

Lawn Trust

This year has been one of progress and consolidation for the Trust, with continued efforts to improve site infrastructure, strengthen governance, and enhance financial oversight.

Governance and Administration

We welcomed Rob Tregidgo as a non-voting Associate Member, supporting practical site initiatives. Trustee membership was restructured to align with best governance practices, and we drafted proposed amendments to the constitution, including formalising the role of Associate Members.

Financial Management

We focused on clearer budgeting and cost categorisation. Funds from Section 106 and Ball donations were moved to interest-bearing accounts, with M&G funds to follow. An anonymous £500 donation and £200 from the clothing bank supported our finances. Despite this, we reported a loss of ~£4,400 (income: ~£20,785; costs: ~£21,134), highlighting our ongoing reliance on community and council support.

Site Maintenance and Projects

Key works included:

- **Tree management** and scheduled Picus testing.
- **Pavilion:** Approved in principle for window/door replacement; minor internal works completed.
- **Black shed & grounds:** Tidied and reorganised.
- **Drainage & electrics:** Repairs completed; safety upgrades identified.
- **Play area:** Bark replenished; long-term surface improvements under review.
- **Risk assessments:** Updated and consolidated into a live document.
- **Football goal:** Reoriented to reduce wear and safety concerns.

Licensing and Facilities

We secured a premises licence for the pavilion and continue to evaluate site needs, including dog bins and the shared clothing bank.

Community Engagement & Future Planning

Community involvement grew through the Carol Service and ongoing outreach. Future plans include a permanent Christmas tree, a potential fair, and continued coordination with the Parish Council on responsibilities and funding.

Closing Note

Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, and groundskeeper Ian. We look forward to another year of progress, ensuring the Lawn remains a valued community space.

Charity number: 300427

**King George's Field
"Whittlesford Lawn Trust"**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Whitlesford Lawn Trust

Trustees Approval Certificate

We approve the financial statements on pages 3 to 5 for the year ended 31 March 2025 and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:

Richard Redman
Chair of Trustees
Date:

Independent Examiner's report

To the Trustees of King George's Field - "Whittlesford LawnTrust"

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 3 to 5

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration if any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's 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 accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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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.

Tracey Nicholls FCCA

Date:

for and on behalf of HFL Accountants Limited

HFL House, 1 Saxon Way, Melbourn, Cambs, SG8 6DN

Whittlesford Lawn Trust

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income

	2025		2024	
<u>Rents</u>				
Whittlesford Warriors	735		1,433	
Cricket Club	983		947	
Tennis Club	250		250	
WUFC	840		716	
Zumba	-		21	
Other rental income	1,192		973	
Recharge of utilities	1,140		1,175	
		5,139		5,515
<u>Parish Council Grants</u>				
Annual Grant	12,000		12,000	
Other Grants	5,560		17,405	
Tree work	-		-	
		17,560		29,405
<u>Other Grant Donations</u>				
Donations	3,782		855	
		3,782		855
<u>Interest Income</u>				
Other interest	-		176	
		-		176
<u>Other income</u>				
Miscellaneous income	83		50	
Clothes Bank	200			
		283		50
Total Income		26,764		36,001

Whitlesford Lawn Trust

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025 Continued

	2025	2024
Total Income brought forward	26,764	36,001
<u>General</u>		
Printing & stationary	75	8
Fields in Trust - membership fee	50	100
Utilities	1,200	1,633
Accountancy & payroll fees	972	787
Miscellaneous expenses	865	693
	3,162	3,221
<u>Maintenance</u>		
Play area	901	-
Machinery repairs		313
General Lawn maintenance/cricket	1,787	1,876
RoSPA play area inspection fee	-	119
Pavilion maintenance	5,789	17,884
Maintenance - Tennis courts	53	884
Other maintenance and cleaning	232	2,415
Maintenance of equipment	553	283
Depreciation	1,317	1,235
Profit on sale of fixed assets	-	-
Tree Surgery and planting	1,600	840
Mileage	197	
Groundsman	8,032	7,710
	20,460	33,559
<u>Insurance</u>		
General	2,237	2,361
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Bank Charges	0	0
Charitable Donations	2,100	
	2,100	
Total expenditure	27,960	39,141
<u>Resulting (Loss)/Surplus</u>	(1,196)	(3,140)
± Investment value change	166	883
Net Surplus/Deficit for Year	(1,030)	(2,257)

WHITTLESFORD LAWN TRUST

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

ACCUMULATED FUND

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Balance at start of year	15,448	8,000	17,705	8,000
Surplus/Deficit for Year	(1,030)		(2,257)	-
Balance at end of Year	14,418	8,000	15,448	8,000
Total		22,418		23,448

REPRESENTED BY:

Fixed Assets

Plant & Machinery	2,548		3,864	
Playground equipment	-	-	-	-
	2,548	-	3,864	-

Current Assets

M & G Charibond	299	8,000	133	8,000
Santander Current Account	-	-	726	-
Coop Current Account	17,162		23,098	
95 Day Savings	3,605			
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-
Other Debtors	320	-	728	-
VAT Debtor	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	-		-	
Debtors	89		118	
	21,474	8,000	24,803	8,000
<u>Total assets</u>	24,022	8,000	28,667	8,000

Less Current Liabilities

VAT Creditor	30		133	
Deferred grant income	-		12,096	
Creditors/Accruals	9,574	-	990	-
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