



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity name: GRUNDISBURGH PLAYING FIELD AND RECREATION GROUND

Charity registration number: 304755

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision and maintenance of a playing field and recreation ground for the parish of Grundisburgh.
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	The charity has via the provision of a pavilion and playing field benefited a wide range of user clubs and the general populace of Grundisburgh and the neighbouring areas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in advance of becoming operational.

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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	The charity continues to reach out to a wide range of user groups and interested parties within the local communities allowing them to benefit from the availability of facilities the charity provides. As well as providing much needed facilities to the community it also strives to make these as affordable as possible and to enable certain members of the local community to enjoy use of much needed facilities when they might otherwise be unable to do so. The charity is focused on ensuring an adequate level of revenue to cover ongoing expenditure and allow for a level of reserves.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity generated income of £29,980 in 2025 (2024: £10,242).
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		The charity generated a surplus of £21,460 in 2025 (2024: £822). This is higher than expected due to grants and donations of £21,260 received in the year but which are being expensed predominantly in 2026. Excluding restricted donations the surplus for the year would have been £1,200. As at 31 December 2025 the charity had reserves of £392,474 the majority of which is held in the pavilion.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity seeks to ensure it holds sufficient cash reserves to cover the timing of income and expenditure and to provide funds to cover repair and maintenance costs of the prime asset (the pavilion) as they fall due.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity currently holds net current assets of £45,854 (2024: £24,394) with £21,650 restricted for specific expenditure.
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	N/A

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	Bookings for use of the charity's facilities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Any significant downturn in bookings and user interest and rising maintenance costs.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	1939 Conveyance
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated entity
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 charity is managed by a Management Committee. The committee consists of the following 7 members: One Ex-officio Member The Baron Cranworth Three Representative Members (appointed by Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council) and Three Elected Members Two Co-opted Members maybe appointed The term of office for all Members will be for one year. Elections will take place at the AGM.

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	
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	Grundisburgh Playing Field and Recreation Ground
Other name the charity uses	Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee
Registered charity number	
Charity's principal address	Grundisburgh Playing Field Ipswich Road Grundisburgh Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6TJ

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	Bryan Laxton	Chair	From 14 April 2025	
2	Geoff Caryl			
3	John Ellerby	Treasurer	From 14 April 2025	
4	Allison Garrod			
5	Mike Harris		From 14 April 2025	
6	David Keates	Bookings	From 14 April 2025	
7	Adrian McAllister			
8	Ann Willetts			
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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**

N/A

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)		
Full name(s)	John Nicholas Ellerby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	23 April 2026	

Grundisburgh Playing Fields Management Committee

Income and expenditure account for year ended 31st December 2025

INCOME	2024	2025
Football club	£4,680.00	£4,729.50
Other pavilion bookings	£2,488.00	£1,233.00
MC121	£2,310.00	£890.00
scouts	£180.00	£500.00
Tennis club	£200.00	£600.00
Hort Soc	£260.00	£554.00
Other income		£76.38
Interest on play area account	£64.20	£59.80
Interest on savings accounts	£60.09	£77.44
Donations		£21,260.00
TOTAL	£10,242.29	£29,980.12

EXPENDITURE	2024	2025
Pavilion cleaning	£227.53	£459.62
Electricity	£4,167.68	£2,778.88
Water	£299.78	£335.42
non-domestic rates	£81.09	£202.61
Insurance	£837.94	£1,047.23
Field maintenance	£425.40	£199.41
Pavilion maintenance	£2,430.62	£1,987.88
IT	£0.00	£539.20
Toilets refurbishment project	£950.00	£970.00
	£9,420.04	£8,520.25
Income in excess of expenditure	£822.25	£21,459.87
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1. Income

Income has risen significantly in 2025 due to substantial fund-raising activity. The following donations were received:

£12,260 from the East Suffolk Rural Business Investment Fund for the installation of accessible toilets and heating upgrades

£5,000 from the East Suffolk Community Partnerships for a disabled toilet/female referee's changing room

£1,000 from the East Suffolk Enabling Communities Budget for refurbishment of toilets
£3,000 from the Wood Trust Burgh

It is noted that the 2 donations from East Suffolk totalling are restricted to committed and specific expenditure which is to be carried out in early 2026.

Whilst revenue from hiring the pavilion and outfield has fallen in 2025 additional revenue has been generated from key stakeholders in the facilities.

2. Expenditure

Significant investment has been made in the infrastructure of the pavilion facilitated not only by fund-raising and GPF expenditure but also through generous support from the Parish Council through CIL funding and through the efforts of a Council funded volunteer body.

There has also been investment in the operational services to enhance the running of the facility.

Overall electricity costs have fallen due to reduced consumption and lower prices though it remains the most significant cost for the business.

Insurance costs continue to increase (up 20% in 2025).

3. Balance Sheet

One savings account holds funds of £4,390 which is restricted to support of the children's play area.

Additionally, £4,604 was historically earmarked as a contingency fund to enable the playing field to keep operating even if rental income dropped significantly for some months. This would be adequate to pay the electricity bill, our single largest expenditure, for one year.

It is noted that the rebuilding cost of the pavilion which has risen over a number of years has now reached £661,550. As the current value of the pavilion in the accounts is based on a historical rebuild cost it is recommended that we review this valuation in 2026.

£17,260 of grant funds remain restricted for expenditure as per the grant acceptance conditions.

Balance sheet at 31st December 2025

	2024	2025
Balance at 1st January	370,192.26	371,014.51
excess of income over spend	822.25	21,459.87
Balance at 31st December	371,014.51	392,474.38
made up of:		
Fixed asset (Pavilion)	346,620.00	346,620.00
cash in current account	15,456.56	3,779.19
cash in savings account **	4,604.68	37,684.89
cash in play area project account	4,333.27	4,390.30
	371,014.51	392,474.38

** Grants totalling 17,260 held as restricted funds for committed work on pavilion.

4. Record keeping

Formal record keeping has been enhanced during 2025 with a new booking system installed facilitating timely invoicing of all bookings and activities. Full records are maintained for all activities with suitable paperwork on file. Whilst this in no way suggests any issues with prior period accounting it was essential to fully upgrade record keeping.

Treasurer



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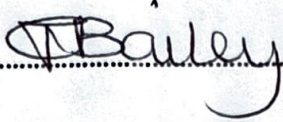
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Independent examiner's report

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Grundisburgh Playing Fields Management committee and confirm that the annexed accounts are in accordance therewith. The accounts incorporate the valuation of the pavilion which has been used for insurance purposes but which I am not qualified to comment on.

In common with most organisations of a similar nature and size independent evidence was not available to cover every item of income and expenditure. I have accepted confirmation from the Treasurer that all income has been accounted for and properly allocated and that all expenditure was properly incurred on behalf of the committee.

Independent examiner.....

Jo Bailey

Date.....23/4/26

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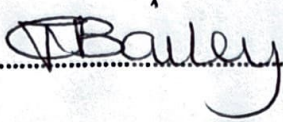
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