development. The Clubhouse Gym and Studio are also reasonably well used however gym membership remains around 30% below the pre-Covid peak and the Trust wishes to encourage more local use of this particular facility which offers a low cost route to fitness.</p>

Going forward the Trustees have identified a number of areas of focus to support the sustainability of the Trust:

- (i) Generation of increased regular income (particularly from social events)
- (ii) Wider promotion of the Trust's services to increase local awareness and use of facilities
- (iii) Preparation for the likely need for increased repair and improvement costs in the relatively near future
- (iv) Attracting more local people with a broader skill range to become involved in the management and marketing of the Trust


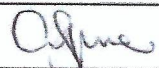
## Section F Other optional information

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details: No details have been withheld

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Deane	Alison Squance
Position	Treasurer	Chair
Date	14/10/2025	14/10/25





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Chagford Recreational Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

289574

Set out on pages

CC16a pages 1-6 and TAR pages 1-6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("Chagford Recreational Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

15/10/2025

Name:

Sunny Truran

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

FCCA FCA

Address:

Streets Bush Limited

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.2024		31.12.2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Club	-	-	-	-	5,200
Donations - Other	-	-	-	-	3,300
Covenants / Gift Aid	15,437	5,654	-	21,091	13,174
Grants	950	-	-	950	-
Fundraising - Lottery	5,602	-	-	5,602	7,168
Fundraising - Other	964	-	-	964	-
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>22,952</b>	<b>5,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,606</b>	<b>28,842</b>
Club rents	3,050	-	-	3,050	3,000
Gym entrance fees	8,815	-	-	8,815	7,839
Clubhouse activities & room hire	4,851	-	-	4,851	3,081
Club contributions to expenses	20,032	65,000	-	85,032	-
Interest receivable	54	-	-	54	51
Feed in tariff	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>59,754</b>	<b>70,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,408</b>	<b>42,813</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>59,754</b>	<b>70,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,408</b>	<b>42,813</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Improvements to facilities & equipment	-	-	-	-	1,410
Equipment purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance & running costs	3,102	-	-	3,102	11,386
Services	5,116	22,462	-	27,578	7,459
Insurance	6,974	6,045	-	13,019	11,296
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	1,738	18	-	1,756	741
Professional fees & Subscriptions	8,202	-	-	8,202	1,181
Wages	8,259	-	-	8,259	6,035
Small grants	500	-	-	500	-
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>	<b>33,891</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,416</b>	<b>39,508</b>
Fundraising costs	2,892	-	-	2,892	2,700
Management & admin of the charity	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,782</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,307</b>	<b>42,208</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Swimming pool development	-	-	-	-	-
Playing fields development	3,856	-	-	3,856	384
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,638</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,163</b>	<b>42,592</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,116</b>	<b>42,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,245</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>(6,794)</b>	<b>6,794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>33,020</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,686</b>	<b>37,465</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>45,342</b>	<b>53,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,931</b>	<b>37,686</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	45,342	53,589	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>45,342</b>	<b>53,589</b>	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Stocking Loan	5,000	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Tennis Courts	Unrestricted	25,104	-
	Playing field developments	Unrestricted	23,185	-
	Clubhouse development	Unrestricted	100,968	-
	Swimming Pool Development	Unrestricted	96,095	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Charitable Loan	Unrestricted	35,000	No fixed date

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Name	Position	Date of approval
Simon Deane	Treasurer	14/10/25
Alison Squance	Chair	14/10/25



Charity Name Chagford Recreational Trust		No (if any) 289574	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2024	To Period end date 31.12.2024	

## Section A Receipts and payments - Unrestricted Funds

Designated	Tennis Courts to the nearest £	Swimming to the nearest £	Playing Fields to the nearest £	General Funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Clubs	-	-	-	-	-
Donations - Other	-	-	-	-	-
Covenants / Gift Aid	-	-	13,006	2,432	15,437
Grants	-	450	500	-	950
Fundraising - Lottery	-	-	-	5,602	5,602
Fundraising - Other	-	604	360	-	964
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	-	1,054	13,866	8,033	22,952
Club rents	50	-	3,000	-	3,050
Gym entrance fees	-	-	8,815	-	8,815
Clubhouse activities & room hire	-	-	4,851	-	4,851
Club contributions to expenses	-	20,032	-	-	20,032
Interest receivable	-	-	-	54	54
Feed in tariff	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	50	21,086	30,532	8,087	59,754
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	50	21,086	30,532	8,087	59,754
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Improvements to facilities & equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance & running costs	-	494	2,608	-	3,102
Services	219	0	4,437	460	5,116
Insurance	-	-	6,954	20	6,974
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	1,473	265	-	1,738
Professional fees & Subscriptions	-	3,400	4,512	290	8,202
Wages	-	147	8,113	-	8,259
Small grants	-	-	-	500	500
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>	219	5,513	26,889	1,269	33,891
Fundraising costs	-	440	100	2,352	2,892
Management & admin of the charity	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	219	5,954	26,989	3,621	36,782
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment purchased	-	-	3,856	-	3,856
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	3,856	-	3,856
<b>Total payments</b>	219	5,954	30,845	3,621	40,638
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(169)	15,132	(313)	4,466	19,116
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	169	8,304	(8,675)	(6,592)	(6,794)
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	3,857	16,198	12,965	33,020
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	27,293	7,210	10,839	45,342



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Tennis Courts to nearest £	Swimming to nearest £	Playing Fields to nearest £	General Funds to nearest £	Total to nearest £	Funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>						
Cash at Bank	-	27,293	7,210	10,839	45,342	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	27,293	7,210	10,839	45,342	
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>						
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
Stocking Loan	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>						
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>						
	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)	
Tennis Courts		-	-	25,104	25,104	
Playing field developments	-	-		23,185	23,185	
Clubhouse development	-	-	-	100,968	100,968	
Swimming Pool Development	-		-	96,095	96,095	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>						
	Cost (amount due)	Cost (amount due)	Cost (amount due)	Cost (amount due)	Cost (amount due)	
Charitable Loan	-	-	-	35,000	35,000	



Charity Name <b>Chagford Recreational Trust</b>	No (if any) <b>289574</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2024	To	Period end date 31.12.2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments - Restricted Funds

	Cycle Track/Greenways to the nearest £	Mental Health to the nearest £	Swimming Pool to the nearest £	Playing Fields to the nearest £	General Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations - Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Covenants / Gift Aid	-	-	5,654	-	-	5,654
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising - Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	-	-	5,654	-	-	5,654
Club rents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gym entrance fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clubhouse activities & room hire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Club contributions to expenses	-	-	65,000	-	-	65,000
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feed in tariff	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	70,654	-	-	70,654
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>						
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	70,654	-	-	70,654
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Improvements to facilities & equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment purchased	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance & running costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services	-	-	22,462	-	-	22,462
Insurance	-	-	6,045	-	-	6,045
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	18	-	-	-	-	18
Professional fees & Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-
Small grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>	18	-	28,507	-	-	28,525
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management & admin of the charity	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	18	-	28,507	-	-	28,525
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
Improvements to facilities & equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	18	-	28,507	-	-	28,525
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(18)	-	42,147	-	-	42,129
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	8,460	3,000	3,937	(15)	(8,588)	6,794
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	(3,937)	15	8,588	4,666
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	8,442	3,000	42,147	-	-	53,589



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Cycle Track/Greenways to nearest £	Mental Health to nearest £	Swimming Pool to nearest £	Playing Fields to nearest £	General Restricted to nearest £	Total Funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>						
Cash at Bank	8,442	3,000	42,147	-	-	53,589
<b>Total cash funds</b>	8,442	3,000	42,147	-	-	53,589
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-