



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st March 2024

Charity name: Gravel Pit Close Recreation Ground Charity

Charity registration number: 300079

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide recreation opportunities for local people.
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	Recreation ground provides play equipment, a MUGA (multi use games area), skateboard park, football goals posts and grassed area in a town with no other free and accessible sports or outdoor play space. Small building to hire at low cost to community groups.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		

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Other		

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	<p><i>The hall is hired by a large and varied number of community groups and is available and active seven days a week.</i></p> <p><i>The recreation ground provides a facility for an annual Music Festival (not for profit), a free open air cinema and a Funfair. All contribute to the life of the community and are enjoyed by a significant number of residents and available to all.</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Leisure and recreational spaces provided to local community. Small hall available to community groups at a competitive rate.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising not currently required.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The end of year accounts are available and show a positive balance of £45,119.98
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are not really any reserves but a small amount in an interest account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Hire of hall. In 2024 the charity received a compensatory sum of £20,100 from Anglian Water for disruptive work carried out on Gravel Pit Close Charity land. Part of this sum was used to reestablish the recreation ground to its former condition.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Insurance covers any risk to building or property. All hire affordable to promote community use. Ensure that Trustees are familiar with their roles and act accordingly.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Woburn Sands Town Council is the Trustee
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
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	The Town Council was asked to be the trustee by the Charity Commission.

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	No documents included or attached
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Gravel Pit Close Recreation Ground Charity
Other name the charity uses	The Gravel Pit Close Charity
Registered charity number	300079

Charity's principal address	The Memorial Hall 4 High Street Woburn Sands MK17 8RH

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	Gwyn Jones	Chair		Woburn sands town Council
2	Keith Temple			
3	Trudie Sutton			
4	Davisd Hopkins		01/05/24	
5	Alex Poppleton			
6	Robert Allan		01/09/24	
7	Gwynn Smith		01/04/24	
8	Kim Fisher		01/09/24	
9	Wendy Green		01/09/24	
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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

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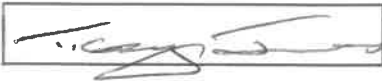
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Thomas Gwyn Rolant Jones	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	25/10/2024
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Woburn Sands - The Gravel Pit Close Charity
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	23,953.41	
Cash in Hand		
Donations	402.68	
Utilities - phone		
Cleaning		3,506.13
Maintenance and Repairs		1,171.95
Extra cleaning/ emergency cleaning		
Utilities - Water		288.00
Utilities - Electricity		1,737.12
Hourly Hire of hall	15,619.44	131.50
Hourly Hire of Hall for both rooms - Regu	2,935.50	
Charities UK Bond Fund	15.88	
Hire of Both Rooms (Children's Party)	300.00	
Interest on Bank Account	17.11	
Wayleave	4.60	
WSTC	14,040.00	
Correcting payments by WSTC		2,026.96
Recreation Ground Litter Pick		1,824.00
Equipment and supplies		2,365.08
Insurance		679.99
Compensation Payment	20,100.00	
Professional Fees		1,325.00
Insurance Claim	1,186.08	
Access Control Installation		1,665.00
Bond	400.00	400.00
Garden Works		7,240.00
Electrical box Installation		5,326.47
VAT		4,167.52
	55,021.29	33,854.72
Closing Balances:		
Balances in Bank Account		45,119.98
Cash in Hand		
TOTAL	78,974.70	78,974.70

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2024

Woburn Sands - The Gravel Pit Close Charity
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
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Signed _____
Responsible Financial Officer

Date _____

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Gravel Pit Close Recreation Ground Charity. (Charity No. 300079)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gravel Pit Close Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As charity 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 27th October 2024

Name: VANESSA DAVIDSON

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