

RECREATION GROUND (KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE THIRSK AND SOWERBY FLATTS PRESERVATION TRUST)

England & Wales · Charity number 523416

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1988-08-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: RECREATION GROUND.

Activities: For the benefit of the inhabitants of Thirsk & Sowerby. Recreational facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISHES OF THIRSK AND SOWERBY
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-22	£6,702	£16,583	-	-
2023-11-22	£63,541	£73,405	-	-
2022-11-22	£4,086	£3,906	-	-
2021-11-22	£35,930	£1,952	-	-
2020-11-22	£20,902	£2,217	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK STEWART ROBSON	Chair	2000-12-01
PETER BARDON		

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Accounts

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, Westgate, Thirsk at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT

Messrs. M.S. Robson, G. Ellis, P. Bardon, D. Elders, D. Jackson, S. Williams, A.G. Turner, and Mesdames J. Watson and F. Roberts

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. S. Hoyland

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 12th December 2022.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been circulated, taken as read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Robson reported that following the AGM in 2021, the Thirsk Falcons Football Club were given notice to vacate the changing rooms, and he confirmed that the changing rooms were returned to the Trust. Significant changes have been made to the changing rooms in the last 2 years, as they had been allowed to fall into a poor state of repair.

The Trust was in a reasonable financial position following the receipt of the Covid grants, together with a Community Infrastructure Levy Grant from Hambleton District Council in the sum of £60,000, improvements to the changing rooms were made. This included, new electrical wiring, new floor coverings, air conditioning, insulation to the loft space, new kitchen, re-decoration, removal of the showers, etc. The building is currently let to two businesses which align with sport – health and well-being. The new rental stream helps our finances.

The Flatts field has been used for various community based activities including, Thirsk & Sowerby Festival, who also rent the small building at the rear of the changing rooms; Tuckers Fun Fair; parking was made available to Chris Hall Builder in connection with the development of the Old Drill Hall in Chapel Street. The parking area will be returned to grass in the near future. Different community groups have been using the football pitch.

Mr. Robson thanked the Trustees for their support.

ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. P. Bardon presented the accounts for the years ending 2023 and 2024. Thanks were paid to Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council who continue to pay half of the Insurance Premium each and contribute to the cost of the grass cutting.

Mr. Bardon confirmed that the new rental income for the changing rooms, and the donations from Thirsk & Sowerby Festival, Mr. G. Tucker and Sowerby Flatts Bowling Club were much appreciated.

Mr. Elders commented on the before/after difference with the changing rooms – thanks to Mr. Robson and Mr. Bardon for their efforts.

The accounts were approved as presented

Proposed by Mr. D. Elders seconded by Mr. A.G. Turner, agreed by all.

5. TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
Letter of resignation received from Mr. N. Robertson – Sowerby Flatts Bowling Club.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
It was proposed and agreed that the position of Present should remain vacant at the present time.

It was proposed by Mr. A.G. Turner and seconded by Mr. D. Elders that Mr. M.S. Robson be elected as chairman – agreed

It is was proposed by Mr. D. Elders and seconded by Mr. M.S. Robson that Mr. G. Ellis be elected as Vice-Chairman – agreed

Mr. P. Bardon informed the meeting that he wished to resign as the Secretary and the Treasurer.

It was agreed to leave the positions open for the present time.

Mr. Robson paid tribute to Mr. Bardon, referring to his service and support of the Trust for the last 37 years.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following members were elected for the year 2024/2025.

SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL	Mr. M. Robson
THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL	Mr. D. Jackson
THIRSK SCHOOL	Mr. M. Dickson
THIRSK ROUND TABLE	Ceased to operate
SOWERBY CHURCH	Mr. A.G. Turner
THIRSK CHURCH	Mr. G. Ellis
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	To be advised
HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL	Ceased to operate
THIRSK ROTARY CLUB	Mr. G. Ellis

Mrs. J. Watson	Mrs. F. Roberts	Mr. S. Hoyland
Mr. D. Elders	Mr. S. Williams	

7. TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS THE COMMITTEE MAY DECIDE UNDER CLAUSE 8 OF THE TRUST DEED
A discussion took place regarding replacing the two organisations which had ceased to operate. It was agreed to leave the matter open, should a suitable organisation be identified.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Mr. Turner wished to thank Mr. Robson and Mr. Bardon for their efforts in the renovation of the changing rooms. It was pleasing that it is being used by sports related businesses in the community.

The meeting closed at 6.57p.m.

THIRSK & SOWERBY FLATTS PRESERVATION TRUST
 ACCOUNTS 23 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 22 NOVEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE

Marsh Commercial – Insurance	535.85
Hambleton District Council – Non Domestic Rates	98.99
Business Stream – Water	181.57
E.on Next – Electricity	514.09
North Yorkshire Fire Protection – Extinguishers	345.00
Alterations to changing rooms	71,729.27
	<u>73,404.77</u>
Balance at bank 22.11.23	<u>47,033.54</u>
	£ 120,438.31
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RECEIPTS

Thirsk Bowling Club – Donation	75.00
Thirsk Town Council – Insurance	267.93
Sowerby Parish Council – Insurance	267.93
Hambleton District Council – Grant	60,000.00
Interest from Deposit Account	121.64
Horner Building – Car Parking	300.00
Interest from Deposit Account	335.39
K.A. Anderson – sale of scrap	773.49
G. Tucker – Fair	1,000.00
Rent & deposit received	<u>400.00</u>
	63,541.38
Balance at bank 23.11.22	<u>56,896.93</u>
	£ 120,438.31
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Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council also contribute towards the grass cutting.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust
Charity No: 523416

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust for the year ended 22nd November 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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.

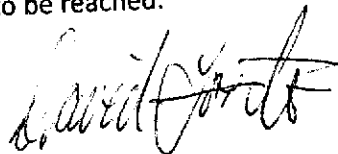
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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.

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:



Name: DAVID FORSTER

Role: INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Address: 2 STANLEY TERRACE, AISKEW, BEDALE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Date:

11 DEC 2024

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THIRSK & SOWERBY FLATTS PRESERVATION TRUST HELD ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 2021 AT THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN HALL, WESTGATE, THIRSK AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Messrs. M. Robson, P. Bardon, G. Ellis, W.N. Robertson and Mesdame J. Watson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. D. Jackson, Mr. D. Elders, Mr. G. Dadd, Mr. S. Hoyland

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 3rd December 2019.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were taken as read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The question regarding the donation from the Bowling Club for 2019 had been resolved.

4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Robson reported that it had been a difficult two years due to the Covid pandemic. Covid Relief Grants had been claimed and sums received from Hambleton District Council.

Works had been undertaken to the small coppice of trees in Miss Warners' Field.

A Memorial Tree had been planted in memory of Freddie [Freddies' Fight]

Works to the trees around the changing rooms will be undertaken by Hambleton District Council as part of the refurbishment of the Leisure Centre within the next few months, and a replacement fence erected.

Following several requests by the Police, the old metal roller which had been donated to the Trust by St. Oswald's Cricket Club many years ago has been disposed of. The Police were concerned that the roller was encouraging groups of young people to gather, and was resulting in anti-social behaviour. It was also considered to be a health and safety issue if someone was injured by or injured on the roller.

The changing rooms are managed by Thirsk Falcons F.C., and it was disappointing that during the year the locks had been changed and no key was given to the Trust. Water from the overflow in the changing rooms had been running for several weeks.

ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. P. Bardon presented the account for the years ending 2020 and 2021.

Thanks were paid to Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council who continue to pay half of the Insurance Premium each and one third of the cost of grass cutting each.

Covid Relief Grants had been claimed from Hambleton District Council.

During the difficult Covid periods, the Falcons FC had asked if the Trust could assist financially towards the utility bills. The payments were reflected in the accounts presented.

The accounts were approved as presented.

5. TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
No resignations had been received during the year.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
It was proposed and agreed that the position of President should remain vacant at the present time.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. J. Watson that Mr. M. Robson be elected as Chairman - agreed.

It was proposed by Mr. M Robson and seconded by Mrs. J. Watson that Mr. G. Ellis be elected as Vice-Chairman - agreed.

It was proposed by Mr. M. Robson and second by Mr. W.N. Robertson that Mr. P. Bardon be elected as Secretary/Treasurer - agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following members were elected for the year 2021/2022

SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL	Mr. M. Robson
THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL	Mr. D. Jackson
THIRSK SCHOOL	Mr. M. Dickson
THIRSK ROUND TABLE	Ceased to operate
SOWERBY CHURCH	Mr. A. Turner
THIRSK CHURCH	Mr. G. Ellis
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	To be advised
HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL	Mr. G. Dadd
THIRSK ROTARY CLUB	Mr. G. Ellis

Mrs. J. Watson	Mr. G. Nash	Mrs. F. Roberts
Mr. S. Hoyland	Mr. W.N. Robertson	Mr. D. Elders
Mr. R. Baker		

7. TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THE COMMITTEE MAY DECIDE UNDER CLAUSE 8 OF THE TRUST DEED
Thirsk Round Table had ceased to operate

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
i) It was agreed to allow Thirsk Falcons F.C. to continue to manage the Changing Rooms and Football Pitches for a further 12 months, but it was felt that more scrutiny was required.

With the Sowerby Sports Village facilities becoming available, it was not clear how long the Falcons FC would continue to use the Flatts Trust facilities.

Mr. Robson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.03 p.m.

THIRSK & SOWERBY FLATTS PRESERVATION TRUST
 ACCOUNTS 23 NOVEMBER 2020 TO 22 NOVEMBER 2021

EXPENDITURE

Marsh Commercial - Insurance	531.09
Sowerby Parish Council - Grass Cutting 2019/2020	760.00
Thirsk Falcons F.C. - Water Rates/Electricity	410.52
J.S. Tomlinson - Repairs to downpipe/gutter/gulley	62.33
J.S. Tomlinson - Repairs to door frame	188.00

	1,951.94
Balance at bank 22.11.21	<u>56,716.45</u>
	58,668.39
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RECEIPTS

Thirsk Town Council - Insurance	265.55
Sowerby Parish Council - Insurance	265.55
Thirsk Bowling Club - donation	50.00
Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	1,334.00
Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	1,334.00
Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	4,000.00
Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	4,000.00
Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	2,001.00
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Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	238.21
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Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	2,096.00
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Hambleton District Council - Relief Grant	8,000.00
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Deposit Account Interest	<u>10.43</u>
	35,929.95
Balance at bank 23.11.20	<u>22,738.44</u>
	58,668.39
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Sowerby Parish Council also contributes one third of the cost of grass cutting
 Thirsk Town Council also contributes one third of the cost of grass cutting

MISS WARNER'S FIELD PROJECT

J.S. Tomlinson - cutting back scrub	119.41
Balance at bank 22.11.21	<u>11.17</u>

Balance at bank 23.11.20	<u>130.58</u>
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THIRSK & SOWERBY FLATTS PRESERVATION TRUST
 ACCOUNTS 23 NOVEMBER 2020 TO 22 NOVEMBER 2021

EXPENDITURE

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 Sowerby Parish Council – Grass Cutting 2019/2020 ✓ 760.00 ✓
 Thirsk Falcons F.C. – Water Rates/Electricity ✓ 410.52 ✓
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Deposit Account Interest

Balance at bank 23.11.20

Cityfield correct
David Huntley
SALLY FENSTER
COUNTY SECRETARY
NORTH YORKSHIRE SCOUTS
(7/11/21)

Balance at bank 23.11.20

265.55 ✓
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50.00 ✓

1,334.00 ✓
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10.43 ✓
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 22,738.44 ✓
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