STAINTON SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 October 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name: Stainton Sports and Recreation Committee
Registered office: The Pavilion, Stainton, CA11 0EP
Trustees: Simon Higgs, Natalie Edmondson, Andrew Dawson
All three trustees served throughout the year ended 31 October 2025, and there were no changes in the trustees during the year.
Bankers: National Westminster Bank Plc
Independent examiner: None appointed

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Stainton Sports and Recreation Committee is a registered charity established by an Order in Council dated 14 November 2003. The charity operates under a Constitution that was last revised in 2014.

The charity is governed by a committee of trustees who are elected by members of the village community. Trustees are responsible for:

Maintaining the charity's village sports ground and facilities

Overseeing the management of charitable assets

Ensuring the charity's objectives are met

Managing finances responsibly

The trustees meet regularly to discuss matters relating to the management and development of the charity's facilities and activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The primary objective of Stainton Sports and Recreation Committee is to provide sports and recreation facilities for the benefit of the local community, particularly the residents of Stainton village. Through our facilities and activities, we aim to promote physical activity, foster community spirit, and create welcoming spaces where people of all ages can come together.

Our Village Sports Ground

At the heart of Stainton lies our village sports ground—a treasured community asset that has served the village for generations. The ground is home to our thriving local cricket club, and the cricket clubhouse provides a focal point for the village, hosting the club's matches, training sessions, and social events throughout the year. Beyond cricket, the ground is a vital recreational space where residents enjoy walks, picnics, and outdoor gatherings. It is a place where generations have created memories, and where the natural rhythms of village life unfold through the seasons.

The trustees are committed to maintaining these grounds to the highest standard. During the year, we invested in essential maintenance and upkeep to ensure the facilities remain safe, attractive, and welcoming for all who use them. We maintain a strong working relationship with the cricket club, whose lease ensures the ground is actively used and valued by the community.

A Transformed Playground for Our Children

This year marked a milestone for the charity. Through a combination of grant funding and community support, we secured the resources to completely upgrade the children's playground on our village ground. This was a major undertaking—representing an investment of over £68,000 in the recreational future of our youngest residents.

The playground upgrade was installed in the latter months of 2025, and it has already transformed how our children experience outdoor play. The new equipment is modern, safe, and designed to encourage active recreation and imaginative play. Parents can watch their children enjoy themselves in a space that is fit for purpose and reflects our commitment to their wellbeing. For many village children, this playground is their gateway to outdoor activity and a cherished memory-making space with their friends.

This was a substantial capital project totalling approximately £69,000, with the majority of expenditure incurred in the 2024–25 financial year, and further investment in early 2026 to complete the installation. The investment was only possible thanks to generous grants that recognised the importance of play spaces in community life. We remain committed to maintaining these facilities so they can serve generations of village children to come.

Bringing the Village Together

Beyond our permanent facilities, Stainton Sports and Recreation Committee plays an important role in organising the community events that bring our village together and create a strong sense of belonging.

Each summer, we host a village sports day that has become a highlight of the village calendar. The day is filled with friendly competition, laughter, and the kind of community spirit that can only come from neighbours coming together to enjoy a shared experience. Families gather to watch races, take part in games, and celebrate what it means to be part of the Stainton community. The event simply would not be possible without the generous contributions of volunteers who donate their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make it happen. Their dedication transforms what could be a simple event into something truly special.

As the year draws to a close, we organise a Christmas party for local children—a festive celebration that brings joy during the winter months. The party features a disco where children can dance and enjoy themselves, and every child receives a chocolate selection box to take home. It's a small gesture, but one that means a great deal to families in our village. The event is hosted in the local village hall and embodies the spirit of generosity and community care that we believe should be at the heart of village life.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The year to 31 October 2025 has been one of significant progress and achievement for the charity.

A Game-Changing Investment in Our Playground

The most significant achievement this year was securing grant funding of £54,000 to upgrade the children's playground. This generous support recognised the value of outdoor play spaces and the role our charity plays in the village. The resulting transformation means that Stainton now has a modern, well-maintained playground that will serve the community for many years to come. This project will have a lasting impact, creating memories for future generations of village children and contributing to their physical activity and wellbeing.

Sustaining Our Community Traditions

Both the summer village sports day and the Christmas party were successfully delivered, continuing the charity's important role in fostering community spirit. These events matter because they create moments where the village comes together, strengthening the bonds between neighbours and creating a sense of belonging that enriches all our lives. We are grateful to the many volunteers who made these events possible through their time and commitment.

Strong Financial Position

The charity ended the year in a strong financial position. Our total income of £55,621 was substantially boosted by the playground grant. Our carefully controlled spending means we have built reserves to support the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our facilities, ensuring long-term sustainability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's total income for the year ended 31 October 2025 was £55,621. This comprised a grant of £54,000 towards the playground upgrade, supplemented by subscription income from cricket club members and other local supporters, charitable donations, and revenue from our community events.

Expenditure during the year was £38,823, consisting primarily of the playground upgrade cost of £35,941, together with general operating expenses including utilities, insurance, legal and professional fees, and the costs of running our community events.

The charity's net surplus for the year was £16,798, which increases our reserves to £39,975 as at 31 October 2025. Subsequent to the year end, a further £33,000 was paid to complete the installation of the playground facilities.

Reserves Policy

The trustees maintain a reserves policy to ensure the charity has sufficient funds to meet ongoing maintenance requirements of the village sports ground and facilities, respond to emergency repairs or unexpected costs, and provide stability during periods of lower income. Current reserves of £39,975 provide a solid foundation to support the charity's objectives and are considered appropriate for a charity of this size and nature, taking into account the capital-intensive nature of maintaining sports facilities. In assessing the adequacy of reserves, the trustees have taken into account the further £33,000 paid after the year end to complete the installation of the playground facilities, which reduces the funds available for general purposes to approximately £7,000. The trustees consider this appropriate given that the expenditure completes a committed capital project, and they intend to rebuild reserves from subscription income, donations and community events over the coming year.

PLANS FOR FUTURE

Looking ahead to the coming years, the trustees are focused on maximising the benefit of this year's investment while maintaining our core mission of providing excellent facilities and community activities for Stainton village.

Ensuring the Playground Thrives

Our first priority is to ensure the newly upgraded playground reaches its potential as a gathering place for children and families. We will maintain the equipment to the highest standards, monitor its use, and respond promptly to any maintenance needs. We will also explore opportunities to enhance the playground experience, whether through seasonal improvements or community activities that encourage its use.

Maintaining Our Facilities

The village sports ground and cricket clubhouse require ongoing care and maintenance. The trustees are committed to continuing the programme of maintenance that keeps these facilities safe, attractive, and fit for purpose. We will maintain our strong partnership with the local cricket club, supporting their use of the ground and its facilities.

Community Events and Engagement

We will continue to deliver the summer sports day and Christmas party, which are now established traditions that the village community values highly. We will also seek to expand community engagement and gather feedback from residents about how we can better serve their recreational and social needs. We intend to maintain and build links with local schools and youth organisations, recognising the importance of these partnerships in promoting healthy, active communities.

APPROVAL

The trustees approve this annual report and confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Natalie Edmondson

Name: Natalie Edmondson
Title: Treasurer
Date: 29 August 2026

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Annual Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

Income	£
Subscriptions	1,800
Prize fund	800
Christmas Party	132
Sports Day	252
Donations	500
Grant Funding (Playground)	54,000
Total Income	55,621

Expenditure	£
General operating expenses	1,724
Legal and professional fees	1,158
Playground upgrade	35,941
Total Expenditure	38,823
Net Surplus for the Year	16,798

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 October 2025

Reserves

	£
Opening Reserves (1 November 2024)	23,177
Add: Net Surplus for the Year	16,798
Closing Reserves (31 October 2025)	39,975

Cash at Bank

Account	£
Charity Account	34,623
Children's Account	5,352
Total Reserves	39,975

Notes to the Accounts

The charity is exempt from audit.